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Hey all, it's been a busy three months since taking office as the International President. Trying to get in synch with the new roll and still responding to items on the Region 4 side. I took the office very excited and now more than ever to help guide this club in the best of my ability to grow and keep the club going in the direction that our founding fathers started the organization. We have had our fall board meeting and we have great ideas for the future of the club. First on the agenda is to finish old items then start on the new ideas.

I would like to encourage each member to be engaged with their chapter. Stay focused to help the chapter and the club to grow. Contact your Regional Director with concerns and ideas to help the club grow. We need to remember that this is our club not one persons. I have learned being on the board that a lot of times if we put ideas together it works best for the club. We all need to think what is best for the club not just ourselves or one chapter or region.

Right after the convention I attend three 9/11 rides with local chapters. I will be working with the new Region 4 director to get them up to speed on what has been going on with in the region.

As the New Year starts we need to take a look at why this club was started. It was just a bunch of guys, great friends sitting around wanting something to do. They rode motorcycles and enjoyed each other's company and friendship. It did not matter if they had different ideas or not, they work together as a team and friends to start this great club. I think sometimes we forget that we are a social club. We need not to look at what we can get out of the club but what we can give to club. If you give in return you could get a feeling of success that you have done a great job to help someone. You will certainly make more friendships that you can imagine not just in the chapter but around the world. How many people do you know that can say they have friends in other countries? As a friend of mine always tells me when I call him just get on your bike and ride. Enjoy the adventure and where it takes you and the people you meet.

In closing remember your family and tell them you love them at the beginning and at the end of each day. You never know when it might be the last time, they may see you.

"My profession is somewhat unique in comparison to that of the average person. At any one fixed moment in time when duty calls upon me, I am prepared to sacrifice my own life to save the lives of others I may not even know. I am willing to do this because I understand that we all make choices in life. As for myself, this is the choice and path of service that I have chosen to follow. Though my job is often rewarding, it can also be unsettling. I often reflect upon the simplicity of one question, "Who am I?" At times, I cannot provide this answer, not even for myself. So, "Who am I" to choose a profession in life that regularly shows no mercy for the preciousness of life? "Who am I" to willingly, without hesitation, invite myself into some of the most uninviting situations known to mankind? "Who am I", so that when duty calls, may never again lay eyes on the loved ones I could leave behind? The assumed simplicity of this question is



not so simple after all. Understanding "Who I am" may be difficult to answer at times. However, all I need to do is pause, think about, and remember those lives I have positively influenced and maybe even saved. All I need to do is look back on the years of service I have given to my community and realize that I helped make the world a safer place in which to live. In my heart, I know I made a difference. "Who am I?" I am a Firefighter!"

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