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To: Monterey Police Chief

Chief Backhaus,

I am writing this email in reference to Sergeant Michael Johnson. I want to express my gratitude and appreciation for him. Sergeant Johnson paved the way for me to achieve my goals to becoming a Full Time Police Officer. I am currently working for the City of Laconia, in New Hampshire. I serve in the uniformed Patrol Division, and have been a member since 2013.

The training that I received from Sergeant Johnson resonated with me and carried on with me after I left the town of Monterey. Sergeant Johnson's FTO program was well put together and very challenging. Along with teaching me the Laws to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Sergeant Johnson also taught me a very important concept in this line of work, OFFICER SAFETY. I can't stress how important this concept is, and how serious Sergeant Johnson took this topic. I can explicitly remember one night, where Sergeant Johnson organized a scenario night. Myself and another new Officer at the time Officer Sean Reagan were put through several car stop scenarios with members of the Monterey Fire Department.

Each scenario was challenging and taught an important concept. However, Sergeant Johnson closely monitored the scenario and used every moment to teach myself and Officer Reagan important Officer Safety Concepts that came up in each scenario. I remember that night vividly in my head and can not express how appreciative I am for Sergeant Johnson's hard work and dedication to put that night together.

Even on the road, Sergeant Johnson would constantly throw me road side quizzes to make sure I was prepared to handle certain situations when I was on my own. However, the teaching didn't stop with just Law Enforcement. Sergeant Johnson taught me a lot about life, teaching me to pursue my dreams, and to never stop learning. Sergeant Johnson taught me that a great Police Officer is one who can interact with any person from all walks of life. Sergeant Johnson later explained this to me further by challenging me to go out when I wasn't working and strike up conversations with new people. Sergeant Johnson taught me to look for a common ground with that individual, which would establish rapport with them. I often found myself doing this on many occasions if I was out at a social gathering with new people that I had never met before.

After I left Monterey I took what I learned from Sergeant Johnson and applied it to all aspects of my life. I was able to achieve my goal of becoming a Full Time Police Officer and have had a very successful career to date. I have worked on my high profile cases, making arrests for armed robberies, as well as some kidnapping cases in my region. I have taken my previous knowledge from Sergeant Johnson and have developed effective interviewing skills which have helped me solve cases that had little evidence.

I am proud to say that I served with Sergeant Johnson, and would jump at the chance to serve with him again. He was a wise, and fair supervisor who did nothing but offer help and guidance, no what matter what day or time it was. He would say to me, "call me if you need any help," and when I called he would answer right away. On the day of my graduation from the New Hampshire Police Academy, Sergeant Johnson was in attendance to support me in my triumph. No man was more enthusiastic about this job, and about teaching as Sergeant Johnson was, and I owe him greatly for paving the way.

Sincerely,

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