

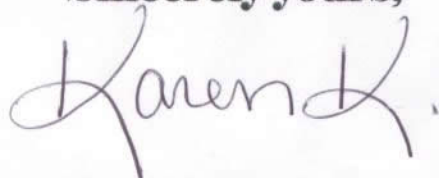
Dear Chief Green,

My name is Karen and I am the twin sister of CCFD Engineer, Kent Rudd. My family and I would like to express our gratefulness of the men and women of your fire department. I know you receive a number of letters showing how the citizens there in Las Vegas feel about your department, but I feel this is a bit different. Your men and women have shown not only my family, but the family of the Marines that are over in Iraq, the overwhelming support and unselfishness, that can be heard clear across the world.

When my son Bradley was sent to Iraq, our family set up a website to communicate with him. We also talked about sending a few items that would help him out there. Things that they would never see otherwise. My brother, Kent, had an idea and told me that he would send an e-mail to your department, and asked if anyone would be interested in helping out. Little did we know, the response was overwhelming! With the help of your department, Kent sent over 25 packages the first time and let me tell you, it was like Christmas for them. Bradley was shot through the shoulder on June 13th. The packages were sent to him just before he was released back to his unit. Not one Marine opened them till he got back. Bradley said there were so many packages they had to wheelbarrow them in. They all sat around and opened them taking what they wanted. Some of them got tears in their eyes, but they would not admit it of course because they are Big Bad Marines.

They are receiving more packages every week or so from your department and there are no words that can express how they feel. I know that my brother would never take any recognition for what he and your men and women are doing for the Marines in Iraq, but I personally wanted you to know that my family and the men there are so very proud of what your department is doing! You should be very proud of them. My son Bradley will be in Las Vegas on November 10th for the Marine Ball. He has talked to his Uncle Kent and would like to go to the station and shake hands with everyone there and thank them personally. Words can not express what gratitude I have for my brother Kent and your whole department.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen K." with a small flourish at the end.

Karen K.

**Proud Marine Mom and
Proud Sister!!!**