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To: Rhett Brown

Re: Safety Presentation

I would like to express my heart felt gratitude and appreciation for investing your time and effort to visit our workplace and deliver what can only be described as a “sobering” talk with our contracting staff.

I have been fortunate to work in the fire department and been a member of various rescue teams encountering all sorts of situations and traumatic incidents. As much as I appreciate those life experiences I cannot begin to describe the impact your visit has made on me personally. I am humbled and grateful for your openness, honesty, genuine approach that has not only left an everlasting imprint on the way I view life but also for the change that it has brought about in the lives of all the men who were present on the day of your visit.

The sobering reality of life after an accident is not often, if at all communicated in such a dynamic and powerful way so we are eternally thankful for you sharing with us. You have captured the essence and heart of making the right choices not only in the workplace but in life in general. We sometimes do not fully understand or comprehend the gravity of the choices we make until it is too late. You have given us something far more precious and valuable which has no price tag to it in our families, friends, colleagues and loved ones. These are the people who bare the brunt and cost of the decisions we make.

This has certainly made a difference to the way we work on site and has certainly changed the way we view jobs that need to be executed. This has become evident in all the work practices as well as our team briefs. There often times where safety is viewed as an unnecessary cost and hassle and more so over the last couple of months here on site.

Since your visit the emphasis is now more on the safety and well being of the staff which has resulted in more a positive and healthy respect for life and work.

So thank you once again. I wish you all the best in your future and know that many people will be touched and changed through your message.

Kind regards
Bevan Jaars