CITY OF GAUTIER
MEMORANDUM

To: **Samantha Abell, City Manager**

From : **Dante Elbin, Chief of Police**

Date : **July 30, 2014**

Subject: **Police Substation in Hickory Hills Community**

REQUEST:

The Gautier Police Department is seeking authorization to place a sub-station in Hickory Hills community.

BACKGROUND:

The Gautier Police would like to move forward with negotiations seeking an agreement between the City of Gautier and Martin Bluff Baptist Church. We are desiring to acquire the parsonage in order to establish a police sub-station in the North Gautier community.

DISCUSSION:

The Gautier Police Department currently has a substation in south Gautier. This helps to facilitate law enforcement activities in the De La Forest and College Park Community. We are seeking to establish a substation in the northern portion of our city. The placement of sub-stations build on the City's existing neighborhood policing programs and strengthens business/police relationships. In the north area of Gautier, we currently have one thoroughfare that leads in and out of the community. In the event of a natural disaster, having a sub station will allow dedicated officers to be based in the affected area, without the need to return to the main police department. Police field operations can be conducted and handled through the sub-stations.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Gautier Police Department recommends that City Council authorize our department to research and seek an agreement with Martin Bluff Baptist Church for a police substation.