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Dear Mr. Ellis

On behalf of the Village of Oak Park, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to you and your team of instructors for your continued assistance in training new Oak Park CERT volunteers.

As you are well aware, the resiliency of a community in many cases rests on the ability of its citizens to respond emergencies and, where they can safely do so, mitigate the effects of the situation before professional responders can arrive on scene.

With the assistance of your team, their dedication to the CERT program and professionalism, Oak Park has grown its CERT program from zero to 70 trained volunteers in eighteen months. These volunteers receive ongoing training under the coordination of Mr. Murray Snow, Emergency Preparedness and Response Manager, and have already provided first aid and traffic control support to the city of Chicago (Chicago Marathon, Shamrock Shuffle) and the Village of River Forest (Memorial Day Parade, recycling events) as well as supporting our own Village activities.

Again, thank you for your and your team's assistance with our CERT program.

Sincerely,

Rickie C. Tanksley
Chief of Police
Village of Oak Park