

June 6, 2012

H.W. Putnam Hose Company #3
Bennington, VT

Dear Friends:

I thank you for the invitation to join you in celebration of your 125th Anniversary, and I wish I could be there in person.

Your history chronicles the incredible advancements in firefighting in this country; technology has certainly come a long way since 1887. It is amazing that “only” 100 years ago, we responded to fires with a hand-drawn cart, while today, as we continue to strive to reduce emergency response times, ten minutes seems unacceptable.

One thing that hasn't changed, though, is the desire of neighbors to come together to help one another. No matter what the technology of the time, Vermonters have always “given it all they've got” when others are in trouble, and the Putnam Hose Company #3 is a shining example.

You should be very proud to be continuing this tradition of service. Congratulations!

Sincerely,

Phil Scott