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### Farmville's Police Chief Promotes Community Involvement

Farmville ---Police Chief Donnie Greene stresses professionalism and ethics through community participation. "Our role is to interact with people so it is critical that we are courteous and professional. I plan to stress community involvement so we can provide a positive influence on children, assist the parents, enforce the law and let them know we care," said Greene.

Greene joined the Farmville Police Department in 1994, after working on the Winterville force. He served on patrol and bike patrol in areas challenged by crime before becoming a sergeant and then in lieutenant in 1999. In December 2007, Greene was appointed interim Chief, and as is the policy for all town employees, he served in this role for six months, before being named the permanent Chief July 2.

Town Manager Richard Hicks informed the Mayor and Commissioners on July 2. "We are fortunate that we had the very best candidate for Police Chief here on our force. Chief Greene has worked various functions in the department and is very involved in the community. He is the right leader for the department," said Hicks. Greene has served on the Youth Recreation Board and has coached basketball, baseball and football for the past nine years.

The Farmville Police Department has 16 sworn officers, including one investigator and one narcotics officer, four dispatchers, a part time animal control officer, and a full time records clerk.

In keeping with Greene's goals for community involvement, the Farmville Police Department will host a Fun Day for the children in the community at HB Sugg Community Center. The event is scheduled for August 16<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am until 2:00 pm, and includes games led by the officers and a cookout.

"The police department is looking forward to interacting with the children in the community on Fun Day. We want to be a positive influence in their lives and we encourage everyone to come out and enjoy the event," said Greene.

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