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Hello everyone,

The weather forecast is looking good for us this week. Thanks to everyone across the state for your work over the last run of fire activity. Fires were contained quickly and safely and no one got hurt so we accomplished our mission. Firefighting is hard, dangerous, and all-consuming work. We are fortunate that we only have to deal with it periodically.

Emergency response is always our first priority and as an agency we will set everything else aside to respond, whenever and wherever we are needed. We owe a special thanks to the teams from the eastern and central regions who were on standby last week. They answered the call to assist in southwest Virginia, on short notice, and served admirably giving our local folks a much needed hand. Thanks also to Dave Houttekier and Jason Braunstein for providing IC support. It is no small sacrifice to leave our normal work duties and our personal lives to respond when needed. Thanks to everyone that stands ready to respond when called.

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