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To Our First Responders

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To all of our first responders, especially our dedicated volunteer fire personnel, we extend our sincere gratitude on behalf of the entire Deptford Township community.

This past week has tested us again, and yet our teams were prepared, trained, and ready for these unusual but not unforeseen incidents. Our personnel responded with professionalism, skill and unwavering commitment.

The week started with the devastating fire at the Narraticon complex, where 12 families were displaced. The response from our volunteers and emergency personnel was outstanding. Shortly after, a hazmat incident at Walmart required a full evacuation, and once again, our first responders were on scene ensuring everyone's safety.

Then last evening, a severe thunderstorm struck areas of our community – particularly Oak Valley and Pine Acres – resulting in power outages, fallen trees, and widespread debris. Crews worked throughout the evening clearing roads and protecting residents.

We also want to recognize our Public Works Department and our DTMUA personnel for their dedication to Deptford Township. Emergency response is a team effort, and the Deptford team has answered the call time and time again.

As we clean up, recover, and move forward, we encourage everyone to support one another — our neighbors, our responders, and our Township staff. Please check on those around you and follow guidance from emergency personnel. If your power is out, contact your utility company directly, as they may not be aware of your outage.

Our community is strongest when we work together. From our administration, thank you to each and every one of you.

Best regards,

Mayor Paul Medany