Dear Chief Heiland,

I am writing this letter to formally resign from my position at the Long Lake Fire Department, effective December 31st 2023. It is with a heavy heart that I make this decision, as my time at the department has been life changing.

During my tenure I've had the privilege of working alongside dedicated and selfless individuals who continually put their lives on the line to protect and serve our community. The camaraderie and sense of purpose experienced within the LLFD family is truly unparalleled.

However, after careful consideration, I've come to the realization that it's time for me to pursue a new chapter in my life and serve the community in which I live. I did not arrive at this decision easily but I am confident that it is the right one for me personally, professionally and for my family.

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone at the Long Lake Fire Department. The knowledge and skills I have acquired, the friendships I have formed, and the invaluable experiences I have gained will forever shape me as an individual. I am proud to have been part of a team that exemplifies professionalism, bravery, and unwavering dedication.

I will always cherish the memories and the bonds I have formed during my time. I am grateful for the opportunities and the trust that has been placed in me. I wish you and the entire department continued success, safety, and fulfillment in all your future endeavors.

Thank you! Shane Gardner

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