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Internal Investigation

Rocky Mount, N.C. – The Rocky Mount Police Department is aware of the social media videos that have circulated of five of our officers. The City of Rocky Mount's social media policy (section 6.2 part C) states unacceptable actions by employees include:

"Engaging in vulgar language, obscenities, defamatory or abusive language, and language that is deemed offensive." In addition, the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics states, "I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all and will behave in a manner that does not bring discredit to me or to my agency."

The behavior displayed by these employees is unacceptable, exhibited poor judgment, and will not be tolerated by anyone employed with the Rocky Mount Police Department. We will continue to educate our staff on social media training in an effort to prevent this from occurring in the future.

We have conducted an internal investigation, and disciplinary actions were taken by the department.

About Rocky Mount: The city of Rocky Mount, located in the Coastal Plains of North Carolina, was incorporated in 1867 and lies in Edgecombe and Nash Counties. Rocky Mount is a two-time All-America City on the Tar River. Serving as the Gateway to Eastern North Carolina, the city's 875 employees serve approximately 58,000 residents daily.

The city's mission is to advance community well-being, safety and quality of life by delivering excellent public services and actively collaborating with the community towards a fulfilling and inspired future for its citizens. As a publicly-owned utility, the city of Rocky Mount is committed to safe, reliable service for its customers and operates in Nash and Edgecombe counties, providing customers with electricity, natural gas, water, wastewater (sewer), refuse, recycling and/or stormwater services. To learn more, visit www.rockymountnc.gov for news and updates.

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