



WILMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Ms. Nancy Lyon
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RE: New England Canine Search and Rescue

Dear Nancy,

I am writing this to express my sincere gratitude to the members of the New England Canine Search and Rescue team. Once again, as in the past, the Wilmington Police Department used your search dog team to search for a missing person presumed drowned. During the search for the body of Robert Murphy, who was reported missing on April 16, 2009, your team performed searches on three separate days along the shores of the North Branch of the Deerfield River and on Harriman Reservoir in Wilmington.

Although we did not locate Murphy during any of these searches we were able to concentrate our search efforts in areas we felt that the body of Murphy would be located in. With the efforts of your team we were able to narrow down the search area. I am confident, as I know you are that the area your dogs alerted on was likely very close to where Murphy's body was at that time. This is supported by the close proximity to this area where he was finally located.

These efforts do not go unnoticed by the families of the victims whose hope for closure depends on our efforts. Please pass along this letter of our appreciation on behalf of the Wilmington Police to each of canines and their handlers.

Sincerely,

Joseph M. Szarejko
Chief of Police

CC: Robert Rusten, Wilmington Town Manager