



---

TEQUESTA POLICE DEPARTMENT

---

MEMORANDUM

---



To: Chief Christopher Elg

CC: Assistant Chief James McGrew

From: Corporal Michael Valerio

Date: October 31, 2017

Subject: Letter of Resignation

---

Chief Elg & Assistant Chief McGrew,

Please accept this letter as my formal notice of resignation from the Tequesta Police Department. My last day will be November 11, 2017 as the current payroll ends that night. I appreciate your support during my tenure here. I take with me the valuable experiences I have gained over the last six years. It has been a pleasure working with you and all the remaining officers. I wish the Tequesta Police Department all the best. If I can be of any help during the transition, please don't hesitate to ask.

In closing, I would ask that my partner, K9 Boss, be retired out of service with me on November 11, 2017. Over the last four years, K9 Boss has been a dedicated officer to this agency and has helped out on several different occurrences. However, with that comes several concerning issues. For the last four years, K9 Boss has been assigned to me and has become comfortable in his own ways. K9 Boss is used to living with a single handler without a family or pets. K9 Boss can be very aggressive at times as he is trained in bite work. K9 Boss has shown this extreme aggression by biting me in the face which required several stitches and apprehending other resisting suspects who also required medical attention. Most recently, I have had to relocate boarding to a new facility where K9 Boss doesn't come in contact with people due to his aggression. I believe there are extreme risks of danger putting K9 Boss with a new handler this late in his career / life. I respectfully request to remain with K9 Boss as I am the only one familiar with him and am the only one who can handle him.

Respectfully Submitted,

Corporal Michael Valerio



---

TEQUESTA POLICE DEPARTMENT


---

MEMORANDUM

---



To: Michael Couzzo

From: Jim McGrew 

Date: November 7, 2017

Subject: Retirement of K9 Boss

---

Tequesta Police Department's current K-9 officer, Corporal Michael Valerio, has accepted a patrol officer position with the Palm Beach Gardens Police Department. Corporal Valerio's final day of employment with the Tequesta Police Department will be November 11, 2017.

In Corporal Valerio's resignation letter, he requested his K-9 partner, Boss, to be retired. K-9 Boss has only lived with Corporal Valerio and Corporal Valerio has been K-9 Boss' only handler. After K-9 Boss' retirement, I suggest donating K-9 Boss to Corporal Valerio.