



Waitemata Fire Area (Area 3)

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Dear Tony

REFERENCE: APPRECIATION OF YOUR WORK FOR THE NORTH SHORE DISTRICT

I thank you for the very professional message attached to your resignation from the New Zealand Fire Service and our subsequent meeting. I must take this opportunity to record my thanks for your enthusiasm, your innovative and tireless efforts to ensure the true goals of the Fire Service were met.

It is unfortunate that when the Service has a greatest need for staff that have experience in Response and Risk Reduction activities, that also have the capability to rise to Senior management positions, that we are losing one of our most experienced crew managers.

I would like to place on record that I have found you to be very professional, compassionate and innovative in how you have managed staff within your responsibility. I have been impressed with the manner that you shown leadership to not only your own direct reports, but as a beacon to other Officers.

I have been particularly impressed with your attitude towards improving our operational equipment and processes as well as handling the mountain of promotional activities, dealing with the public in Fire Safety matters and forging new alliances with other Community groups. Your personality and character have been a marvelous assets to this Area..

I will certainly miss your ability to focus on issues where the organization was weak and find innovative and appropriate changes for the better. Your legacy in areas such as the deployment of our Co2 capability, will remain in the Fire Service when you are gone.

I wish you well in you life and would without hesitation recommend you to any future employer that required dedication loyalty and enthusiasm.

Yours Sincerely

Denis O'Donoghue
Area Commander (Waitemata - Area 3)

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