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To Whom It May Concern,

Since mid-2007 several members of the Robbinsville Professional Firefighters Association, IAFF Local 3786, have had the distinction of working side by side with All Hands Fire Equipment and First Due Training. The relationship began as our department searched for a personal firefighter bail-out system. Don Colarusso, co-owner of All Hands Fire, and Jim Ogle (FDNY Truck 14), an instructor for First Due, came to our fire station with several different bail-out systems. After extensive evaluation, we decided upon the Petal EXO and Gemtor harness.

Our training was scheduled for December of 2007, however some of our turnout gear required minor modification. At minimal expense to our department, All Hands Fire made arrangements with a local vendor to make these modifications, going as far as picking up and dropping of the turn out gear.

Training was conducted by Don Colarusso, Jim Ogle and Rod Zarrelli (retired FDNY Rescue 5) over several days to accommodate our work schedule. The instructors went out of their way during both the classroom training as well as the hands on training to ensure that all of our members were competent in the skills required to safely and efficiently operate the systems.

Several of our members (myself and Firefighter Steven Kadir) are now certified as Train-the-Trainer and provide refresher training to our department. Both All Hands Fire and First Due Training were instrumental in providing the expert knowledge and support to assist with this as well as the initial research and training. Certainly, without All Hands and First Due our department and our members would not be as highly trained nor would we be equipped with the best personal escape systems.

If you have any questions regarding our experiences with All Hands Fire and/or First Due Training, please do not hesitate to contact me at 732-678-6824.

Respectfully,

Erik Eitel
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