

## Port Fire Department Thanks Community

To The Editor:

On behalf of the officers and members of the Port Washington Fire Department, I would like to extend our sincere and heartfelt gratitude to the entire community of Port Washington for its support, caring and understanding following the death of Lieutenant Robert Dayton.

The Port Washington Fire Department has not only lost a fine and dedicated firefighter, but we have also lost a good friend and person. Although the pain will eventually subside, Bobby's memory will not.

The outpouring of genuine concern from the community, both for the welfare of the Dayton family and for the firefighters who risk their lives daily to protect us all, has been gratifying and we sincerely hope that this concern will not be misplaced as time passes.

The community can be assured that we will continue to answer their calls for help in the same professional manner as we always have. We have rededicated ourselves to providing fire suppression and emergency medical services to Port Washington in the finest tradition of the fire service, as was exemplified by Bobby Dayton.

The search and rescue training described in a letter to you last week by a reader has been part of our training for many years. We would like to reassure the community that the training that we receive, provided by the Nassau County Fire Service Academy, is among the finest in the country. Our level of training is second to none.

A trust fund for Bobby's family has been set up and we hope that the community will contribute generously to the fund. Donations can be sent to: Robert H. Dayton Trust Fund, Port Washington Fire Department, 423 Port Washington Boulevard, Port Washington, New York 11050.

Thank you, Port Washington, for all of your understanding and caring. It is truly appreciated by all of Port Washington's firefighters and their families.

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