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Hello, my name is Casey Miklosh. I'm an officer for the Fort Pierce Police Department. I am unable to attend the meeting tomorrow (05/18/2020). I would like for my voice to be heard and that is why I am writing this email. A lot of people end up leaving this agency and go to another because of money as well as equipment. Many other agencies offer more money for their officers as well as raises every year. On top of those raises as well as pay, they have newer vehicles, better equipment, etc. I have worked for the agency for almost 3 years and I have yet to move a step. I know our agency is competitive for starting salaries with other agencies. But I strongly believe that the agency needs to be competitive across the board as well. Equipment would also help a lot. Hearing on a daily basis that the vehicles we drive look like they belong in a junk yard is disheartening. I hear it almost every day and its not a good feeling especially when we work as hard as we do. The cars that we drive are our offices that we spend 12-16 hours a day in. I'm not looking forward to loosing more people from my second family due to money issues or equipment issues as we aren't on the same level as other agencies in the area. I know these matters can't be resolved over night. It will take some time but a step in the right direction will put a lot of people at ease and make people think about rather they want to leave or not. I know this email isn't a lot, I am unable to attend the meeting tomorrow as I will be working. Just wanting to provide my feelings on this matter.

Thank you very much,
Officer Casey Miklosh