

# **A message from the City Manager to the Residents of Holly Hill - March 15, 2024**

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To the Residents of Holly Hill,

I'm reaching out to you today to provide clarity and assurance regarding recent developments within the Holly Hill Police Department.

A few weeks ago, an allegation surfaced regarding inappropriate incidents involving a police sergeant. Without delay, the City Manager took immediate action by referring the matter to the Volusia County Sheriff's Office for an impartial internal investigation. As this investigation unfolded, additional accusations emerged implicating the Chief and Captain, prompting a necessary expansion of the inquiry.

Following established protocol, those involved in the investigation have been placed on suspension with paid leave pending further inquiry. Consequently, Chief Miller has tendered his resignation with immediate effect.

To ensure the continuity of critical services provided by the HHPD and to support the Holly Hill community, temporary operational oversight has been established. With the support of Sheriff Chitwood, Chief Westfall and Watch Commanders, Lieutenant Tucker and Lieutenant Bryan, have been provided by the Sheriff's office to assist during this transition. It is important to emphasize that this deployment is not an attempt to take over the HHPD but rather to fill operational gaps until such time as the Chief's position can be permanently filled, and to develop a collaborative effort to ensure uninterrupted provisions of critical services and safeguard every member of the Holly Hill community.

While these developments present challenges, rest assured that our commitment to accountability and integrity remains steadfast. We will navigate through this period of transition, reinforcing our dedication to serving and protecting each and every resident of Holly Hill.