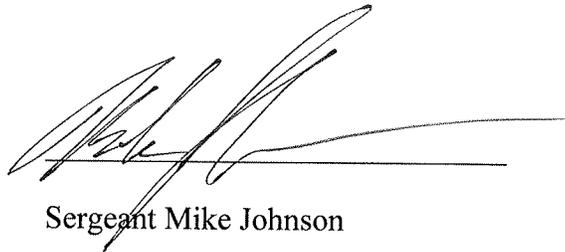




**Statement of Sergeant Mike Johnson
Monterey Board of Selectmen Meeting
Wednesday, February 4, 2015**

I'm very proud to be a member of the Monterey Police Department. I think we've made a lot of progress in the past few years, professionalizing the department. I'm looking forward to working with Chief Backhaus and the Select Board to continue to improve the department.

I think that the inflammatory language that we saw in the recent article in the Berkshire Record is unfortunate and counter-productive. However, I trust that the Board will be able to focus on the important issues that affect the department and the town. I hope that Chief Backhaus and I can count on the support of the Board, and that you will help reassure the people of Monterey that their police department is not "at war" and that we are continuing, as always, to make our department the best that it can be.



Sergeant Mike Johnson