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To: [Jodi Alexander](#)
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Subject: RE: Thank you MPD!
Date: Friday, June 12, 2020 11:36:48 AM

Thank you, Ms. Bane. I am forwarding your email on to Mineola Police Department and we very much appreciate your words of gratitude and the story. Thank you for sharing some good news and positive feedback.

Best regards,
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-----Original Message-----

From: Jodi Alexander [<mailto:jalexander8806@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2020 6:32 PM
To: info@mineola.com
Subject: Thank you MPD!

An officer by the name of Terry just stopped by to give my kids stickers when they were playing outside. I didn't want to take up her time when she stopped so I'd like to take the opportunity to send my gratitude now.

The timing of this could not have been better. My 4 year old daughter unfortunately told me on our way home from daycare earlier this week that she did not like the police because they shoot people. As a parent of a 2 year old and 4 year old, I have not had to respond to tough issues like this before. As a counselor, I talk about social issues regularly. It hits you a little harder when it's your own 4 year old child. I was stunned and speechless. I of course responded by educating her on all the ways that officers help people. I also want my kids to be able to form their own opinion on tough issues as they grow older. I think this will be something that she will always remember. She's very inquisitive and opinionated (already) and has likely been thinking about things she's been hearing for some time. I really appreciate the officer taking her time to stop and say hello. As I said, it was perfect timing and likely made a lasting positive impression. A big thank you to Officer Terry and the rest of MPD for this and all that you sacrifice and do to keep our community safe.

Sincerely,
Jodi Bane

Sent from my iPhone