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North Augusta, SC 29841
July 15, 2008

Honorable Lark Jones, Mayor
City of North Augusta
P O Box 6400
North Augusta, SC 29861

Dear Mayor Jones & City Council,

This October 7th, will start my 37th year with the North Augusta Department of Public Safety. Like many of my colleagues that have been with the department over the years we have dedicated our lives to public service often times at the expense of our families.

This year has brought several challenges to my life and has given me cause to reflect on the things that are most important to me.

This past year my wife developed serious health issues that by the grace of God she has worked through and is overcoming. This event, in itself, causes one to put life into perspective and recognize that it is time to focus on family including children, grandchildren, and others.

I will be 59 years of age in February, 2009. I think that would be an appropriate time for me to retire and focus more time on those things that are most important to me. I have talked this decision over with my family and my closest friends. I have prayed about it and feel that it is the right decision for me and them at this time. I have had a full and productive career but it is now time to do things that I have put off because of the demands of the job and consider other opportunities. I am hereby submitting my intent to retire on February 17, 2009. I have had a very fulfilling career serving the citizens of North Augusta.

I would like to thank the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to guide this great department over the past 11 years. I must also thank the citizens of North Augusta who have stood by the department, my family, and me during my career. I could not have accomplished this without a professional command staff and support from all of the fine men and women of the North Augusta Department of Public Safety, past and present. These men and women will always be considered family to me.

As I take a moment to reflect back on the last 36 years with all of its triumphs and tragedies, I can only hope that this department will continue to move forward with the motivation, conviction, and professionalism that has driven us all from year to year.

I can only pledge to you, Council and the citizens of North Augusta, that I will continue to manage the department over the next eight months as professionally and positively as I possibly can, while you search for a replacement. I will also do everything within my power to make any transition as smooth as possible.

If I can ever be of service, please let me know.

Sincerely,



T. L. Wetherington, Jr.