

Chery Pierzina

From: Travis Cole
Sent: Thursday, September 4, 2025 6:37 PM
To: Chery Pierzina
Subject: Fw: Retirement Letter - Jake Barsness

Please see the email below from Jake Barsness.

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From: Jake Barsness <JBarsness@herculift.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 4, 2025 6:30:06 PM
To: Travis Cole <tcole@grandrapidsmn.gov>
Cc: Travis Cole <tcole@grandrapidsmn.gov>
Subject: Retirement Letter - Jake Barsness

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9-04-2025

Chief Travis Cole
Grand Rapids Fire Department
104 SE 11th St. Grand Rapids MN 55744

Dear Chief Travis Cole

Please accept this letter as a formal notification that I am retiring from my position as a firefighter with the Grand Rapids Fire Department effective 9-04-2025.

I am so grateful for the valuable experience and opportunity you and the department has given me. You and the entire Grand Rapids Fire Department will be part of the reason of who I am and who I have become.

So many great memories and so many friends made I am honored to have been part of this great organization for 10 years.

I wish you and the department all the best. Please be safe, be kind and I will miss each and everyone of you.

Sincerely,
Jake Barsness

Travis Cole | Fire Chief
