



February 17, 2016

To whom it may concern,

***This letter is in support of the efforts of all members of agencies included in the Minnesota Incident Command System (MNICS) as well as member agencies encompassed by the Great Lakes Forest Fire Compact (GLFFC) fundraising for the event "Wildfire on Ice" to be held on January 14, 2017 for the Wildland Firefighter Foundation. We thank you for considering a donation. We are an IRS recognized 501(c)3 non-profit. Our tax identification number is 93-126691. If you would like to donate a product for our auction, you can send the package to Pat Wherley 1379 David Road Cloquet, MN 55720.***

The mission of the Wildland Firefighter Foundation is to honor past, present, and future wildland firefighters by helping maintain and grow the national monument established for those who have lost their lives, operate a financial fund providing assistance to the families of fallen wildland firefighters and to injured firefighters, and partner with private and interagency organizations to educate the public about wildland fires and promote excellence and safety in firefighting.

Wildland firefighters generally are hundreds and maybe thousands of miles from home, and when injured or killed, there are few resources to help our community but us, especially in the early hours and days. It's then we're here to begin to help family or firefighters solve the logistical problems they face. Tangible and informational support comes first, and most importantly, emotional support. Support is matched with need. We can arrange transportation, lodging, provide living expenses, pay bills that the breadwinner will not be able to pay. We gather information to answer questions about insurance. Often a hug is needed more or just a good listener. Each case is different but all need to know that they are not alone.

For immediate information about our foundation, please visit our website at [www.wffoundation.org](http://www.wffoundation.org). If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call our office at (208) 336-2996.

Warmly,

Vicki Minor

Executive Director