

## Town of Flora

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Honorable Trey Baxter, President Madison County Board of Supervisors P.O. Box 608 Canton, MS 39046

Dear President Baxter,

I want to sincerely thank you and the entire Madison County Board of Supervisors for taking such a firm and pro-active stance regarding the inflammatory and ridicules comments made by City of Jackson Councilman Kenneth Stokes. All law enforcement suffers from such negative remarks.

Law enforcement officers perform many dangerous tasks in their service to the public. One of these include the pursuit of law violators. In an ideal world, there would be no police pursuits. Unfortunately, we do not live in an ideal world and sometimes it becomes necessary to pursue law breakers. It is for this reason that law enforcement agencies have policies and procedures to guide officers when pursuits become necessary. These policies are developed to protect the officer, the violator and the general public. Public safety is of utmost importance.

Apparently, Councilman Stokes does not understand the need for the apprehension of law violators, or he condones their actions. Either way, law enforcement must continue to perform their sworn role. Not doing so would result in increased lawlessness.

I am very proud of the support we receive from the Madison County Board of Supervisors and the citizens of Madison County. Thank you again for your input in this particular issue and know that we are here to continue to make Madison County a safe place to live.

Respectfully submitted,

Dwayne Moak Chief of Police

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