

O'NEAL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

STATION #4

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Mayor Teresa Tomlinson  
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Dear Mrs. Tomlinson

On behalf of the O'Neal Volunteer Fire Department and the community we serve in Talbot County, I want to express our gratitude to you and the Columbus City Council for the recent donation of the 2000 E-1 fire engine that you donated to our department. The acquisition of this fire apparatus greatly enhances our ability to respond to emergencies throughout Talbot County.

We have utilized the fire engine to replace a 1973 Mack fire engine for which we could no longer acquire repair and/or replacement parts. Recently the wiring on this truck caught fire and the truck was deemed unserviceable by our local administration and the insurance company. The loss of the Mack engine left us with a tanker and a brush truck which severely hampered our response to structure fires. Your contribution of the E-1 engine is certainly a blessing and will allow our department to maintain our ISO rating and more importantly allow us to continue to provide fire services to the O'Neal Fire District and the county as a whole.

It is reassuring to know that when a small department in a neighboring county is in need that we can count on the City Council and the citizens of Columbus to pitch in and lend a hand. You are certainly to be commended for your generous gift to a neighbor in need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Charles E. Kelley'.

Charles E. Kelley, Chief