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FARMVILLE, VA — I want to thank the Farmville Town Council for their promotion of me to the rank of Chief of Police. I am deeply honored and humbled by the trust and confidence this promotion conveys. Everyone in this wonderful community, including current members of the Farmville Police Department, can rest assured that I will continue to serve as Chief with the same exemplary professionalism as those who have served before me.

As Chief of the Farmville Police Department, I look forward to the opportunity of directing the important re-accreditation process our Department is facing in the next four months, expanding community policing, and focusing our recruitment efforts to increase the number of women and minorities on the force and in leadership positions.

For the past six months, the Farmville Police Department has had the honor of being asked to assist various agencies in the development of security operations for the very important U.S. Vice Presidential Debate that was held on the Longwood University campus on Tuesday, October 4. The Department worked closely with the Longwood University Police Department, Prince Edward County Sheriff's Office, United States Secret Service, Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Virginia State Police and many other local law enforcement agencies across the state to ensure the safety of our community and those participating in the debate. I will strive to maintain the positive working relationship we have acquired with these and all agencies throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Finally, I am looking forward to expanding the involvement of our youth in our successful community policing efforts and to continue to develop and strengthen our community outreach programs. Such efforts have a considerable positive effect in helping our children develop positive citizenship skills and desirable attitudes regarding the dangers of using alcohol and illegal drugs in our community. Growing up in Farmville, I frequented the police department and rode along with officers on a routine basis. This experience was invaluable. It was instrumental in bringing me to where I am today. These are the same kinds of experiences I want to continue to provide to youth in our community today.

It is with great excitement that I look forward to stepping into this new role after serving in the department 29 years. Farmville will always be home to me and it's my honor to lead the Farmville Police Department as it continues to provide a safe and secure community through excellence in public service.

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