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**To:** Frank Nastasi; Meghan Broderick Lehman; Edwin Julian; Melissa A Raymer  
**Subject:** Thank You!

Good morning, Chief Nastasi, Sgt. Meghan, Officer John, and Officer Melissa,

I send a sincere thank you for your role in partnering to host the *Not In Our Town* annual program this past Monday, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. What an appropriate way to celebrate Dr. King's legacy. I appreciate your continued, active partnership with Troy-area Interfaith Group and KYND (Know Your Neighbor Daily initiative) to deliver quality programs to our community.

Thank you, Chief, for sharing a few words of welcome and perspective. In your role as a leader in our community, the attendees were appreciative of the opportunity to meet and interact with you in such an important program about diversity, peace, and justice. And thank you Sgt. Meghan for your continued leadership role in planning and delivering these community awareness programs, and to Officer John and Officer Melissa, for your ongoing commitment to and active involvement in educational opportunities. Your visible presence makes a positive statement and difference.

Clearly, by the discussion following the videos and the positive results of the written surveys, the program was well-received and provided a much needed reassurance about the value of diversity, the goal of peace, and the desire for this type of proactive programming. I always leave these events with a renewed appreciation for our Troy Police Department and a rekindled sense of optimism. Please feel free to connect with Troy-area Interfaith Group and KYND for future opportunities to partner in delivering this type of program.

Thank you for all you do!

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