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Chief Charles Craft
Troy Police Department
500 West Big Beaver Road
Troy, Michigan 48084

Chief Craft,

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to you and your officers for all of the valuable insight and experience I obtained during the course of my internship with the Troy Police Department. I know from interns at other departments, and past experience, that often it can be tedious for officers to have someone ride along with them. Despite this fact, not once did any officer from Troy make me feel like I was a burden to them, nor did they make me feel unwelcome. In fact, I found the opposite often true. Many officers seemed very open to offer advice and were more than willing to share from their own experiences, offering both positive and negative examples of situations and decisions they made in their careers. Their honesty and openness were more than I expected when I began the process to seek an internship.

The internship experience was vital in my education and very revealing of what real-life police work is like. Being at Troy helped me understand just what being an officer is about more so than any text book or class lecture could have. By offering student interns the opportunity to observe your department's operations, combined with the candor and professionalism of your officers, you have shown that Troy PD is a forward-thinking organization that is concerned and interested in the future of the law enforcement profession. I feel that I was very fortunate to have the opportunity to be a small part of your department for the month I was there.

Once again you, your organization and your officers all have my sincere gratitude. I know that when I begin the quest to start my career in law enforcement, the City of Troy will definitely be one of the first places in which I will seek a position. I wish you and your officers continued success.

Regards,

Patrick M. Reinke
Grand Valley State University

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