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Chief Craft,

On December 16th, 2005 our police department had the horrid experience of having one of our own, Officer Paul Hudak, involved in a serious injury accident at 12 Mile Road and Stephenson Highway. Officer Hudak had pulled behind a disabled vehicle, spoken to the driver of the vehicle and then returned to his patrol vehicle to continue assisting the motorist. Seconds later his vehicle was struck from behind by a vehicle driven by an intoxicated driver. In a split second Officer Hudak went from assisting a citizen to being a victim. He was trapped in the patrol vehicle due to the damage inflicted by the intoxicated driver's vehicle and was in earnest need of assistance. Officers from the Troy Police Department responded and were on scene in just a moment to assist in any way they possibly could.

Officer Hudak was trapped in the vehicle for approximately 30 minutes and was transported to Royal Oak Beaumont after extrication. During the transport to Royal Oak Beaumont, the Troy Police Department, the Royal Oak Police Department and the Michigan State Police stopped traffic at each intersection, from the scene of the accident to the entrance of the hospital, so the transport of Officer Hudak was not slowed. This assistance was vital because it allowed Officer Hudak to receive medical attention much more quickly and at the time of arrival at the hospital the extent and seriousness of injuries were not known. After assessment it was found that Officer Hudak was seriously injured but his injuries were not life threatening. We are very thankful that Officer Hudak's injuries were not more serious.

I want to thank your department, the Troy Police Department, and each one of your officers for their assistance and their sincere concern. It is reassuring to know that when any of our officers are involved in a critical incident we can count on each other for assistance. Again, I thank you for your officers' assistance, as does Officer Hudak and the officers of the Madison Heights Police Department.

Sincerely,

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