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Dear Mr. Dietrich,

I am writing to express my full support of the "Safely Out" Project campaign. My Urban Search & Rescue Team (Task Force 7) responded to the Gulf Coast in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Based on our experience, we know the importance of getting citizens out of harms way and also the importance of knowing who is safely out and the location of where they were evacuated and any medicines they might need.

"Safely Out" provides an additional tool for our first responders in their search and rescue efforts but more importantly provides a way for our citizens to let first responders know if help is needed. This will save time in a disaster and saving time can save lives.

Sometime the most complex issues have simple answers. "Safely Out" is a simple answer to the challenge of insuring we, as first responders, can help all those who need our help.

Sincerely,

Fire Chief