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Dear Chief Cole and member of the GRFD,

After discussing this with my family and having 20 plus years of serving the citizens of Grand Rapids. I am officially retiring effective February 8th, 2022.

I would like to thank the city for giving me the opportunity to serve the city of Grand Rapids and its citizens for the past 20 years. It truly has been an honor.

I would also like to thank my wife and my family. As all of us firefighters know without a good supportive spouse and family, it certainly would make doing this job much more challenging. My wife and kids have sacrificed so much to make it possible for me to be a part of this great organization, I truly can not thank them enough. I would like to thank all of the past and present members I have served with, without all of your help and teachings I would not have been the fire fighter I am today.

I am so honored to be a part of the Grand Rapids Fire Department and the fire service. This is truly the best team I have ever been a part of in my life. The sacrifice and selflessness that us firefighters and our families go through on any given minute of any given hour of any given day is truly amazing. We never know what the call will be or what members will be there to assist with the call; but we always get the job done.

The past 20 years have had its ups and downs for sure, but I would not change any bit of it. I have made life long friends and have become family with every member I have ever served with. This has been not only my family, but it's been my family's family for 20 years. My kids have grown up here and now I have grandkids enjoying being a part of this family. This has been bittersweet for all of us.

So in closing, I would like to thank you all for what you have done for me and my family. Going forward, I would urge you to never forget the members who came before you, and to enjoy every moment with the members you are serving with, and always be mindful of the members that will serve in the future.

Thank you,

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