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Please see Chief Hobley-Burney resignation submitted in the email below. I have accepted the Chiefs resignation via email and it will be submitted at the City Commission meeting on Monday, May 19, 2025. Thank you.

Richard D. Chess, MBA
City Manager

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From: Diane Hobley-Burney <dhobley-burney@fppd.org>
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Dear Members of the Commission,

One of the greatest moments of my life was being sworn in as Chief of Police of the Fort Pierce Police Department. During my tenure over the past ten years, I committed myself to fostering a strong foundation for the department that emphasized the voices of our citizens and prioritized the safety of our officers. Together with the community, I am proud of the many accomplishments the department has achieved during this time, which have consistently been reflected in positive evaluations.

The Center for Public Safety Management (CPSM) executive summary further validated these efforts, emphasizing the Fort Pierce Police Department's high quality of law-enforcement services. The report highlighted the professionalism and dedication of our staff to the department's mission, showcasing the team's unwavering commitment to our city.

Regrettably, comments made during the waning minutes of last Monday's commission meeting have undermined trust, introducing division within the department and significantly eroding morale. Allegations of promised changes to key leadership positions have fostered an atmosphere of conflict and made it increasingly challenging to lead effectively under such circumstances.

As I have expressed many times, I believe that my appointment was driven by divine purpose. Now, I feel it is time for me to turn the page and embrace the next chapter of my journey. Therefore, I am formally tendering my resignation, effective 90 days from the acceptance date by the Commission.

It is my earnest hope that the department continues to thrive and the heroes and sheroes who dedicate themselves daily to protecting our beautiful city are supported by you in their noble

endeavors.

May God continue to bless Fort Pierce and its dedicated Police Department.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Hobley-Burney
Chief of Police

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