

Letter of Recommendation for Bill Rhyne

It is with great confidence and deep respect that I recommend my friend, Bill Rhyne, for the office of Sheriff of Spartanburg County. Bill is not only a trusted friend, but also an experienced and proven leader in our community.

Since moving to Spartanburg nearly two years ago, my family and I have had the privilege of getting to know Bill and his wife, Melanie. They are both deeply involved in our church—Bill serves faithfully on the security team every Sunday, while Melanie volunteers in our student ministry. Their commitment to serving others is evident in every aspect of their lives, and they are widely respected members of our community.

Bill brings decades of experience in law enforcement, having started his career with the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office under Sheriff Bill Coffey. He has since served with distinction in the South Carolina Highway Patrol, earning the respect and admiration of his peers across the law enforcement community.

What sets Bill apart is not only his experience but his character. He is a man of integrity, compassion, and courage. He leads with humility and strength, guided by a deep faith and a desire to protect and serve others. In times of adversity, Bill stands firm. He defends those who cannot defend themselves and leads with wisdom and fairness. Those who serve under him know he will support them, care for them, and make the tough calls when necessary.

I have had the opportunity to observe Bill up close, and I am consistently impressed by his leadership, his steady presence, and his commitment to doing what is right. He is exactly the kind of leader Spartanburg County needs in a Sheriff—someone who inspires trust, brings people together, and leads with both strength and heart.

I am proud to call Bill Rhyne my friend, and I am excited for him and his family as he steps forward to serve in this important role. The office of Sheriff holds significant influence in shaping the safety, values, and future of our community. I can think of no one better suited to lead us forward.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mike Harder