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March 17, 2014

Mayor Robert E. Smith, Sr. and
Members of the City Council
City of Columbus
Columbus, Mississippi

To the Mayor and City Council of Columbus, Mississippi:

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as a member of Columbus Fire and Rescue for thirty years, the last nine of which have been in the capacity of Fire Chief. The changes in the nature of the fire service have been vast over thirty years. During my tenure as Chief, the capable personnel of CFR have achieved many goals in the progression of all hazards response.

Notably, the City's Fire Rating has been lowered from 5 to 4, bringing the benefits of lower fire insurance premiums to the citizens and business owners within the City limits. Further, Columbus Fire and Rescue has achieved national accreditation by the Center for Public Safety Excellence - becoming the first department in the State of Mississippi to do so and one of the one percent of departments in the entire United States to reach this distinction. Additionally, Columbus Fire and Rescue is the lead agency for Task Force 2, which in partnership with the Department of Homeland Security and Mississippi Emergency Management represents the center third of the State in large scale, all hazards response.

It is said that all things have their time, and now is the time for me to accept new challenges that have been placed in the path of my career. More importantly, it is the ideal time for the outstanding members of Columbus Fire and Rescue to set new goals and continue to move the department forward for the benefit of its City and citizens. They are as capable a team of emergency responders as anyone could hope to serve with in a lifetime.

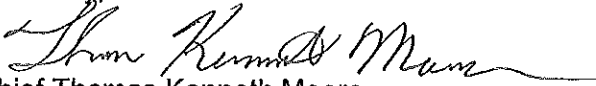
It is not without a measure of sadness that I officially request that you accept my retirement effective March 31, 2014. It goes without saying that I will make myself available to assist with any matters that arise during the following transition.

I respectfully request that I be paid for the 30 days of unused accrued vacation that I will have as of that date, as well as being allowed to purchase my service weapons for the traditional sum of \$10.00 as is customary with 30 years of service including being an arson investigator and retiring reserve officer.

My deepest and most heartfelt appreciation is extended to the citizens of Columbus, the members of Columbus Fire and Rescue and the elected officials that I have proudly served for thirty years.

As always, if you need or wish to reach me, do not hesitate to call 662-364-1885.

Sincerely,


Chief Thomas Kenneth Moore