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Mr. Rick Joyal
Manager, Safety and Development
Downtown Winnipeg BIZ
426 Portage Avenue
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Thank You

Dear Mr. Joyal:

It has been brought to my attention that in the early evening hours of February 27, 2009, members of the Downtown Winnipeg BIZ responded to an incident involving the suicide of a teenager.

It is my understanding that upon arrival, our crews were met by members of the Downtown Winnipeg BIZ and very distraught family members of the patient. One member of the BIZ provided a very thorough report while another member was attempting to calm the family, while others members continued doing CPR and mouth to mouth resuscitation on the patient.

I would like to commend this crew for demonstrating a high level of professionalism. Unfortunately the outcome was a negative one for the family, but not from a lack of effort and skill from the first responding Downtown Winnipeg BIZ members.

On behalf of the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service, I would like to express my gratitude to those members of the Downtown Winnipeg BIZ for the compassionate and courteous manner in which they dealt with the family, and the competent and professional way they handled this very sensitive situation.

Yours truly,

J.R. (Jim) Brennan
Fire & Paramedic Chief

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