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Lake Maumelle fire rescue
See attached

Chastain, Stacia

From:	Tucker, Gerald
Sent:	Tuesday, February 21, 2023 8:02 AM
To:	Chastain, Stacia
Subject:	FW: Ignore the first one
Attachments:	Video.mov

Stacia,
The Mayor wants to know who was involved in this rescue.
The following people were involved.
Captain Nathan Wolfe
Captain Charlie Hobson
Lieutenant Shane Dougan
Lieutenant Greg Brown
Lieutenant Doug Welter
Lieutenant Trent Harlan
Firefighter Chase Kehler
Firefighter Billy Guajardo

Thank you,
Gerald

From: NLRFD Battalion Chief 8 <bchief8@nlr.ar.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 20, 2023 6:23 PM
To: Tucker, Gerald <GTucker@nlr.ar.gov>; Albers, Rick <RAlbers@nlr.ar.gov>
Subject: Ignore the first one

I was off on my date by one day, sorry! This one is correct.

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BY Stacia Chastain
DATE 2-21-23
Diane Whitbey, City Clerk and Collector
North Little Rock, Arkansas
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From: Tucker, Gerald
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 8:03 AM
To: Chastain, Stacia
Subject: FW: B-Crew Spec Ops

From the Chief of Lake Maumelle Fire Department

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From: NLRFD Battalion Chief 8 <bchief8@nlr.ar.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 20, 2023 7:20 AM
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Subject: B-Crew Spec Ops

Chief Tucker

I wanted to let you know how well the Central B-crew Special Operations Team members performed during yesterday's rescue on Pinnacle Mountain. First and foremost, crews were able to respond without hesitation after I made the initial call to the on duty Battalion Chief. I couldn't be more proud of the sense of urgency, professionalism maintained throughout the incident, as well as the compassion they showed to the stranded hikers. It's obvious that the amount of training our team members go through pays off when needed. The entire incident lasted a total of 3 hours. Considering the travel time, the ascent to the summit while carrying all the needed equipment and development a rescue plan all shortly before sunset is pretty impressive to say the least. I couldn't be happier with the outcome.

Secondly, it may sound counterintuitive to think of sending North Little Rock Fire department units to respond in an area that is obviously so closely associated with Little Rock. Rest assured, as Fire Chief of the Lake Maumelle Fire Department, I have preplanned for this exact scenario many times over along with Park Rangers stationed at Pinnacle Mountain. I have done the math so to speak and had calculated travel distance several years ago. Ironically, it's virtually the same distance from LRFD Station 2 where Rescue 2 is housed, as it is from our Central Fire Station in North Little Rock. Based on travel distance and knowing exactly the resources and level of skill I would receive, along with the short timeframe to work in before nightfall, the decision for me to request NLRFD was a simple one. As I mentioned, I couldn't be more proud and thankful for the work our firefighters put into their craft. Kudos to R-1, E-1, T-2 and Battalion 8. They knocked it out of the park.

Respectfully
Chief M.E. Shoemaker
Paramedic

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Subject: FW: Updated w/out typos Pinnacle mountain

From: NLRFD Battalion Chief 8 <bchief8@nlr.ar.gov>
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Pinnacle Mountain

At a approximately 3:40 pm, the Lake Maumelle Fire Department received a call for assistance with a technical rescue from Rangers at Pinnacle Mountain State Park. The call was in reference to one adult male accompanied by two small children ages 5 and 7. Being unfamiliar with the area, the hikers began their ascent at the East Summit trail parking lot. The hikers had made their way up to level 9 but were off of the marked trail on southwest side of the mountain. They became stranded in an area in which they were unable to make their way out of. The subjects were not injured, however this was their first trip to Pinnacle Mountain, and they became lost on an isolated area of the mountain. The area was steep, with a great deal lose rock and overgrown vegetation. The adult was able to call 911 for help. A park ranger was able to locate the hikers and radioed that it would in fact be a technical rescue. The Lake Maumelle Fire Department was subsequently dispatched. Based on intel given by park rangers on scene, the decision was made by Lake Maumelle unit 801 to call for outside assistance. The decision was made early on to request the North Little Rock Fire Department's Special Operations Team to assist with the rescue. Lake Maumelle unit 801 arrived on scene and had a face to face with rangers. Once at the summit, the hikers were located approximately 200 feet down from the summit in an unmarked and unused area of the mountain. Crew members from North Little Rock units R-1, E-1 and Battalion 8 made their way to summit shortly after my arrival. With sunset quickly approaching, North Little Rock crews quickly evaluated the situation, set up anchors and rope systems and made their way to the hikers. Once the children were secured to rescuers and given helmets, they began their ascent to the summit. Once the children were in a somewhat safer area of the mountain, they were then escorted via a tagline where they could make it safely back to the designated trail. All hikers were brought up to safety to level 10, then escorted down the mountain to the level 5 staging area without incident. All State Park, Lake Maumelle and North Little Rock units were released and the incident terminated.

Chief M.E. Shoemaker
Paramedic