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Dear Sir,

My name is Timothy J Ratcliffe and I work as a Firefighter/Paramedic for the Villages Department of Public Safety. I recently had the opportunity to attend the conference at the Rosen Centre Hotel entitled: 2010 International Disaster Management. To be very honest this was the first fire/medical/disaster conference that I've ever attended and I was very pleasantly surprised. In my opinion, the conference was extremely well done! I'm so grateful that I was able to attend.

I expected that when attending the conference I would find out just how little I knew. My expectations were not only met but were far exceeded. However, it was a wonderful learning tool that I will be able to keep with me. I think my favorite presentations were from Miami/Task Force 2 and the Pediatrician. All were superb, but these two were phenomenal. I have already begun to pull out the Broselow Tape every shift at work, and am also conducting pediatric scenarios with my crew members. Also, I have a great interest in joining a team that deploys in time of disaster specifically on a national and international level. What are the possibilities of finding and joining such a team?

In conclusion, Mr. Todaro, I wanted to say thank you for making it possible for me and people like myself to attend such a wonderful, enriching, and enlightening conference. My hope is that this conference will continue annually and that I will be able to attend and enhance my skills and knowledge base consequently.

Have a great day.

Sincerely;

Timothy J Ratcliffe

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