

Commending Tyler Martin + Crew

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Hi there!

I just wanted to send a note of appreciation to Tyler Martin and his crew for helping me out yesterday. I had spent the morning in El Granada, leaving my cell phone in the center console of my Corolla, and enjoyed a hot coffee and a walk on the beach. The sky was misty and the morning seemed full of potential — until my car key fell out of my pocket and into the ocean.

I know.

Because my cell phone was locked in the Corolla, and the key was in a watery grave on the ocean floor, I had to call 911 from a stranger's cell phone and hope for the best. Less than ten minutes later, a fire engine rolled up and Tyler Martin and his crew hopped out. I was mortified. But they immediately put me at ease and made me laugh. It seemed remarkable — that in a situation so embarrassing and so frustrating — I was *enjoying* spending time with the strangers cranking my Corolla open.

It was a very small act of kindness, but I will remember it for a very long time. It shows the caliber of their characters — even more important during disasters that warrant huge acts of kindness. Tyler, and the guys with him, brought me comfort and solved my problem. They probably had a million more important things to be doing. They could have made me feel inconvenient or incompetent for making a silly mistake. But they treated me with respect and lifted a weight off of my shoulders. I can only imagine the effect they have on panicked residents fleeing wildfires or evacuating their homes. I trusted them with opening a car door, but I felt like I could trust them with my life.

I hope their actions are recognized. They deserve it.

When I remember the morning I dropped my car key in the Pacific, the kindness of those firefighters is what I'll remember most.

Thank you again.
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