

Town of Pine Ridge

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ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THE PINE RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

On April 29, 2020, a special Town Council meeting was held to address personnel matters pertaining to the Pine Ridge Police Department. Although not in attendance at this meeting Keith Parks, Chief of Police, shortly thereafter tendered his resignation effective immediately. This has generated many questions and concerns. While it is the intent of Town Council to remain as transparent as possible, certain personnel matters by their nature, **MUST** remain confidential. As to Mr. Parks allegations of micro-management, the confidential nature of personnel matters and an open SLED investigation require the Town to remain silent.

The Town of Pine Ridge remains dedicated to the safety and security of its residents and is diligently working to appropriately staff the Police Department to provide the Town with a first-class police force. Lieutenant Silano has agreed to serve as Interim-Chief until a Police Chief can be named.

Town Council has received assurances that the Lexington County Sheriff's Office will, in coordination with the Pine Ridge Police Department, provide law enforcement services to the residents of Pine Ridge.