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First off I would like to say thank you to and your staff for producing the finest fireboat we have ever seen. I need to give you a little history of our fireboat purchasing project. We embarked on the mission of purchasing a new fireboat in January of 2000. We struggled to raise the appropriate funding for several years. Finally in 2008 it seemed like our long awaited dream was coming to fruition. We had received enough money to bid out the project. We had a great working relationship with MCM and its staff. We received our bids back and unfortunately, we were forced to use another manufacturer due to bidding laws in North Carolina. After a full year we received our boat, only to have it completely fail our acceptance tests. After months of dealing with lawyers and the other manufacturer, we finally terminated our contract. At this point we were able to move onto our first choice, MCM. From this point on, the process was nothing less than perfect. From start to finish we were 100% satisfied with everything that MCM did. From customer service to fabrication, MCM is second to none. Our former boat had stern drives which proved to be inappropriate for rescue operations. Our new Firestorm 30 with jet drives has been outstanding. In just a few short months since we have taken delivery, we have had the opportunity to use the boat on several rescues. The jets worked seamlessly. Its hard to imagine how we made it with stern drives for so long, needless to say we will never go away from jets. I look forward to talking to other fire departments and being able to share our story with them.

Respectfully,

Captain Greg Shaner

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