



# RIDGELAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

RIDGELAND, SOUTH CAROLINA • RICHARD V. WOODS *Chief of Police*

30 November 2016

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley  
Office of the Governor  
1205 Pendleton Street  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Governor,

I am seeking the appointment for United States Marshal for South Carolina.

I am requesting from the two United States Senators from South Carolina, Honorable Lindsey Graham and Honorable Tim Scott, the nomination of my name to President elect Trump.

I have been the chief of police in Ridgeland for the past 14 years. You and I have met on several occasions. The first, being in 2010 when you were seeking your first term as Governor. I provided your coach an escort from a fundraiser in Bluffton to Forrest Grove Plantation (Maxey farm) in Scotia, SC. We have also spoken several times when you have come to Jasper County to discuss the port as well as at Clemson football games. Most recently, we spoke at the Jasper County farmers Market while you were assisting victims of Hurricane Mathew.

I have more than 31 years of law enforcement experience in South Carolina. I am the 3<sup>rd</sup> generation career law enforcement officer in my family. My father was shot and killed in the line of duty in Beaufort County in 1969 while serving with the SC Highway Patrol. My grandfather served 42 years with the SC Highway Patrol in Jasper County.

I have a vast amount of experience and a proven track record of success. I have managed a 19 officer department and a \$1.5 million budget.

Any assistance that you can provide me in receiving the nomination for US Marshal would be greatly appreciated. I will serve with commitment and integrity.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Richard V. Woods Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

Richard V. Woods Jr.  
Chief of Police



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29 November 2016

Honorable Senator Lindsey Graham  
290 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator,

I am seeking the appointment for the United States Marshal for South Carolina.

I have more than 31 years of law enforcement experience in South Carolina, having spent the last 14 years of my career as the chief of police in Ridgeland. I am the 3<sup>rd</sup> generation career law enforcement officer in my family. My father was shot and killed in the line of duty in Beaufort County in 1969 while serving with the S.C. Highway Patrol. My grandfather served 42 years with the SC Highway Patrol in Jasper County.

I have a vast amount of experience and a proven track record of success. I currently lead a 19 officer department and operate on an annual budget of 1.5 million dollars.

I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss the US Marshal Appointment with you. Please consider nominating me to President Elect Trump for this position. I will serve with commitment and integrity.

I have attached a brief overview of my service to the people of South Carolina for your review.

Respectfully,

Richard Woods  
Chief of Police

# **CHIEF RICHARD V. WOODS JR.**

[woods1101@msn.com](mailto:woods1101@msn.com)

- Third generation law enforcement officer in South Carolina.
- Father, Richard V. Woods, shot and killed in the line of duty while serving on SCHP (Beaufort County, 1969)
- Grandfather served on SCHP for 42 years
- Member of the Board of Directors Boy & Girls Club of Jasper County
- Jasper County Chamber of Commerce Law Enforcement Officer of the Year 2006

## **EDUCATION**

Graduate Camden Military Academy, Camden, SC-1983  
Graduate SCHP Patrol Training Academy-1986  
Graduate SC Criminal Justice Academy Basic Law Enforcement-1990  
Graduate FBI Command College (LEEDA)

## **EXPERIENCE**

**31 years South Carolina law enforcement service in multiple capacities:**

Dispatcher  
Trooper  
Trooper First Class  
Patrol Officer  
Corporal  
Sergeant  
Watch Commander  
Narcotics  
Investigations  
Community Oriented Policing Supervisor  
Chief of Police - Lead 19 officer department with a \$1.4 million annual budget.  
Maintain asset forfeiture accounts which have cycled in excess of \$5 million.

## **ADVANCED TRAINING**

Law Enforcement Executive Leadership  
FBI LEEDA  
Narcotics Unit Commander  
Weapons of Mass Destruction  
SWAT-I-II  
Police Driving Instructor  
Police Specific Skills Instructor  
Police Impact Weapon Instructor  
Integrity and Ethics  
Community Oriented Policing Supervisor School  
Domestic Terrorism  
Criminal Interdiction  
Drug Trafficking and Money Laundering  
Plus many additional hours of training and education not mentioned

## **CHIEF RICHARD V. WOODS JR. (CONTINUED)**

### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Police Chief - Town of Ridgeland 2002-present

- Management of 19 officers and a 1.4 million dollar operating budget
- Created a Victims Advocate Unit
- Assigned (2) School Resource Officers to Jasper County High School
- Created a Criminal Investigations unit
- Created an Interstate Criminal Enforcement Unit that has seized over \$7 million in illicit US Currency and \$5 million (street value) of narcotics, which included the largest roadside ecstasy seizure in the US in 2010 (22,000 Tabs).

Invited by DEA Director Tandy to address the International Association of Chiefs of Police (committee on drug trafficking and money laundering) in Washington DC in regards to an international case involving narcotics/money laundering.

Acquired and renovated the Town of Ridgeland's first standalone police facility. The department currently operates in the 7700 square feet that was entirely renovated and built with asset forfeiture monies.

Since my appointment as Police Chief, all department vehicles, as well as most service equipment, have been purchased with asset forfeiture monies (excess of 1.5 million dollars). The taxpayers of Ridgeland have been spared these expenses.

Prior to my appointment as Police Chief, Ridgeland Police Department had an 11% clearance rate for burglaries. The department currently maintains a clearance rate in excess of 70%. The national average is 12.9%.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

**RICHARD WOODS 843-321-0777**

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