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To whom it may concern

**Letter of Support for Grand Forks Citizens on Patrol**

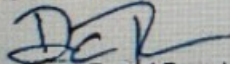
I cannot stress enough the vital role and importance that the Grand Forks Citizens on Patrol (COP) provide for not just myself and my officers, but for the community of Grand Forks, BC. Their commitment to community involvement, engagement and safety is very evident.

The COP perform a variety of services that better this community. One is their patrols where they go out at random times (from evening, to late at night to early morning) and are essentially an extra pair of eyes for us. They can go places undetected and remain out on the road. If they do come across something, they do not need to go through our dispatch to report this, rather they can call and speak directly to a police officer on shift allowing for quicker response time.

Another role is that of their speed reader board where they set up at various locations (ie school zones, highways, busy streets) with the purpose of not just slowing down the travelling motorists, but also collecting and providing us with valuable data ensuring we know what areas are of concern.

Over the past few years, the COP and the Grand Forks RCMP have established a strong working relationship, one that we want to see not just continue, but grow. An example would be for the COP to have a vehicle that is clearly marked with its name and COP insignia. What this would signify when they are out on patrol that they are watching and reporting, which does send a message to those out and about that tonight may not be their night for anything suspicious or criminal. In other words, their visible presence is a very strong deterrent for criminal activity which only serves to better our community.

The work that these volunteers perform cannot be appreciated enough.

  
Sergeant Darryl Pepler  
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