

OCT 07 2024

RECEIVED

October 7, 2024

Ms. Emily Cobb
Chief of Police
New London Police Department
25 Seamans Road
New London, NH 03257

Dear Chief Cobb,

I am writing to express my thanks and gratitude to the men and women who responded to the tragic car accident that occurred outside our home this past Sunday morning October 6, 2024.

Every person at this scene exhibited a calm courage and professionalism in a dangerous and tragic situation. However, I want to recognize and thank Officer Brett McKenney in particular. Immediately upon arrival at the scene and without hesitation, he ran from his vehicle to the car that was then fully engulfed in flames. At great personal risk, he extricated a person and proceeded to attempt further access into the vehicle despite the clear danger of explosion and possible personal harm. On my arrival Officer McKenney calmly gave me instructions as he did also to an Officer from the Sunapee Police who had arrived on the scene. In the following hours as the State Police teams arrived Officer McKenney and Lieutenant Keith touched base with me to make sure I was okay and keep me informed. Even more remarkable was a personal visit to our home last night by Officer McKenney, "just checking in to see how you are doing". That visit with his sincere concern for our well-being was beyond what one could ever expect.

Words cannot adequately express our appreciation, gratitude and respect for your team, New London Fire and EMS, and the New Hampshire State Police. If it is possible we will be grateful if you could share this recognition and appreciation to each and all who were involved.

Sincerely,



Charlie and Cynthia Kelsey

39 Icehouse Road, New London, NH 03257

Copy: New London Select Board, Kim Hallquist, Town Administrator