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June 16, 2015

Mr. Joseph L. O'Neil President Retired Firefighter's Association of Washington, D.C. 2120 Bladensburg Road, NE Suite 210 Washington, D.C. 20018-1440

Dear Mr. O'Neil:

By way of introduction, my wife Theresa's grandfather is a retired D.C. Firefighter. James Alvin Hash (date of birth 10/21/16) is 98 years old and is in failing health. He currently resides at the Crofton Convalescent Center in Crofton, Maryland. Jim retired from the Department in 1977.

Over the years, Jim has regaled us with stories of his time as a firefighter. It is apparent to anyone who meets him that this was the highlight of his life.

I have to think that Jim might be the oldest living D.C. Firefighter. If this is true, I would ask if it would be possible to recognize him in some official way through your organization. It would mean so much to him, and it would be such a positive story for the Department.

Please consider this, and feel free to contact me by e-mail (<u>tlocke@bgrdc.com</u>) or by telephone (410-533-2012). Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Tom Locke

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