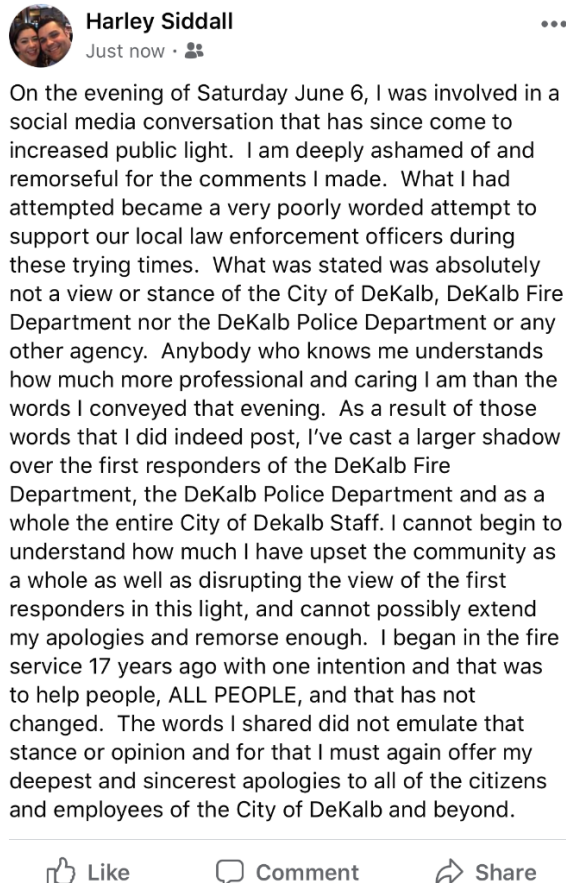


## A Message from the DeKalb City Manager

Yesterday morning, Fire Chief McMaster became aware that a firefighter/paramedic, while off-duty, became involved in a social media exchange in which his passionate defense of police officers overflowed into language that was hurtful and misrepresented the inclusive and unselfish mission of the DeKalb Fire Department. The harmful language is reproduced below:



Following a meeting with Firefighter Siddall, Fire Chief McMaster, and representatives of DeKalb IAFF Local 1236 last night, Mr. Siddall has posted the following sincere apology on his personal social media account:



Neither the Fire administration nor the City Manager nor the DeKalb City Council will tolerate language that suggests any form of discrimination against any individual regardless of their political beliefs, race, ethnic or national origin, gender, age, or sexual orientation. The City of DeKalb is committed to building trust, forbearance, enduring respect, and a mutual commitment to justice.