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Subject: Re: Outstanding event Saturday

Hi Michael,

Thank you so much for your kind email. We are so glad that you enjoyed the event as much as we did!

We didn't count the people that came by on Saturday but Lt. Russell, who was in charge of the event, said that he estimates the attendance to be between 55-65 people.

Earlier this year we set the goal to increase the fire department presence in the community with the goal to make us more accessible and approachable to the residents and to increase the fire safety education outreach program to build a safer and more resilient community together.

We have had a couple of events where we have helped at different village initiatives, like the ivy pull or Canada day, and we have created a couple of events like the fire prevention week event and this past weekend event.

The main idea of the pancake breakfast with Santa event was to have an open house day where people got to know us, talk to us, get to know the fire hall, the trucks and the tools. We believe that the residents that we serve have the right to know who we are, what we do and what we can do to help them. We also love to be part of the village celebrations like the fire truck candy drive and the fire works on halloween (we were very sad we couldn't do it this year but we are excited about the new beach park) so we wanted to do something for the Christmas holidays.

On Saturday we had a firefighter dress as Santa and interact with the young kids while giving them candy. We also had some firefighter giving tours of the trucks, answering questions and explaining different things about the department, the role we play and the tools we use. There was also a couple demonstrations of tools and gear where people got to interact by using the jaws of like to crush/cut cans under supervision or place friendly bets about how long it takes us to get geared up. We also had a fire prevention info table and we talked to the residents about the importance of smoke alarms and how to take care of them. Finally the most delicious part of the day were the fluffy pancakes and the hot chocolate that greeted everyone when they came in.

Given the great success of the event we will make it a yearly occurrence and we already have a couple of ideas we would like to implement next year to make it even better.

Please let me know if you need anything else from us relating the event and I'll be happy to send it your way. And again thank you for being such an great advocate for our department. We really appreciate it.

Regards,

Teresa