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Dear Palmyra Residents,

I am writing to all of the great residents that we as dedicated police officers serve on a daily basis to thank you for all of your support that you have always shown our department. On Tuesday June 30th I will walk out of the police department for the last time as a Palmyra Police Officer. A career I would not have changed in any way. A career that I need to not only thank Mayor and Council for, but for everyone we serve. It is you the residents that have made this a great career that I will never forget.

In September of 1984 I was fortunate enough that Chief Robert Fow gave me an opportunity to become a Special Officer (part-time officer). For the next ten (10) years I worked part-time supporting the patrol officers for the department; learning how great police work can be while I worked for Goodyear in a career I thought I would work until I retired. However there is something about being a police officer and dedicating your life to serving the community. So in April of 1994 Chief Robert Fow again took a smaller chance since he had known my work for the last 10 years and I was appointed as a Patrolman for the Palmyra Police Department. A career that would be greater than I could have ever imagined.

As I embarked on my career as a full time police officer I realized even greater how a police officer in a small town needed to be a jack of all trades; traffic officer, medical care provider, community police specialist, domestic violence counselor and more. Realizing the strong need for community involvement I worked to start the department's Adopt-A-Cop program in Charles Street School and our Public Safety Day which became a part of Palmyra Day.

In April of 2010 Mayor Gural and Council again took faith in my abilities and appointed me Chief of Police. A position that I quickly learned was going to be my hardest to transition to; a 7 day a week, 52 weeks a year responsibility. A responsibility that did not disappear just because I was on vacation and out of the state. However, a position that I quickly learned and one that through everything I have relished.

Throughout my career I have met a lot of residents and have become close friends with many. I have worked hard to create an open and transparent department with a great group of officers. Each of our officers takes an oath to support the constitution of the United States and New Jersey and to enforce the laws equally, fairly and impartially, something we take great pride in. We are here to help and support our community.

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When we are not worried about COVID the department works hard to interact with the public. I ask that you take advantage of these opportunities:

1. Junior Police Academy for students in grades 6 through 9
2. Citizens Police Academy for adults, this usually runs from September thru November, one night a week. A great opportunity to meet our officers and see how we operate.
3. Palmyra Day
4. National Night Out
5. Numerous Coffees with a Cop

Additionally we are always available to answer any of your questions via email or by meeting with you at police headquarters.

So on June 30th when I make the hardest walk out the building in my entire career I know that I am proud of the job I have done. I am also proud that I know that I am leaving the department in very competent hands. On July 1st Lt. Meghan Campbell will make the hardest entrance into Police Hq's as the department's newest Chief of Police. The first female Chief in Burlington County and the new person with all of the responsibilities I am leaving. The town is in great hands with an outstanding department.

Thank you to all of our residents for your support throughout the years. It is what makes living and working in a small town so great.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. Pearlman".

Scott Pearlman
Chief of Police