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Re: Michael Gutierrez, Haz-Mat Group Specialist at Golden Gate Bridge Event

Mark,

I am writing to you today with respect to Michael Gutierrez's participation in a recent event at the Golden Gate Bridge. I received a report commending Michael as a Haz-Mat Group Specialist at this event, noting that his actions and behaviors reflected positively on the Ross Valley Fire Department, and the Marin Fire Service as a whole.

The event, dubbed *Bridge Together*, was an event timed with the Inauguration of President-Elect Donald Trump. Prior to this event the Golden Gate Security Coalition had been working with the event planners, as well as monitoring other potential activity related to the Inauguration.

Several days prior to the event the latest intelligence provided to our Coalition suggested that the crowd presence could swell to 8,000 – 12,000 people. Additionally there were indications that the event might be infiltrated by Anarchists and other groups / individuals set to cause harm and disruption. As a result, the Coalition partners ramped up previous plans to reflect the new intelligence. As you know, this included a dedicated presence at Vista Point and the Unified Command Post at the Golden Gate Bridge.

Though the event went off as originally planned by the event sponsors, resulting in a non-violent protest and the event was from a Fire & EMS perspective, un-eventful.

All personnel involved in this event maintained a professional demeanor, attitude and posture. I have no doubt that had the event taken a different path, their presence would have resulted in a positive way with respect to public safety.

Respectfully,

Christian D. Tubbs, Fire Chief
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Date 2/17

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