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Chief Dan Fraijo  
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Dear Chief Fraijo

On behalf of the New Zealand Fire Service, I extend our deepest and most sincere condolences to you and the Prescott Fire department on the tragic loss of your 19 fire fighters.

We grieve with those families who have lost their loved ones, pay tribute to your firefighters who sacrificed their lives for their communities, and acknowledge that without their courage and selfless actions, the death toll and physical destruction could have been much worse. As members of the international firefighters fraternity, we also extend our sympathies to their colleagues who continue working to put out this devastating fire, while at the same time having to deal with their personal grief.

Reports speak of your deceased colleagues being a close knit, compassionate and caring group that were greatly respected by the town of Prescott and wider community for their skills and commitment. Sadly, this dangerous and totally unpredictable fire event overcame the very best they could offer. I hope that in the days, months and years following this tragedy, your department can reflect with pride, that in making the ultimate sacrifice, your staff's actions were in the highest traditions of the Prescott Fire Department. As you collectively grieve, please know that our heartfelt thoughts and best wishes are with you at this sad time.

My sincerest condolences.

**Paul Baxter**  
**Chief Executive & National Commander**