

December 14, 2009

Chief Richard Cardillo
Waltham Fire Department
175 Lexington Street
Waltham, MA 02452

Dear Chief Cardillo,

On November 15, I became violently ill. I was in a great deal of pain, and was shaking uncontrollably. When my husband indicated he wanted to take me to the hospital, I was unable to stand. At that point, my husband called 911. Within minutes Lt. James Perry, Firefighter Michael Gianotti and Firefighter Raymond LeBlanc arrived in response to the call.

Which two of the three came to our apartment I do not know, but they were, I am sure, representing the training common to all of them. They immediately took charge of the situation, and checked to see what, if any, first aid was required. Equally important, their very demeanor was calming, their kindness and compassion were most gratefully appreciated.

In a short time, I was in an ambulance on my way to the Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital in Boston, where soon after arriving, I underwent surgery for acute appendicitis.

Those terrific individuals who came to my aid are a credit to your department, and undoubtedly reflect the professionalism of the Waltham Fire Department. It is reassuring to know that such a resource is available to all in our community.

In honor of these three men, my husband and I are enclosing a check to the Waltham Firefighters Welfare and Relief Fund. We will be forever grateful.

Sincerely,

Jerye Ann Robbins