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Nicholas Scoppetta
Commissioner
FDNY
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Dear Commissioner Scoppetta,

Thank you for your letter yesterday. I had not heard back from you since our meeting and was awaiting the results of your meeting with Steve Cassidy.

At my July General Membership Meeting, I took the liberty to address response times with the membership and did highlight the three issues that we clearly agree on. (See attached.) I also removed previous memos from my website.

As I said in my previous letter we continue to disagree on policy issues but I do recognize your right to set policy for the Department. Additionally, the UFOA will formally object to the proposed change in regulations regarding one way street responses. You state in your letter that previous red light regulations were "routinely ignored". The same can be said about the wearing of seat belts. Change comes slowly to the FDNY but I believe that if we work cooperatively on the issue of wearing seat belts, this too can become a reality.

My suggestion about a video production from the officers and firefighters of L-120 came from a Safety Command initiative dated 9/26/03, titled, "*Chauffer Pool for Video Production*". (See attached.) Perhaps when your investigation of this accident is complete you will reconsider my proposal to produce a training video. It took decades for the FDNY to get members to wear masks, not respond from the back step and to get them into bunker gear. I am confident in the long term we can get all firefighters to wear seat belts.



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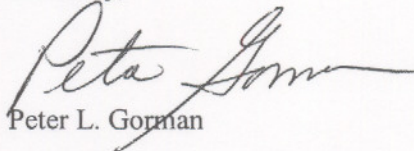
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Thank you for providing me with the MIRS date. As soon as we have a chance to review it, I will contact you with any questions.

Since we share a common goal of protecting the lives of all New York citizens and our members, I am confident we can continue working together in a productive manner.

Sincerely,


Peter L. Gorman