

## Chery Pierzina

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**From:** Travis Cole  
**Sent:** Monday, July 28, 2025 1:13 PM  
**To:** Chery Pierzina  
**Subject:** Fw: Resignation letter

Please use this letter as his formal retirement letter. He misunderstood the date he should put down for his last day.

Thanks

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**From:** Patrick Flaherty <patflaherty01@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 28, 2025 1:09:15 PM  
**To:** Travis Cole <tcole@grandrapidsmn.gov>  
**Subject:** Resignation letter

I, Patrick Flaherty, will be resigning from my role as Firefighter for the City of Grand Rapids, MN, effective July 14th at 11:59 PM.

I am forever grateful for everyone on the department and everyone who made it possible for me to live out a lifelong dream of mine in being a firefighter in the community that I've called home for my entire life. The fulfillment that doing this for the last five years has brought me is irreplaceable.

After several long, hard conversations, my family and I have decided that leaving the department would be in our best interest moving forward. It was not a decision that was come to easily, or one that I had foreseen coming this early in my career as a firefighter, but one that has become necessary recently.

The memories that I've made in the past five years are memories that I'll cherish for the rest of my life. I'll forever be proud to have been a part of this department, and I'll miss the brotherhood and the sense of purpose that being a firefighter has brought me. I'm thankful for every single person that I've been able to work alongside.

## Travis Cole | Fire Chief

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