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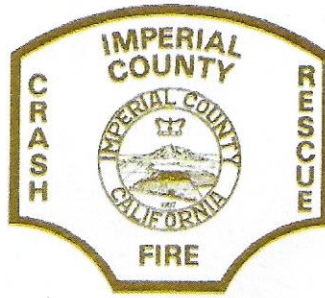
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To Whom it may concern,

On behalf of the Imperial County Fire Department and Office of Emergency Services I am writing this letter in support of a resource guide titled *The Red Guide to Recovery - Resource Handbook for Disaster Survivors*. This valuable publication provides pertinent information in great detail that disaster survivors need to know in order to begin to recover from disastrous events ranging from the single family house fire, to wildland fire conflagrations, earthquakes and floods.

As an all hazards response agency, we have a duty to serve our residents and visitors that not only includes educating them on safety and preparedness, but also providing them with the tools that will help them become resilient.

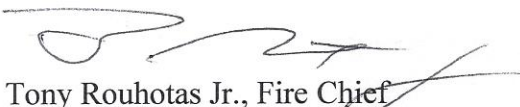
We respond to a large number of structure fires and other types of events each year that cause displacement of families, significant structural damage, or both. The question we most often hear when we are completed with our response is "What do we do now?" I believe *The Red Guide to Recovery* can answer this question in a tangible way that would help those affected by disasters on their road to recovery and rebuilding their lives.

Our vision would be to place copies of this book with our engine companies so it can be given out to residents immediately after disaster events. This is the time when disaster survivors are most vulnerable and often fall prey to the pitfalls that await them when we have to return to service. We must remember that our duties of assistance can continue after the response and this guide can help us fulfill those obligations.

On behalf of this department, and as fire chief and OES Coordinator, I offer my full support for this publication and would appreciate any help in finding a funding solution so we can meet our intent of providing these to our community.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (760) 482-2422

Respectfully submitted


Tony Rouhotas Jr., Fire Chief
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