

September 18, 2006

Nicholas Derzis
Chief of Police
Hoover Police Department
100 Municipal Drive
Hoover, AL 35216

Dear Chief Derzis:

I hope this letter finds you well. I wanted to take a moment and thank you for attending the community meeting in Bluff Park last week.

We have received considerable positive feedback from Bluff Park residents as a result of the meeting. We heard a repeated message from you, the mayor, and Ms. Morrison, that our concerns were received, heard, and understood. We heard that the city was committed to ensuring our perception of safety in our community.

I very was pleased at the number of residents who engaged Officer Foreman in response to his presentation of Community Watch programs. I expect another productive meeting will follow when Officer Foreman is invited back to assist us in furthering the watch program.

After some time to reflect on the meeting, the exchange of ideas, the fellowship, the opportunity to meet other neighbors, members of the city government, and specifically individual officers, I felt a great deal of pride to be a resident and citizen in the city of Hoover. Everyone's participation in the meeting on Tuesday truly surprised, encouraged, and inspired me. The sense of unity displayed by all was overwhelming.

I would welcome any support your department and officers would seek, either today or in the future. Please do not hesitate to call on me if/when needed.

Sincerely,

Ben Shelton

cc: Tony Petelos
Mari Morrison
Brian Skelton