



# CITY OF ROCKFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Michele Pankow  
Chief

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Chief Jim Short  
Heard County Fire & Emergency Services  
11816 Highway 100  
Franklin, GA 30217

Dear Chief Short,

I was very sorry to learn of the tragic loss of Battalion Chief James "JB" Bernard Guiler of your department. We all know that we have chosen a profession that carries with it a certain amount of risk and we train continuously to minimize those risks; but all of the knowledge and training cannot prepare us for when the unexpected happens and we experience the loss of a fellow firefighter. At a time like this, words never come easy nor can one statement say what we want to express. May it help to know that others do understand and care deeply.

On behalf of all the men and women who comprise the Rockford Fire Department, I want you to know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your department at this time and I ask that you please convey our deepest sympathy to Battalion Chief Guiler's family.

Sincerely,

Michele Pankow, Chief  
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