Atlantic County Tender Task Force Division (B)

To All Chiefs & Departments,

On behalf of my Officers I would like to take this time to express my thanks to all of the departments that responded on Saturday November 7, 2009, as part of the task force, to the structure fire in Folsom.

As each company arrived they notified water supply, staged where ordered and when given a task performed it very well. We were able to utilize three fill sites and keep two "pond sites" in operation for the duration of the call.

As a reminder we ask each company to bring the apparatus that they have registered with the task force. Please do not bring substitutions unless it is unavoidable. This is very important to the task force.

A few dispatch and radio glitches occurred and I was able to get an answer for these to correct them for the future. As a reminder when arriving on scene, prior to contacting water supply you must be on South Jersey Net and have your PL off or dropped. When arriving and asking for orders contact Water Supply, not command as this is confusing at the scene.

After the holidays my deputy and I will be contacting each department. By then we should have the new SOGs ready to be put into place. At this time the County Fire Coordinator is reviewing them and once they are approved they will be issued.

Attached with this letter is a list of equipment each department should have to be in this task force. When we meet with each department this list will be reviewed. We are also asking that each Chief have a list of at least four pre-designated fill sites within their local response area. Also does the station have a well or water supply source large enough to be considered a fill site, if so, the task force will need access and instructions to get this up and running.

We are looking for fire police units to respond as part of this task force. If any department having one is willing to supply it please advise me ASAP and I can have this added to the dispatch protocol. These units are needed and vital to aid us at the scene and especially the remote fill sites.

Once again job well done and I would like to wish everyone a very safe and happy holiday season.

Sincerely,

Bill Collins Division (B) Task Force Leader