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Chief Casey Chastain

Demorest Police Department

Dear Casey,

Please accept this letter as a formal notification that I am resigning from my position as TAC at Demorest Police Department. My last day of employment will be Friday October 9, 2026.

When I was hired in April 2017 it was my intent to stay in Demorest until I retired. However, since the meeting on September 03, 2026 including Mark, Sam, James, Rachel, you and myself, the police department has taken a turn for the worst and I didn't see the tension and stress getting better. The following day after the meeting, I saw my coworkers putting in their notice (after years of service). During that meeting I was bullied and my position threatened by Mark (if I don't comply and get on board other arrangements will be made). I have watched the morale of the officers go down with the micromanagement from Mark. This is not the direction/path I want to be part of.

After a long discussion with my family, it is in my best interest to step out of Public Service all together. The ups and downs of this year have highlighted for me the need to leave Demorest. I want to thank you Chief for the opportunities and support I have received during my time here. I have enjoyed working with you, serving the community, and assisting the rest of the team (family). I appreciate the professional growth and knowledge I experienced in this role.

I wholeheartedly wish you the best in your next chapter and thank you again for everything!

Sincerely,

Amy Payne