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Chief,

On behalf of the Bozeman Fire Department and the Citizens of Bozeman, I want to express our sincere appreciation for the hard work and professionalism demonstrated by the staff and firefighters of the Sourdough Fire Department during your assistance to the March 5, 2009 explosion on Main Street.

Your resources and personnel were greatly needed that morning and led to the successful stabilization of the scene. As you are aware, we had a lengthy fire investigation that lasted until late on March 13, 2009, eight days after the explosion, so we are just now getting to properly thank those involved.

Many departments stood by that day to ensure no calls in our community, or the county, went unanswered. Dedication to our profession, and the willingness to leave jobs and families to go help a neighbor, is to be commended by all. Please pass on our appreciation to everyone in your organization that participated.

The years of hard work, early morning and late night meetings, training sessions, and exercises all paid off on March 5th. I am proud to be associated with the Gallatin County fire service. We are truly fortunate in this community to have professional, well trained, well equipped resources to call upon when any of our agencies need assistance. I look forward to the opportunity when we can return the favor.

Jason Shrauger
Fire Chief