

Dowell J. Howard
Center for Learning

156 Dowell J Circle
Winchester, VA 22602

December 2, 2008

Timothy L. Ray

O'Sullivan Films
1944 Valley Avenue
Winchester, VA 22601

Dear Mr. Ray:

I would like to extend a most sincere thanks to you and your company for the recent donation of equipment to our Public Safety Program at Dowell J. Howard Center.

I have the privilege of having the daughter, Rachel Hilty, of one of your employees, Keith Hilty, as one of my Emergency Medical Technician students. It is through this partnership with the parents of our students that I learned O'Sullivan may be able to help our program grow. Mr. Hilty came to our first parents night at Dowell J, and ask what can I do to help you, my answer was to the point, anything you can, we need funding in a tight budget year and moral support every year. He advised me of the Response team at O'Sullivan and that they were in a gear upgrade process and might be able to donate some of the old stuff to our program.

I meet briefly with Mr. Hilty and Mr. Ray at the Winchester Plant, and was privileged to take a tour of the Plant with Mr. Ray and get a brief history of their Team. Mr. Ray showed me some of the equipment that was being traded out and told me that he could probably arrange for Dowell J. to get most of it.

A few weeks later I was contacted by Mr. Ray and advised that the ok had been given and the equipment was being cleaned and inventoried for shipment to Dowell J.

Friday, November 21, 2008, Tim L. Ray and James I. Fitzgerald of O'Sullivan arrived at Dowell J. about 1500 hours with a pick-up truck loaded down with goodies. It was like a Teacher's Christmas come early. A safe estimate would be close to five thousand dollars or more at today's prices for the assortment of air packs and extinguishers that were donated and delivered that afternoon.

I can not express in words the help that this will be to our program. I do not have to go to my boss and beg for funding that is not there. My students are excited at the chance to use this equipment and can not wait to start the Fire Fighter awareness piece in February. This donation will also help pave the way to an extended Fire Fighter program next school year and in to the future.

Partnerships like these, with parents and companies in the area are what are going to help keep our program and ones like it afloat in these troubled economic waters.

THANK YOU, on behalf of my students, Dowell J. Howard Center, Frederick County Public Schools, and from the bottom of my heart.

Sincerely,

Brian D. Winslett, EMT/Public Safety Instructor

