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April 12, 2016

Ms. Burdella Thomas
c/o Stephanie Johnson
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Dear Ms. Thomas:

On the occasion of your retirement, please allow me to express my sincere appreciation for your services from 1979 to 1984 to the Second Precinct and the citizens of Virginia Beach.

It takes a special kind of person to be a police officer, especially in light of today's social and economic climate. It is true that a police officer most often sees people at their worst. In many instances, the only recognition received is negative.

For most of us, however, the law enforcement profession is not just a job. We do it because we care for our fellow man and because we seek justice for everyone.

I speak for the Police Department, our city leaders, and our citizens when I say thank you for your dedication, caring, and selflessness. I wish you well in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

James A. Cervera
Chief of Police

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April 29, 2016

Reserve Sergeant Burdella Thomas
Chula Vista Police Department
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Dear Sergeant Thomas,

I am writing to congratulate you on the occasion of your retirement and to commend you for 37 years of service to law enforcement in both the Virginia Beach, Virginia Police Department and the Chula Vista, California Police Department.

Having been a police officer for more than thirty years myself, I understand the tremendous sacrifice, dedication and commitment necessary to achieve such a milestone. Your accomplishment is all the more impressive considering you served your entire career as a reserve officer.

Your family is understandably proud of your accomplishments. I, too, share in that pride when you, as a former Cambridge resident, distinguished yourself in our profession. Your many years of faithful service should be a source of personal pride and satisfaction, knowing you have touched many lives throughout your long career.

Please accept my sincere congratulations and appreciation for your many years of honorable service.

Best wishes for a long and productive retirement.

Most respectfully,



Chief William R. LePage