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Chief Hall:

On behalf of the members of the Sterling Fire Department, I would like to extend my most sincere gratitude for providing station coverage following the passing of Firefighter Jim Emerton.

The loss of Jim has been a difficult and emotional time for our department. The assistance you provided on May 16, 2026 allowed us time to honor him in a way that he truly deserved and we are extremely grateful for that.

Our mutual aid network extends so far beyond just responding to emergency incidents. The support you have given us exemplifies the commitment we all share towards supporting each other no matter what the situation.

If ever we can be of service to your department, please do not hesitate to ask.

Respectfully,

Thomas P. Kokernak
Fire Chief