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Troy Police Department
Attention: Chief of Police Gary G. Mayer
500 West Big Beaver Road
Troy, Michigan 48024

Chief Mayer,

I am writing you today regarding one of your Police Officers, Craig Fitzpatrick. I was fortunate enough to recently attend the "Police Mountain Bike Training" from April 27th through May 1st, 2009 at the Macomb Community College Criminal Justice Training Center. Officer Fitzpatrick was one of the instructors of that class.

I have been a Police Officer for over 12 years, and have attended nearly 30 training classes since my academy graduation. This class was by far the best I have attended to date. What made it the best was the obvious dedication and professionalism shown by the instructors, Officer Fitzpatrick in particular. He taught by example, never asking us to do anything he himself would not do first. Officer Fitzpatrick showed a passion for law enforcement that is rare in seasoned veteran officers, who sometimes lose their drive over time.

Officer Fitzpatrick taught us with energy and enthusiasm. He showed an obvious commitment to the work we do, and an eagerness to pass along his knowledge. He motivated us when we were exhausted, and made us push ourselves harder. He rode along side of us, and did not coach us from the sidelines. He earned our respect.

I know that I am going to be able to put his training to use in the City of Warren, where I am a Police Officer. People are quick to criticize us and to make complaints, but seldom do we hear from them when an officer does something positive. Please thank Officer Fitzpatrick on behalf of our entire class for his dedication and hard work. He is no doubt one of the reasons that Troy remains one of the best and safest communities in our state. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Gregory Booton

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Gary

CITY MGR
DIVISION COMMANDERS
OFFICER FITZPATRICK