

May 18, 2015

Ron Carlee

Mayor and City Council

Dear City Manager, Mayor, City Council Members

As I approach the completion of my seventh year as Chief of Police of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department, the time has come for me to retire. I have not reached this important career decision without enormous thought and reflection.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you personally for the honor of leading the finest law enforcement agency in the country. Your collective and individual support and encouragement of me and the Department have allowed Charlotte to achieve historic public safety accomplishments. Our citizens and communities have all seen and experienced significant crime reductions in every crime category to include the lowest number of homicides on record. More importantly citizens from across our city and county have become more engaged and supportive of our efforts to both serve and protect all.

Your support has moved our Department light years ahead of many cities when it comes to various technology enhancements including video camera systems, various crime analytics, Real Time Crime Center, and Body Worn Cameras.

However, the real value of the Department rest with the men and women who sacrifice and give so much each and every day to our city and citizens. There is no doubt the current leadership will continue to move this Department forward in a direction that further strengthens our community into one we are all very proud to be a part.

My intended date of retirement will be July 1, 2015, please know that this has been a very difficult decision and one that I have been contemplating for some time now.

Again, thank you for the wonderful opportunity and experience.

Rodney D. Manroe

Chief of Police