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Mr. Charles F. Forbes, Town Manager
Mayor Alden Fahringer
Members of the Chase City Town Council
525 N. Main Street
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Re: Actions of Chase City Police Officers
Fred Steinhauer and Jim Holtz
June 25, 2026

Dear Rusty, Mayor Fahringer and Members of the Chase City Town Council:

Thursday, June 25, 2026 was a long day for me. I had been in a meeting all day at Longwood University, had gone

to dinner, was spending the night in Farmville and had an all day meeting there Friday. I did not take my phone with me to dinner. Upon returning to my hotel room, I had 5 urgent calls. Upon returning the calls, I learned my 39 year old pony, Little Man, had been down and had been unable to get up for several hours. Little Man was Doyle Edgerton's stallion, whom I was given from Doyle's estate when he was 27 years old. He was one of the last of Doyle Edgerton's ponies. Little Man was not tame, but I absolutely adored him and took great care of him.

It was after 10:30pm and I immediately left for Chase City. I knew this was really bad, that Little Man was nearing his end and I needed to be with him. My friend, Diana Ramsey, had been sitting in the field with him for

several hours waiting for my arrival. She did not want Little Man to be alone.

On the way home, I called Sgt. Mike Callahan for help. He advised he was home, but would call officers Fred Steinhaus and Jim Holtz, who were on duty, and request their help. Both officers were at my barn within 10 minutes of my arrival. They helped me with a very heart heavy decision. They were kind, humane, considerate and caring with their actions. I don't know what I would have done without them.

Both officer Steinhaus and officer Holtz know what it means to protect and serve. My sincere thanks and gratitude for their actions and service will always remain a large part of my heart and thoughts.

The Chase City Police Department is lucky to have officers of this caliber in our Department!! You should all be proud of the services of officer Steinhaus and officer Holtz. I certainly am!!

With kind regards, I remain -

Sincerely,

Kathy Neal

xc: Sgt. Mike Callahan
Officer Fred Steinhaus
Officer Jim Holtz