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Dave,

It is with mixed feelings that I write this letter. I do so on receipt of your letter outlining your intention to retire from the North Westside Fire/Rescue volunteer fire department.

It is my observation that service to these organizations in rural areas is not only a wonderful service to the community, but a source of pride for those serving. Having the opportunity to meet you on several occasions and in reviewing your service record I believe both of these observations apply to you.

In the over 15 years you have served, you have not only provided the inherent public safety service - you have provided countless hours to projects that will improve the Department for years after your retirement. I note in particular that your efforts were key to the success of both the retaining wall and flag pole projects.

The Wild Fire mural on the bay wall at station 101 that you painted will be a tribute and constant reminder of your years of service.

You have assisted with countless fundraisers. You were regularly seen with an apron on at BBQs or spinning vinyl at dances. Having spent some time with you, I would have liked to have attended one of these dances to compare our tastes in music.

As I stated above, I have had several occasions to meet and talk with you. At some of these meetings we have had some difficult conversations. I can say unequivocally regardless of the subject, you have always believed that you acted in the best interests of the fire department. Your ongoing dedication is impressive.

While you have announced your intention to retire, your dedication is reflected in your offer to assist with training or any other areas where you can serve. I will pass this offer on the Chief.

I closing I would like to thank you one more time for the years of service to the community you provided and wish you well.

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