

Subject: [Fwd: North Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services in Las Vegas]

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From: Brian Platts <brian_platts@telus.net>

To: Corrie Kost <kost@triumf.ca>

Subject: RE: North Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services in Las Vegas

Date: Wed, 21 Aug 2002 10:31:46 -0700

From: Ernie Crist <ernie_crist@dnv.org>

To: Gary Calder <Gary_Calder@dnv.org>

CC: "FONVCA (E-mail)" <fonvca@fonvca.org>

Hello Gary:

I too have an idea how to make District residents proud, impress our tourists and encourage them to come back - it is to keep our streets clean of garbage, cut the grass on boulevards and keep our medians free of weeds. It is not much to ask but apparently the District leadership and management cannot do this - it appears to be outside their level of competence. But as a wise man said, he who cannot do small tasks well cannot do big tasks well.

I think the Fire Department is a notable exception to the general mediocrity we find in too many places.

I recently read a story about the Olympic Committees findings in their travels. What impressed them about the City of Salzburg, Austria, now the front runner in the bid to get the Olympics, was not only the facilities and the first class and efficient public transportation system but also the cleanliness of the City. Despite millions of North American tourists they manage to keep their city spotless - the Olympic Committee was impressed. As one of them said, these people are proud of how their city looks and it stands to reason that they will also do other things well. I rest my case. You should take a trip around the municipality as I have done recently with Corrie Kost, who took pictures - maybe the CCA endorsed District Mayor and Council should do the same and compare it with what it looked like 20 or even 10 years ago.

Ernie.

-----Original Message-----

From: Gary Calder

Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2002 1:00 PM

To: Gord Howie; Mayor and Council - DNV

Cc: Carol Chase

Subject: FW: North Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services in Las Vegas

I have thanked Mr. Head for his touching and inspirational story. Also, I have advised him that his story and attached photo of a District of North Vancouver Fire/Rescue uniform T-shirt attached to the Las Vegas Statue of Liberty memorial will be forwarded to Mayor and Council and published in the electronic Fire/Rescue website.

For information.

G.D. Calder

Fire Chief

-----Original Message-----

From: Colin Head [mailto:chead@xplorex.com]

Sent: September 27, 2002 17:58

To: calderg@dnv.org

Subject: North Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services in Las Vegas

Hi Gary:

I am not sure if you are the right person to send this too, but being Sept. 11th is coming up....I saw something on yesterday..you may want to work with.

September 11th, 2001 changes a lot of things..and it changed us all in many ways...but it didn't change the heart and

soul of the people that work and reside in the North Shore.

I was in Vegas this past weekend, where, outside the New York, New York Hotel (A huge hotel that simulates actually being in NY, NY) a huge Statue of Liberty stands proud, surrounded by literally thousands of T-shirts from fire departments around the world in memory. Some sighed by the departments staff, other just say "we will not forget" Of all the impressive sites to see in a city that seems "unreal" this was one of the best because of the reality and heartfelt spontaneity.

While in front of the hotel, a group of 4 people approach the four of us Canucks, and asked us to get our picture take with them singing "God Bless America" in front of the Statue of Liberty for a photo scavenger hunt they were on. After informing them we were Canadian but willing to help, the, now 8 of us started to sing for the Polaroid camera with America's symbol of liberty and freedom in the background.

Within belching out the first 3 lines, the funniest of things happened....we were joined, without solicitation, by 5 or 6 more people, all singing away. At line 5 the group had swollen to about 20 to 25 people. This went on as we repeated the song. Within a minutes, there were **masses** of people, a hundred I would guess, singing at the top of their lungs. Looking out at the people driving by, they too were unrolling their windows and sings with us. Loud and proud.

Everyone all had a great smile on their face, and then the crowd quickly dispersed. We stuck around to talk to our scavenger friends about the event. They too left within a minute, leaving us standing alone. I said to myself, "boy....this is what makes America strong. The patriotism is alive and well there, and despite all the Anti-US sentiment out there...it truly is one of there strengths. Something I wish us North Vancouverites had. It is empowering is a way and saddening that we are missing out on something so spiritual. Then.....I looked right behind me on the 'wall of t-shirts', and there, as if my home town was speaking to me, giving me hope....I saw this....

All is not lost. N.V. is alive and well. While I am a proud North Vancouverite, maybe never more-so than when I saw that t-shirt.

Never Forget!

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