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Subject: Apology for My Comments

Commissioner Sisolak,

My name is Joy Sager and I am a firefighter with the City of Las Vegas. I wanted to reach out to you and apologize for the comments attributed to me from a Facebook Web Page and highlighted in the Las Vegas Sun.

I wanted to let you know that my comments were spoken not out of malice but out of frustration. My comments were stupid and made without thinking. I was thinking with my heart and not my head.

I am currently very involved with the Muscular Dystrophy Association. I work at fundraising efforts on behalf of the MDA, help with the events for the the kids such as bowling and outdoor activities, and I also donate a week of my time each year to serve as a camp counselor for the kids. After reading your comments about the efforts to change the way that firefighter fundraising was done on behalf of MDA I became upset and made comments that I now regret. I was thinking about how much of a financial impact that it could have on the well being of the children cared for by the MDA and spoke out haphazardly. My comments were purely off the cuff and made out of frustration and in retrospect were totally inappropriate. I sincerely want to apologize to you for making them.

There is a lot of frustration amongst my peers. I am not certain that you understand the impact on all of the firefighters in the Las Vegas Valley with the comments that you have made recently in the media about firefighters within your organization. Unfortunately the public does not distinguish between red fire trucks and yellow fire trucks. They assume all firefighters are in the same situation as the firefighters under your direction. Our Fire Engines have been egged and we have had instances of people coming up to us and trying to create physical confrontations in public venues in an attempt to embarrass us. On top of this our names and salaries have been placed on public websites and made available for anyone to look up and find out where we live. All of this has led to an extreme level of concern for safety amongst my peers and myself not only for ourselves but for our families.

I am not trying to make excuses. There is no excuse for my behavior. It's certainly not the example I want to set for my children. I have embarrassed myself, my department, and my city and I am truly sorry for that. I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and apologize in person if you would allow it.

I hope you will accept my humble apology,

Respectfully,

Joy Sager

Firefighter

City of Las Vegas Fire and Rescue