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Reference in support of Mrs. Carla Garrett

Dear Sir/Madam:

By way of introduction, I am Bill Renton and have been a police officer for over thirty-seven (37) years. For the past seven years, I have been with the Woodstock Police Service and currently hold the rank of Chief of Police. Prior to that, I was with the Ontario Provincial Police retiring 30 Jun 10 as a Detective Inspector with the Criminal Investigation Branch.

I had the pleasure to meet Carla in 2009 when she was a reporter at the Sentinel Review newspaper in Woodstock. During that time, I had the occasion to interact with her during coverage of police files and in particular the Stafford homicide investigation. I found Carla to be extremely professional, sensitive and a fair reporter. I also had the opportunity to witness Carla's professionalism during the Safe Communities process as Woodstock Police Service championed the process for the local community. Carla worked closely with Chief Freeman on that project. Carla was so impressive that she was offered part-time employment with our service in March of 2013 and quickly became a well-respected, dedicated and committed member. Unfortunately Carla was only with our service for a short time as in August of 2013 she was offered full-time employment with the Township of East Zorra-Tavistock Fire Service. Woodstock police unfortunately did not have any full-time positions open at that time.

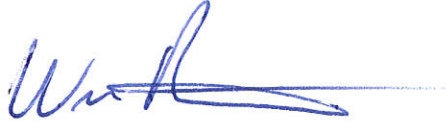
Carla also went onto to start her publication "Inspire" which is an excellent local faith based magazine. I was fortunate to be able to do an article with Carla and again was impressed with her professionalism. I admired the positive attitude Carla always had, all the while dealing with the health issues of her son Xavier. Simply incredible humanity, kindness and compassion.

I firmly believe Carla has the qualities to make an excellent Corporate Communications Manager. She is a very smart, analytical individual who approaches situations with an open mind and treats everyone with respect and compassion.

Having been in policing for thirty-seven years, I have had the opportunity to work with, train, and select many new civilian members. I do know the attributes and qualities of an individual required to make a good member of a police service. Carla Garrett is definitely possessive of those attributes and qualities.

I have every confidence that if given the opportunity, Carla will become a valued member of your police service. I would not hesitate to hire Carla to be a member of the Woodstock Police Service if a vacancy did exist. Please feel free to contact me at any number below if I can be of further assistance.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "W. Renton", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

William (Bill) Renton, M.O.M.
Chief of Police