



## CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Mr. Norton

It has come to my attention that you and the leadership team at Kempsville Building Materials have been very supportive of both the Newport News Fire Department and several other jurisdictions over the last several years. Working with Master Firefighter/Medic Boone, I am advised that that Kempsville Building Materials has provided support in the following instances over the last couple of years:

- In an effort to aid in some of our forcible entry training you provided NNFD Station 2 with six (6) doors, extra wood, and several boxes of residential locks. This donation allowed the crews to build props and exercise their techniques. I believe these assets came from your Newport News, VA store location.
- To show your personal support of our NNFD personnel, the Kempsville Building Materials headquarters location in Chesapeake, VA provided NNFD Station(s) 2A, 2B, 3A, & 3B a most comprehensive and amazing dinner. This amounts to feeding approximately 50 people dinner. While my schedule did not allow me to attend this dinner, I heard numerous great reports of this special kindness.
- Finally, I am advised that Kempsville Building Materials has a demonstrated history of taking similar action(s) for other public safety agencies in Hampton Roads area as both time and resources allow.

I understand you and your team do not seek any formal or public recognition for such acts of kindness. That said, I feel it most appropriate to quietly applaud your efforts and thank you for your support. It is only with the support of our community partners/businesses and the personal relationships with our citizens that any municipal department is able to exist. To be clear, Kempsville Building Materials is a leader in this area and your actions are most appreciated.

As such, I am honored to award Kempsville Building Materials this letter and plaque as token of appreciation from the Newport News Fire Department.

I thank you again for your past, continued, and future efforts to support.

V/r,

Jeff Johnson, Fire Chief