



# RAPID CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Steve Allender, Chief of Police

S.D. Fire Chiefs Association  
Chief Mike Maltaverne, State Director  
10 Main Street  
Rapid City, SD 57701

Dear Mike,

August 2, 2011, is a day none of us at the Rapid City Police Department or in Rapid City will ever forget. This day changed all of our lives in one way or another. When the call came that we had three officers down and one was mortally wounded there was shock and disbelief throughout the Department and the community.

There are no words to adequately thank you for the support shown to the members and their families of the Rapid City Police Department. We have been so blessed by the community, private citizens, other agencies and supporters from across the nation.

Through the dark days of the past few weeks there have been bright moments beginning with Officer Doyle's release from the hospital, his continuing recovery from the serious injuries he received, his return to duty and the outpouring of support from the surrounding communities.

Even though two words are not near enough to express our gratitude, the men and women of the Rapid City Police Department and I would like to say "thank you" to the SD Fire Chiefs Association for their support and generous monetary donation to the Fallen Officers Memorial Fund. It was very much appreciated. Again, thank you!

With Heartfelt Thanks,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve".

Steve Allender  
Chief of Police