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WILLIS THOMPSON
MAYOR AND POLICE COMMISSIONER

July 27, 2026

Mayor Willis Thompson and Members of the Board of Aldermen
City of Vicksburg
Vicksburg, Mississippi

RE: Request for Approval of Upcoming Vicksburg Police Department Travel and Training

Mayor Thompson and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

I respectfully request approval for the following Vicksburg Police Department personnel to attend upcoming training and professional development opportunities. Each of these opportunities supports the operational, technical, administrative, or investigative needs of the Department.

Officer Jacoby Golden – SSGT Defensive Tactics Instructor Certification

Dates: August 24–28, 2026, and August 31–September 4, 2026

Location: Pearl, Mississippi

Registration: \$850 – Previously Paid

Travel: VPD Vehicle

Lodging/Per Diem: None Requested

Officer Golden is scheduled to attend the SSGT Defensive Tactics Instructor Certification, a two-week training program that will provide instructor-level training in defensive tactics. The \$850 registration fee for this training has already been paid. Officer Golden will travel using a Vicksburg Police Department vehicle, and no lodging or per diem is requested.

Officer Hunter Anderson and Investigator Robert Scott – Drone Certification Training

Dates: September 14–17, 2026

Location: Pearl, Mississippi

Travel: VPD Vehicles

Lodging/Per Diem: None Requested

Officer Anderson and Investigator Scott are scheduled to attend Drone Certification Training. This training will strengthen the Department's ability to utilize drone technology to support law enforcement operations. They will travel using Vicksburg Police Department vehicles, and no lodging or per diem is requested.

Kristen Harris and Jakiyah Jackson – ADSi Conference

Dates: October 4–6, 2026

Location: Tunica, Mississippi

Travel Expenses Requested: Lodging, mileage, and per diem

Ms. Harris currently serves as the Department's ADSi Administrator and utilizes the system to review incident reports and prepare monthly crime reports. Ms. Jackson is currently being trained to serve as a backup in this role to provide continuity for these responsibilities. Attendance at the ADSi Conference

will provide both employees with additional training and information related to the system and its use within the Department. Lodging, mileage, and per diem are requested in accordance with City travel policies.

Captain Dewayne Smith and Officer Carlton Phillips – Taser Certification

Dates: October 19–20, 2026

Location: Camp Shelby, Mississippi

Registration: \$895 per attendee (\$1,790 total)

Travel: VPD Vehicle

Travel Expenses Requested: Lodging and per diem

Captain Smith and Officer Phillips are scheduled to attend Taser Certification Training at Camp Shelby. The training will provide certification necessary to support the Department's use of Taser equipment and provide trained personnel who can assist with instruction and proper use within the Department. Registration is \$895 per attendee, for a total registration cost of \$1,790. They will travel using a Vicksburg Police Department vehicle, with lodging and per diem requested in accordance with City travel policies.

Lieutenant Kathryn Trueheart and Investigator Orlon Smith – Internal Affairs Conference and Certification Training

Dates: November 1–6, 2026

Location: Columbus, Georgia

Registration: \$675 per attendee (\$1,350 total)

Travel: VPD Vehicle

Travel Expenses Requested: Lodging and per diem

Lieutenant Trueheart and Investigator Smith are scheduled to attend an Internal Affairs Conference and Certification Training. This training will provide specialized instruction related to internal investigations, administrative procedures, and professional standards. Registration is \$675 per attendee, for a total registration cost of \$1,350. They will travel using a Vicksburg Police Department vehicle, with lodging and per diem requested in accordance with City travel policies.

These training opportunities will enhance the Department's capabilities in defensive tactics instruction, drone operations, records and data administration, and internal affairs investigations. I respectfully request the Mayor and Board of Aldermen's approval for the travel and associated expenses outlined above.

Thank you for your consideration and continued support of the professional development needs of the Vicksburg Police Department.

Respectfully,



Larry Burns
Chief of Police
Vicksburg Police Department