



# SAVANNAH CHATHAM POLICE

METROPOLITAN

Chief Joseph H. Lumpkin, Sr.

December 22, 2017

Mr. Roberto Hernandez  
City Manager  
City Hall  
City of Savannah, Georgia

Dear Mr. City Manager,

This letter is meant to serve as my formal notice of resignation. I will terminate my employment with the City of Savannah and thus, the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police (SCMPD) as of January 22, 2018. The time is right for this change.

I have enjoyed my experiences with the SCMPD and I am of the opinion forward thinking internal and external customers will attest that I left this agency much better than I found it. Today, the integrity of the SCMPD has been restored, we have been nationally accredited and our personnel are once again allowed to attend the FBI National Academy as well as the SPI's Administrative Officers Course. Additionally, we have taught the IACP's Leadership in Police Organizations course to over 200 sworn and civilian members of our agency. Instead of fractured relationships with local, state and / or federal sector law enforcement, today we have productive partnerships in place that are yielding best practice peace officer results.

Given the police enhancements in the 2018 City of Savannah Budget and continuity of leadership possessed by the two assistant chiefs, I am of opinion the future is bright for the new Savannah Police Department (SPD). Within five years, the two current assistant chiefs will have completed the cultural change and disrupted the groups and gangs, which will result in every neighborhood being safer.

I appreciate the opportunity the City of Savannah presented for me and I am sincerely grateful for everything that Chatham County did to enhance public safety during my tenure.

I wish the outstanding men and women of the future SPD as well as the forming Chatham County Police Department nothing but the best.

Godspeed,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joseph H. Lumpkin, Sr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Joseph H. Lumpkin, Sr.

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