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New York City Fire Commissioner,

Salvatore Cassano

HQ, FDNY

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Brooklyn, New York 11201

Dear Commissioner Cassano,

As the Commissioner of Fire Services we are writing to you to request you accept the challenge of two Hockey Games by the NYFD Hockey team playing a friendly match against the wounded warriors from Washington DC regional military hospitals.

As perhaps you have been briefed by your staff, we have been for many years working with your Department in the assistance and improvements to our wounded warriors through your community outreach programs. More than 3200 wounded warriors have benefited from the relationship with your Department, many being amputees (The most notable perhaps is SGT Brendon Morocco of Staten Island, a former quadriplegic wounded warrior).

As we have matured our program with the wounded, sports was seen as a key component to preserve and mature the competitive strength of what we see as great Americans. Since understanding this facet of our wounded, we have developed a solid program of ice hockey and played in several cities against very complete teams. We would welcome you accepting the challenge not given by us, but the wounded to several matches on the ice this fall; it would be one game per month, perhaps beginning in October 2013.

To help in staffing we have establish communications with the NYFD Hockey Team through FDNY Firefighter Eugene M. Lynch of the Bronx Fire Service. Mr. Lynch has joined with one of sister wounded warrior advocates, Project Enduring Pride (PEP) to work with your Department. Mr. Lynch has been kind enough to help define the hockey matches with the NYFD Hockey team itself.

If you accept our invitation, please establish a Point of Contact for our further coordination and development of the matches.

Further Sir, as a former Army Veteran, we thank you for your service.