

Dear *MEMBER, APPALACHIAN SEARCH + RESCUE CONFERENCE*

I want to thank you on behalf of the National Association for Search and Rescue and for the entire team that responded to the Earthquake in Mexico City for your invaluable response in that incident. There are three major tasks that must be accomplished in any emergency incident; resource call out and deployment, communication, and management. These tasks were met by your collective efforts in logistics, planning, operations, command, and finance. Without your work none of us would have been able respond and accomplish our main goal- SAVING LIVES-. You were as much a part of the life-saving efforts that went on as were the dogs and handlers that were actually searching for survivors.

No matter what your role was in this incident you can be proud of your part of a unified international effort that did save lives. The individual volunteers, teams, and local, state, and federal agencies that worked together on this incident are too numerous to list here but individual copies of this letter with a personal note from the strike team leader is being sent to all of you.

Now that we know that we can all respond quickly and efficiently to an international incident of this size where do we go from here? I'm asking each of you to join the National Association for Search and Rescue in our joint efforts to improve our readiness and response to all types of emergency incidents. Please contact us just as we will be contacting you in the next few months to move forward so that we all can make a difference when the next incident occurs.

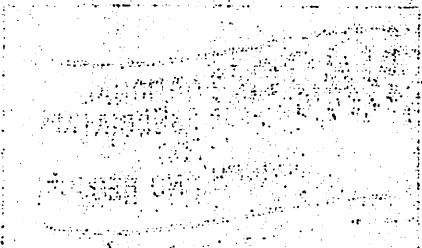
My heartfelt thanks to all of you for the team effort and accomplishments that made this mission possible.

Sincerely yours

Lois Clark McCoy

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