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Dear Annaliese Daniels;

CONGRATULATIONS

Your application to the Pennsylvania Burglar and Fire Alarm Association Youth Scholarship Program has been selected for the -

Fire Service Winner \$1,000

A copy of this letter and your application has been forwarded to the PBFAA Scholarship Chairman so they can contact you and make arrangements for this presentation.

Additionally a copy of this letter is being forwarded to Joy Rullo, at Mt. Lebanon High School so they are also aware of your selection.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, or the scheduling of the awards presentation - please do not hesitate to contact me at the PBFAA State Office.

Again, Congratulations

Dale R. Eller
PBFAA Executive Director

CC: Scholarship Chairman
CC: Joy Rullo, Mt. Lebanon High School

Annaliese Daniels, PBFAA Youth Scholarship Program, 2014

Every year, my elementary school class would wait anxiously for Firefighter Sean to visit. Edge of our seats, wide-eyed, and listening intently, we were excited to have a break from our everyday lessons to learn about fire safety. From stop, drop and roll in kindergarten to the fire safety knowledge competition in 5th grade, his visit was a highlight each year. I was the most excited of all the kids because Firefighter Sean is my dad.

In elementary school, my dad was the coolest guy I knew. I was "Firefighter Sean's daughter" and I enjoyed every second of it. When he taught in my classroom, he teased me and made jokes and I laughed along with everyone else. Watching everyone else be amazed by his knowledge was priceless to me. Not many kids of firefighters get to see their parent in action, and being able to experience his work with him was something I wouldn't trade for the world.

It was in middle school that I realized these annual lessons were more than just fun. My dad's fire safety instruction was put into practice when there was a fire at the home of a student. The young boy knew to get his family out of the apartment and pull the fire alarm. My dad was not on duty for that fire call, but he was still a lifesaving hero. Not because he ran into a burning building, but because as a result of the lessons he taught, no one had to put their life at risk that day. After that fire, I realized it is not just the firefighter who runs into a burning building who is a hero. Every firefighter is a hero everyday. They are saving lives when they train, maintain their equipment, conduct home and business inspections, replace smoke detectors for senior citizens, and of course, when they fight fires.

My dad has rotated off the public education shift but his lessons continue for me outside of the classroom. Now I learn from him through our conversations and by watching the way he approaches his job. I have a better understanding of the risks he faces and the importance of preparation, training and teamwork in keeping him and all the firefighters safe. When I asked my Dad about the worst fire he ever saw, he quickly answered "any fire that someone died." He taught me about the value of people over material goods. While material things can be replaced, people cannot and the safety of others is the most important part of the job.

My Dad taught me and my friends our earliest fire safety lessons in an elementary school classroom. Outside of the classroom, he taught me important life lessons about preparation, teamwork, and the value of helping others. He taught me the true meaning of a hero. Anyone who takes the time to help another person is a hero, whether that help is given in a way that is dramatic or subtle. The lessons I learned from my dad's work and life are reinforced each day as I watch him in action and I will carry them with me always.