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

Dear Chief Short:

On behalf of the men and women of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), please accept my condolences on the tragic loss of Battalion Chief J.B. Guiler.

I know your agency must be mourning the loss of such an experienced fire services professional, who dedicated his life to public service. I am sure that throughout his career, Battalion Chief Guiler's courage in the face of great danger made a lasting impact on those he served. I hope that memories of his well-lived life are of some comfort to family and friends during this time of sorrow.

Acting Special Agent in Charge John Schmidt of ATF's Atlanta Field Division joins me in extending our condolences to Battalion Chief Guiler's family and the Heard County Fire & Emergency Services.

Sincerely yours,

Marvin G. Richardson
Acting Director