

**Tim Dirkes**

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter to express my interest in being selected for the position of Sergeant for the Grand Rapids Police Department. I am currently a patrol officer with the Grand Rapids Police Department with nearly 15 years of law enforcement service, more than 11 years of which I have been serving on the Grand Rapids Police Department.

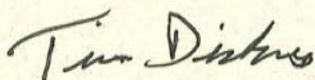
I graduated from Bemidji State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice in the summer 2007. I then started my law enforcement career November 2007 in the city of Winnebago. I moved to Grand Rapids May of 2011 where I worked as a Youth Counselor for North Homes and was hired November 2011 with Grand Rapids Police Department. I have been selected as a Field Training Officer for the Grand Rapids Police Department and in April 2015 completed FTO Basic training. I have had the opportunity to assist in the training the last six officers hired by the Grand Rapids Police Department. I enjoyed sharing my knowledge and skills with them, as I assisted them in becoming great police officers for the city of Grand Rapids. I have completed the Minnesota BCA Supervision and Management series of classes in September 2015 and look forward to applying what I have learned to enhance the Grand Rapids Police Department.

I want to be a Sergeant for the Grand Rapids Police Department because I believe I am already an informal leader within the department but to optimize my abilities would best be served from the Sergeant role. In my time serving the City of Grand Rapids I have gained a vast knowledge of policy and procedure, displayed my knowledge of criminal law, worked efficiently with other agencies, and have showed my desire to perform my duties to the highest of standards all while showing the highest levels of professionalism and integrity.

By selecting me as a Sergeant it would be not only beneficial to the Grand Rapids Police Department but to the agencies that collaborate with the department as well as the citizens we serve and protect.

I thank you for your time and consideration for this position and look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully,



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