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John Podgorski
Deputy Fire Chief
City of Portage Fire Department
7830 Shaver Road
Portage, MI 49024

Re: Public Safety Officer Eric Zapata

Dear Chief Podgorski:

The Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety gratefully acknowledges the generosity and compassionate service which you provided on behalf of Officer Eric Zapata, who was killed in the line of duty on April 18, 2011.

During this very difficult time, when our department and community were devastated by the senseless violence resulting in Officer Zapata's murder, we took great comfort and solace in the support that you and the members of your department provided for us in manning Station 7 so that members of our department could attend the funeral service, as well as the presence of the Fire Honor Guard during Eric's funeral service.

The men and women of Kalamazoo Public Safety proudly serve this community. Our resolve to continue to provide the highest level of public safety services has not wavered. Your kindness and compassion serve to bolster that resolve. Your generosity and support are a shining example of citizenship at its finest.

Gratefully and sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Hadley", written over a horizontal line.

Jeffrey Hadley, Chief
Kalamazoo Public Safety