

August 28th, 2009

To Mr. Walt James and Mr. Gordon Smith
LCI 713/Amphibious Forces Memorial Museum

Gentlemen,

I wanted to take this opportunity to extend my personal gratitude, and the gratitude of the Portland Police Bureau's Special Emergency Reaction Team (SERT) for your extended generosity and the accommodation of our team training on August 6th, 2009.

I contacted Mr. James by telephone with a request for his assistance in providing the retired U.S. Navy ship, LCI713 as a venue for SERT training just a short time before the scheduled event was to occur. Mr. James was extremely helpful, and after a short explanation of our proposed training, quickly granted permission for our training to carry on as planned. I met both Mr. James and Mr. Smith aboard the LCI713 the morning of our scheduled training and was immediately impressed with their knowledge and experience, and with the hospitality with which I was extended.

The training conducted was a "live-fire" scenario event, based on current trends and activities occurring on a local and national level, and throughout the world as police agencies attempt efforts to train for and thwart both criminal and terror related incidents on and around maritime environments. Using river patrol boats, SERT snipers were able to practice approaching and boarding the LCI713. Once aboard, the snipers conducted tactical movements to multiple and varied locations from which they were able to engage "suspect" targets with "live-fire". As this occurred, SERT assaulters were delivered to a landing site by river patrol boats, and then maneuvered to conduct "live-fire" entry training in coordination with the sniper element.

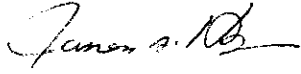
"Live-fire" training is extremely important, and allows a tactical team to add a level of reality that is difficult to achieve in other types of training. By including the additional challenges of a waterborne operation, SERT was able to live up to its name and its mission, to plan for and train to react in a special emergency situation that is beyond what our patrol division commonly trains to handle.

The Portland Police Bureau is a community based policing agency that takes pride in our partnerships from within the community. People who are willing to stand at our side and shoulder some of the burdens and responsibilities that proper police preparations require. As a former United States Marine, I know that this is in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service as well.

I appreciate your participation, and your generosity in regards to our August 6th training. SERT was able to achieve its objectives and meet its goals because of your assistance. Without your assistance, we as a team could not strive to achieve a higher level of skill and capability.

I look forward to the possibilities that this community partnership may bring for future training opportunities as well.

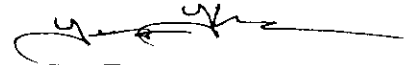
Respectfully,



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