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Dale Starr, Fire Chief
Henderson Fire Department
134 Atlantic Street
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Dear Chief Starr:

When the Clark County Fire Department responded to the tragic fire at the MGM Grand Hotel on November 21, 1980, all available equipment and manpower was put into service, leaving many of our stations unmanned. Even so, we found that more equipment and manpower were needed to bring the raging fire under control, and to rescue the hundreds of people that were trapped in smoke filled rooms throughout the hotel.

The Henderson Fire Department immediately responded to the situation by providing manpower and apparatus to cover depleted County stations, as well as sending men, equipment and supplies to the fire scene.

It was very gratifying to see the response of your firefighters. Without their support and cooperation, I believe many more lives would have been lost. In the hectic aftermath, people may tend to forget the property and lives which could have been lost should there have been another major fire elsewhere in the community while so many firefighters were at the MGM. The teamwork and professionalism shown by all our local fire departments will long be an example for fire departments everywhere.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to you and the members of your department who provided invaluable assistance during this time of need.

Very sincerely,

Roy L. Parrish
Fire Chief

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