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February 2, 2011

Chief Edward Kilduff  
Chief of Department  
Fire Department of New York  
9 Metro Tech Center  
8th Floor  
Brooklyn, NY 11201

Dear Chief Kilduff:

The Southwest Area Coordination Group is requesting the attendance of Deputy Assistant Chief (DAC) Robert Maynes to participate in the SWA annual Incident Management Team meeting to be held in Prescott, AZ March 1-3, 2011.

Chief Maynes has actively participated on our IMT's and has been instrumental in coordinating training opportunities for both FDNY and agency employees. This coordination has allowed the Teams in the Southwest to maintain staffing levels with quality and qualified candidates as well as providing numerous training opportunities. Chief Maynes has interacted at many levels with our teams since the 2004 fire season.

As the current Incident Commander of the FDNY incident management team we would like to use this as an opportunity for Chief Maynes to continue to interact with the SWA ICs and the coordinating group.

Currently there are several FDNY employees who have been nominated for positions on SWA Teams. We would like to extend an invitation to include more individuals within our Teams, as we have positions yet to fill.

We would like to have Chief Maynes continue his coordination efforts to the mutual benefit of both our organizations.

Sincerely,

*/S/ Leon W. Ben, Jr.*

Leon W. Ben, Jr.  
Chair, Southwest Coordinating Group