

August 29, 2026

To: President Jeff Buerman
Village Council

From: Jeffrey Garrison – Chief of Police

RE: Potential Hiring

President Buerman and Council,

There is a very high probability that we will be losing Ofc Prater to another department. With that in mind, I would like to offer a part-time position to an officer that wishes to work full-time for us. If/when Ofc Prater is offered and accepts this new employment, I would bring the new hire on as a full-time officer.

The cost analysis of this shows that this move would reduce payroll costs since Ofc Prater is at the top pay bracket and the new officer would be at the lowest bracket to start.

I expect that Ofc Prater will leave within the next 30 days.

Of course, I will keep you updated on the progression of this issue.

Jeffrey Garrison
Chief of Police