Chief Danny Sharp
Oro Valley Police Department

Nov. 24, 2014

Dear Chief,

I recently completed the OVPD Citizen Academy. I wanted to let you know how valuable and worthwhile it was, not only as a town citizen, but more importantly, as a new citizen volunteer for the police department.

All major areas of the department were covered, introducing us to the many areas of responsibility which are superbly handled by your employees.

I would like to commend Officer Jodi Stevens for her work in putting this program together and making it work seamlessly for the 12 weeks of the course. I have conducted many dozens of police training sessions during my time as a prosecutor and FBI agent, and I know how logistically challenging things can get when trying to coordinate other speakers. There was never any "down time" and I very much enjoyed the presentations and the effort expended to make this happen.

The Citizen Academy allowed me to meet several members of the department with whom I had not yet met during my duties as a citizen volunteer. This was very valuable to me and I very much enjoyed this.

As part of the OVPD Citizen Academy, I had the opportunity on November 12 for a ride-along with Officer Mike Kelley. I wanted to let you know that I found him to be very professional, dedicated, courteous and helpful. He took the time to explain the workings of his vehicle's computer and answered all of my questions. I observed him interact with several citizens during the calls he received during my four hours with him, and he is most certainly a credit to the profession and to your department. I would like to commend him for his work and for putting up with an old, retired guy for several hours.

I would also like to commend Lead Police Officer Trey Smith, for taking the time to elaborate on certain police actions taken while I was riding along with Officer Kelley. I appreciated the consideration shown to me.

In short, thank you for leading such an outstanding police department and for allowing mere citizens to attend the Citizen Academy to learn the inner workings of your department. It was time well spent and it was greatly appreciated. I'm sure I speak for the many members of the class who thank you for making it happen for us. Please convey my special thanks to Officers Stevens, Smith and Kelley.

Sincerely,

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