

February 27, 2012

Ronald Pitkin
Town of Marshfield Volunteer Fire Department
122 School Street
Marshfield, VT 05658

Dear Ronald:

I received word that the Town of Marshfield was planning an event to honor the many years of service that you, and several other veterans of the fire house, have given to the town over the last many decades. Although I was not able to attend this event, I wanted to take a moment to congratulate you and to thank you for your 60 years of service.

Since being elected Lieutenant Governor in 2010, I've had the good fortune to attend many events honoring the service of others. One of the most memorable, by far, was a volunteer firefighters' association banquet held in early 2011. I remember being struck by a room filled with Vermonters who have saved lives and structures and kept their neighbors safe, all without payment and, oftentimes, without any official recognition. Add to that the hundreds of hours of training that each volunteer is required to complete, and it's a very impressive commitment.

Marshfield residents are fortunate to have benefited from the service and expertise of yourself, the Maclays, John Schmitt, Dwight Baker and former Chief "Hap" Hayward. I wish all of you a well-deserved evening of enjoyment, and I invite you to stop by my State House office the next time you're in Montpelier. I'd like to be able to say "thank you" in person.

Best regards,

Phil Scott