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Julie, I received the attached letter. I just wanted to let you know that I, regretfully, will not be able to attend. I certainly appreciate the invitation by the Common Council.

If you could pass along the following to the Common Council I would certainly appreciate it.

To members of the Common Council I just wanted to say that I was honored and felt privileged to have had the opportunity to serve the great citizens of the City of Hartford as a law enforcement officer. Once I made the decision to go into law enforcement I could not have imagined doing anything else anywhere else.

My twenty years as a law enforcement officer for the City of Hartford was rewarding and satisfying as well as challenging. I never took my job for granted and have always felt that I was well compensated for the work I did by the City of Hartford.

I also knew, as a first line supervisor, that when I made a decision in good faith, that I had the trust and the backing of not only my immediate supervisors but also members of the PFC, the Common Council, the Mayor and the City Administrator.

I believe past Mayors and members of the Common Council as well as present members including members of the PFC, have done an excellent job of making the Hartford Police Department one of the most professional and progressive departments in the area. It starts with you. I can only see that continuing under the new direction of Mayor Dautermann.

One last thing that I always said I wanted to do when I retire is give a shout out to the following individuals who probably more than anyone else deserve it. Those are members of the Hartford Fire Department and especially members of the Rescue Squad. My job with the Police Department was made much easier because of the professionalism, dedication and quick response by these unselfish volunteers. Working 3rd shift for twenty years I had the opportunity to assist some of these individuals at some of the most gruesome and tragic events imaginable. Their dedication is unequalled.

Again, I feel as though I should be the one thanking you and the citizens of the City for allowing me to spend the last twenty years as an employee for the City of Hartford. Thank you.

CC Hartford Common Council

Sergeant Gary Fuiten / Retired

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Fuiten", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.