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Bill,

I'm not sure I even know what to type as I start this letter.

I am so sorry for the loss of your partners and friends and the emotional devastation you all must feel.

EMS is a unique World. We dedicate our heart and soul to helping others through often unimaginable tragedy every single day. I think that's why it hurts so badly when it happens to our own.

But that same dedication helps us work through the hurt and make our way back to the new "normal". It takes a long, long time.

Yesterday, at the Governor's EMS & Trauma Advisory Council for the State of Texas, we opened our meeting with a Moment of Silence for our Colleagues in Valley AirCare who lost their lives in the Line of Duty.

I've also enclosed several pages of messages from all of us to all of you. It's our hope that you and your colleagues feel the strength of all of your friends when you need it most.

As the pages say, "...all of us wrap our arms around you and stand with you during this difficult time".

On behalf of everyone involved in EMS & Trauma Care in this State, God Bless you and all your Colleagues, Bill.

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