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Re: Tarrytown announcement in support of the Tarrytown Police

To all the good men and women officers of the Tarrytown Police Department,

The Village Board of Trustees and I wish to express our gratitude for and continued support of your outstanding efforts serving the people of our Village. We recognize that the Tarrytown Police Department (TPD) has responded to over 60,000 calls over the past five years, an average of over 12,000 calls per year, and during that 5-year time frame the Village has received only seven complaints. This is an impressive record. Under the leadership of Chief John Barbelet and his trusted lieutenants, sergeants and officers our TPD continually strives for community mindedness, with creative outreach programs and interaction with the diverse members of our community. We are proud to have had some part in the Department's recruitment efforts which have resulted in increased diversity and a multicultural workplace that mirrors the community it serves.

The events of the past month have thrust law enforcement in general and TPD in particular into sensitive, sometimes volatile situations where they must protect and serve the community while at times bearing the brunt of public outrage. We have watched in awe as you have handled the recent demonstrations with grace and professionalism. We look forward to working with the department as we follow the Governor's directive on Police Reform. There is no question in our minds that the department already performs at the highest level of professionalism however, we are all being asked to do better. We thank you in advance for your willingness to look inward and for your perspective and input as we move forward. We are committed to keeping these talks productive, fair and uplifting for the public and law enforcement alike.

Again, we thank you all for your dedication and service. Your presence in our community improves the quality of life for all residents of Tarrytown. We stand behind our Police Department knowing its members reflect Tarrytown's most cherished values of liberty and justice for all people.

Sincerely,

Mayor Drew Fixell

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