

December 20, 2017

To Those Who Helped Fight and Aid the Fire at 707 Sandy Mountain Drive,

On behalf of our family, I would like to sincerely thank each and every one of you, fire, police, and others that contributed so tirelessly and bravely to help fight the fire at our home on November 22, 2017.

We would like to thank every firefighter out there that assisted for doing a job that is both dangerous, and difficult. Being a firefighter is not an easy job. There are physical and emotional demands that can take a toll on you. Everyday we read about a firefighter who is injured or killed trying to save lives. We have the greatest respect for the people, both men and women, with the courage to undertake such a perilous job, and especially those who so generously volunteer their time away from their personal lives and families to care for others like us. Thank you. Thank you for constantly running towards what others run from. Thank you for working so hard to extinguish the fire on our home. Thank you for working into the night, on a night before a holiday- Thanksgiving. Thank you for taking time away from your families and friends to fight the fire at our home. Thank you for being an important part of our community. Firefighters make an incredible difference in our lives. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Thank you to the Sunrise Beach Police chief and staff that also worked tirelessly and around the clock to protect our home. Thank you for securing a barricade and driving by to ensure safety and protection. Thank you for giving your time on the Thanksgiving holiday.

We thank God for the group of dedicated individuals we have that protect our community of Sunrise Beach- the firefighters, police, and staff that work so hard to protect and serve.

I would also like to extend a thank you to the Sunrise Beach community for their understanding and patience while these men and women fought the fire and had to close the roads. We know this had to have been an inconvenience to you, especially the night before a holiday.

Our hearts are grieved by losing our home but we rejoice in the blessings that only God can provide...the blessing of safety that no one was hurt and the great great blessing of ALL those that served and protected our home that day and night and days past. God bless you all and may God bless you this Christmas. Many blessings to you in the New Year.

God be with you,

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God bless you all!

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