



**CITY OF SALEM**

231 S. BROADWAY AVENUE  
SALEM, OHIO 44460

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Canfield/Cardinal Joint Fire Department  
104 Lisbon St.  
Canfield, OH 44406

Dear Canfield/Cardinal Joint Fire Department,

On behalf of the City of Salem, we want to thank your department for providing assistance to our Salem Fire Department in fighting the Salem China fire. Our biggest fear was the safety of all concerned, both at the fire itself and the surrounding residential areas. Thank goodness there were no fatalities or injuries with this tremendous structure fire. We are sure that the quick response by all of the surrounding fire departments was a major factor in containing this fire to the structure that regrettably became unsalvageable. The demand for water issue was a great challenge that was overcome by the teamwork of all fire departments working together with ours.

This has to be one of the best examples of the benefit of mutual aid agreements, and of the professional manner in which everyone involved performed their duties. We feel very fortunate that we live in an area of such dedicated firefighters. Again, please make sure you inform all individuals in your department that participated of the gratitude that we express for their involvement in fighting this fire in our community.

Respectfully,

John C. Berlin  
Mayor of Salem

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Service/Safety Director