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Mr. Scott Gray
Southeast District Superintendent
Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
Maintenance and Operations

Dear Superintendent Gray:

I write today with gratitude for the generous emergency support provided by Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF) Gustavus Airport Manager Jeff Jarvis in the early morning hours of Wednesday, January 27, 2021, when the Gustavus Volunteer Fire Department responded to a house fire in the Good River neighborhood. The call came about 1:00 am on a very cold and windy night. Chief Travis Miller immediately asked for mutual aid support from ADOT&PF with the Airport fire apparatus, knowing that City department's apparatus carried limited water supply for such an event. Airport Manager Jeff Jarvis quickly responded with the Airport unit carrying its vital supply of water. Jeff pitched in with the rest of the GVFD team, aided also by an apparatus team from the National Park Service. Together they extinguished the fire after nearly two hours of hard work. Although the fire heavily damaged the roof and upper floor, the timber structure was saved. There were no injuries. Chief Miller said the assistance DOT provided was critical to that success.

Assistance from ADOT&PF staff and equipment has often been vital to successful emergency responses here. Gustavus benefits from a strong working relationship with ADOT&PF. We very much appreciate that relationship.

Sincerely,

Brittney Cannamore
Mayor, City of Gustavus