

CITY OF HINESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
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NOTICE OF RETIREMENT



It has been an absolute honor and privilege to have served this great city as your police chief, but after 37 years of public service, my journey in this noble profession is coming to an end. My career as a law enforcement officer has been blessed beyond measure. The most rewarding period has been the past three years as police chief where I have seen and experienced some of the most complex and challenging moments of my life. Over the course of those three years, our agency has undergone a major transformation and has evolved into one of the most innovative, progressive, and professional law enforcement agencies in the state. None of which would have been possible without the support and dedication of my exceptional staff. Together, we were able to overcome countless obstacles and achieve many great milestones. I am especially grateful to have served in a caring and supportive community that I will continue to call my home.

Leadership is about empowering and supporting others to succeed, that mindset has produced an impressive staff that is ready to assume command once I retire. I take great comfort and pride in knowing that we have succeeded in preparing the next generation of leaders for the Hinesville Police Department who stand ready to protect our city and our future.

Throughout my military and law enforcement careers, I have learned many valuable lessons, including discipline, responsibility, teamwork, and the importance of committing to a decision. Over the past several months, I have reflected on my career and realized that now is the right time to step away. I will never forget the honor and responsibility you have given me, and I will be forever grateful for your support and trust. Although I know I will miss many aspects of this career, I am excited about the new experiences, opportunities and possibilities that lie ahead.

Please accept this letter as my notification to the City of Hinesville that I will be retiring as chief of police effective March 29, 2024. I am extremely thankful and blessed for the amazing people who have supported and believed in me. Although my appointment to chief made history, I never intended to be the first, but if given the opportunity, I simply wanted to be the best. Hopefully, I have achieved that goal.

I am proud to be a Hinesville police officer and honored to have been your chief.

Respectfully,

Lloyd L. Slater, Chief