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Memo to: Paul Bodreau, President Boston Sparks Association

From: Robert J Jefferson, Fire Chief

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Subject: Emergency responses over the last week

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I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the extremely professional and outstanding actions of all your volunteers over the past several days. The Town of Arlington experienced three major events over a five day period requiring the resources of all Arlington Fire Personnel and several other Town Departments and outside agencies. At two of these events, the Boston Sparks Canteen and Rehab Unit assisted the Town of Arlington Agencies without hesitation. All your volunteers gave 110 % and responded to each call with purpose and appropriate action. Due to the size and complexity of the calls many of our personnel were task with multiple duties and challenging situations. The need for rehab was crucial for these first responders and your Rehab A-10 unit was there early in both scenes. I witnessed firsthand the actions of all your personnel and that has reinforced to me, the value of your partnership with the Metro Boston Fire area. The performance that was exhibited over these two events proves what a resource Boston Sparks can be to the community. Under the Incident Command system, all of your volunteers worked as a unit to provide rehab to those functioning on scene. I want to personally thank you and all your people for your continued dedication. Please extend this to all your people who responded. Thank you.