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Letters to the Editor
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To the Editor:

The community of Oyster Harbor would like to express its sincere appreciation for the efforts of the many fire departments and fire fighters who responded to the fire in our community Sunday night.

The community is very concerned about the ability of the Anne Arundel Fire Department to fight fires of this magnitude in our community and we want to work with the Department to learn what we can do as a community to make its job easier. And most importantly, we want to be sure that there is a plan in place that gives the fire fighters the best and safest platform to do their very dangerous work for all of the houses on the Annapolis Neck.

Our concerns are not meant in any way to minimize our recognition of the efforts of each and every fire fighter who was ready to risk his or her life to save our lives and property. Not to mention the fire boat that was speeding in the dark out on the frigid waters of the Bay to help us. And we are extremely grateful that many of these men and women came from very far away to help us late at night in frigid temperatures. We'd also like to express our wishes for a speedy recovery for the two young firefighters who were injured as they worked in the very difficult conditions on our behalf.

We are very fortunate to live in a place where emergency personnel join together to protect the citizenry regardless of the distance or time of day or night. We salute them and all the members of this noble profession.

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