

West Fargo Exchange Club
Attn: Chuck Driscoll
PO Box 522
West Fargo ND 58078

15 April 2014

Dear Sir:

Please accept my nomination of West Fargo Police Chief Arland H. Rasmussen for the West Fargo Police Employee of the Year. Chief Rasmussen is an outstanding administrator and advocator for the West Fargo Police Department and law enforcement in the region.

Chief Rasmussen began his career in law enforcement with the Cass County Sheriff's Department in 1972. He obtained the rank of Lieutenant and was head of the investigations division. In January 1995 he assumed the position of Chief of Police in the City of West Fargo.

Chief Rasmussen has been instrumental and is a visionary in the development of the West Fargo Police Department. He has initiated and developed programs to expand and enhance the capability of the department to serve the community of West Fargo. He continues to seek out new possibilities in cutting edge technologies and services.

Chief Rasmussen takes an active role in developing law enforcement in the Fargo-Moorhead area, within the State and in the Midwest Region. Chief Rasmussen chairs the local chief's and sheriff's meeting. The group meets regularly to discuss relevant law enforcement issues. Attendees include North Dakota and Minnesota law enforcement officers on the local, county and state levels. He also chairs the Regional Training Center Board and is a member of the Board of Directors of Red River Regional Dispatch Center.

On the State level Chief Rasmussen is the President of the Chiefs of Police Association and is a regular attendee of the North Dakota Peace Officers Association Conference. Chief Rasmussen has been involved with legislative issues on the State level testifying in Bismarck during hearings relating to law enforcement. Chief Rasmussen routinely distributes information to fellow law enforcement officials to ensure all have the most up to date information available. His dedication to the profession of law enforcement in North Dakota was recognized in 2009 when Chief Rasmussen received the North Dakota Peace Officers Association Lone Eagle Award. The Lone Eagle award is an honor presented annually to an active North Dakota Peace Officer, each of whom, in the eyes of their comrades, has contributed guidance, inspiration, and support throughout his career as a law enforcement official in the State of North Dakota.

Chief Rasmussen is a strong advocator regionally for Mid-States Organized Crime Information Center (MOCIC) where he sits on the Board of Directors. You have

undoubtedly heard him speak of the virtues of being a member. He has also traveled to Washington DC to speak during Congressional Hearings on law enforcement issues.

Chief Rasmussen is an individual who, through his dedication to law enforcement, has brought an improved level of service to the citizens of West Fargo, the State of North Dakota and the Mid-West Region. He constantly strives to improve law enforcement at all levels for the betterment of mankind.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Reitan", with a large, stylized flourish above the name.

Michael D Reitan, Assistant Chief
West Fargo Police