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Hon. Mayor Hallman
Members of the Tempe City Council
31 East Fifth Street
Tempe, Arizona 85281

Re: Governor's Office of Highway Safety Commendation for Chief of Police Tom Ryff

Mayor Hallman and Members of the Tempe City Council,

The purpose of this letter is to request a public appearance before the Tempe City Council, during the Mayor's Announcements portion of the Formal City Council meeting on the evening of February 10. I will personally attend to award Tempe Police Chief Tom Ryff with *The Governor's Office of Highway Safety Traffic Safety Award*.

Throughout his 30 year career as a Tempe Police Officer, Tom Ryff has recognized the importance of building coalitions and creating programs that directly impact community safety. Since becoming Chief, he continues to promote a true community police force that values education and innovation as well as strong enforcement.

Chief Ryff has spent his entire 31-year career with the Tempe Police Department, working in every area of the organization. After his appointment to Chief over four years ago, Tom Ryff assembled an executive team and command staff to implement a reorganization strategy that has transformed the Tempe PD into a technologically advanced law enforcement agency with five primary goals: fight crime, provide quality service, provide a supportive environment for employees, promote organizational development and innovation, and enhance the use of information technology.

Under Chief Ryff's leadership, the Tempe Police Department continuously demonstrates a commitment to excellence by delivering high-quality police services while preparing to meet the increased public safety challenges of the future.

Below are listed just a few of the programs related to traffic enforcement and safety in which Chief Ryff was instrumental, and for which he receives this award:

- Established and implemented the Major Collision Investigations Team
- Institutionalized the concept of specialization in the Traffic Bureau
- Promoted the use of technology for the investigation of Vehicular Crimes
- Implemented and taught Accident Reconstruction curriculum at the national level
- Implemented and created curriculum for officer training in Impairment Recognition
- Emphasized training in effective criminal prosecution for impaired driving violations
- Emphasized officer use of criminal statutes to achieve prosecution in DUI cases
- Worked with the GOHS to establish the grant program by which law enforcement agencies can share resources for statewide DUI task forces

Respectfully,



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