



January 5, 2010

Chief Richard Cardillo  
Waltham Fire Department  
161 Lexington Street  
Waltham, Mass 02452

Dear Chief Cardillo:

On the morning of 29 November 2009 Engine 7 (group 4 with firefighter/paramedic Peter Stragavi) and Paramedic 1 were dispatched to Trapello Road at Smith Street for an Auto/Pedestrian accident. Arriving on scene Engine 7 was met with a dynamic situation whereby a 17yo male patient had been struck and was critically injured. Engine 7 had multiple patient care management issues that all had to be addressed quickly and professionally.

Engine 7 cleared the patient's airway, to make it patent and initiated a rapid BLS trauma assessment. They further updated the inbound paramedic ambulance to the critical status of this patient. Further, Engine 7 facilitated all aspects of patient care while transporting this young man to the Lahey Clinic. They not only piloted the ambulance to the hospital but, Paramedic Stragavi was hands on with the AMR paramedic's further stabilizing and treating this patient.

The actions of these men made a dynamic case flow smoothly and professionally. Please extend to them my appreciation.

Sincerely,

Matthew Lombardy CCEMT-P  
Waltham Paramedic 2