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Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Whether a structure fire, extrication, medical call or other emergency involving loss of property, loss of life or injury, as firefighters, we are witness to a human beings worst moments of their life. We are charged to protect life and property. We cannot control the aftermath of an incident. Sometimes, people die or are injured or in some instances, severely burned.

The Bridgeport Hospital Burn Center is currently undergoing a \$1.5 million dollar renovation. The New London Firefighters Burn Foundation, Uniformed Professional Firefighters of Connecticut, the Bridgeport Hospital Foundation and our foundation, The Stratford Professional Firefighters Burn Foundation, have undertaken a \$150,000-\$200,000 fundraising program to support a suite which will be built within this center. The purpose of this suite is to afford a family of a patient the opportunity to stay closer to their loved one while being treated.

**Specifically, if a firefighter is burned and being treated in this burn center this suite will be made available to their family immediately.** We have all partnered to undertake this fundraising effort and we are asking all firefighters from across Connecticut to donate \$1.00 a week for the next two years. This amounts to a total donation of \$104.00 per person. We are also asking that each local in our state, make a minimum donation of \$500.00 over this two year period. Our goal is to achieve 100% participation from fire departments from around the state.

**We are asking for your support by making a donation in support of the Burn Center. We cannot succeed with this effort without your involvement!**

**The Burn Center is still the only facility in Connecticut with staff and surroundings dedicated solely to the treatment of burns. It is one of only 59 verified burn centers in the entire United States, having been recognized by the American Burn Association and the American College of Surgeons for meeting demanding national standards of patient safety and quality care. To**



**more accurately reflect the geographical scope of its services, the Burn Center has been renamed The Connecticut Burn Center.**

It is where we will go should any of us, your family or friends sustain a burn injury. When completed, the "Connecticut Burn Center" will be the most modern and well-appointed burn treatment facility in the region.

Shortly, we will be in contact with your local presidents to request a date and time in which we can make a presentation at your respective union meetings.

If you would like to make a donation prior to our presentation please mail to:

SPFFBF

P.O. Box 682

Stratford, CT 06615

Attn: Bridgeport Hospital Burn Center Donation

Checks can be made out to: SPFFBF

As we are all recognized 501-c3 tax exempt organizations, we will provide you at your request, a letter for income tax purposes.

With much gratitude and respect;

FF. Steve Lupinacci

President

Stratford Professional Firefighters Burn Foundation