

I received a Father's Day Card from my son.

Let's play with the words as it relates to "Diversity in the Fire Service"

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Card – **Dad you've taught me so much.**

Chief – Let's all learn as much as we can about embracing diversity.

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Card – **That a little bit of kindness goes a long way, and a lot of kindness can really make a difference.**

Chief – That a little bit of an open mind goes a long way, and diversity can really make us a better team.

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Card – **That some of the best lessons can be learned from our mistakes.**

Chief – We have all made mistakes as it relates to diversity, however, my charge is to lead my agency into more diverse 21st Century.

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Card – **That the right choice isn't always the easiest.**

Chief – I want to both make the right choice while at the same time being on the right side of history.

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Card – **And that there are never too many ways to let people know you love them.**

Chief – There are many ways to show your community you support and embrace diversity.

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Card – **Thank you, Dad, for teaching me the most important things in life – just by the way you live yours.**

Chief – I thank all of my staff for sharing with me your positive traits regarding diversity by the way you conduct yourself.

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I received this card from my son Heath, on Father's Day 2020

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