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Greetings,

The Neighbors in Uniform newsletter, formerly known as the Community Affairs Update, keeps Gwinnett residents informed about Gwinnett County Police events, topics, programs, and initiatives. I hope you'll follow along to learn more about your neighbors who serve and protect the community.

Police Chief J.D. McClure

Gwinnett Police accepting Donations for the Fill the Sleigh Toy Drive

Gwinnett Police is accepting toy donations for children ages 3 to 12 for our annual Fill the Sleigh toy drive. Please donate new and unwrapped toys priced at \$10 or above at the [Gwinnett Police Headquarters or any precinct](#) through **Friday, December 16**.

Toys will be distributed during the Santa's Community Workshop events for local children in need. Please do not donate toy weapons. Youth basketballs, footballs, and soccer balls are ideal donations for teens. For more information, please email the Community Affairs Section at PDCommunityAffairs@GwinnettCounty.com or call 678.422.6520.



Thrive in a law enforcement career with Gwinnett Police



Are you ready to thrive in a career in law enforcement? The Gwinnett County Police Department is looking for new and experienced officers to join our longstanding tradition of excellence, honor, and service. Whether you're new to policing or already certified, we offer a competitive salary, a \$4,700 hiring bonus, relocation bonuses, promotional opportunities, and a variety of specialized units including S.W.A.T., Community Affairs, Aviation, Behavioral Health, Investigations, Training, and more.

Our next hiring event will take place **Saturday, December 10** from 8:00am to 4:00pm at the Gwinnett County Fire Academy, located at 3608 Braselton Highway in Dacula. Apply online or in person at the event for an opportunity to interview onsite. Successful candidates will receive a conditional job offer before they leave the event.

Learn more by visiting [GwinnettPoliceJobs.com](https://www.gwinnettpolicejobs.com).

Gwinnett Police hosts 12th Annual Public Safety Fall Festival

On Saturday, November 19, Gwinnett Police hosted another successful Public Safety Fall Festival celebrating the partnership between public safety professionals and the community. The festival is just one of many opportunities where residents can interact with public safety personnel to learn safety tips and injury prevention.



In addition to the many opportunities to connect with diverse public servants, Gwinnett Police recognized six of our COPS communities with Master Community of the Year Awards for outstanding extracurricular activities in their neighborhoods and community service.

If you are interested in learning more about how your community can be a part of our COPS community network, please email PDCommunityAffairs@GwinnettCounty.com.

Check out the photos from our [12th Annual Public Safety Fall Festival](#).

Chess with a Cop Event highlights Talent within the Community



On Tuesday, November 22, our Community Affairs Section partnered with Golden Krust Restaurant in Lawrenceville to host our first Chess with a Cop community outreach event in an effort to engage with the youth while students were on break.

Residents with different skill levels came out to challenge our officers. Special thanks to our Gwinnett County colleagues from Emergency Management, the District Attorney's office, and Fire and Emergency Services for joining us and playing a few rounds with residents.

Follow us @GwinnettPD on your favorite social media platform to see when we will be in your neighborhood. Check out our [Chess with a Cop photo gallery](#) to see our officers and residents in action at the event.

Community Affairs accepting Applications for Citizens Police Academy

Our Community Affairs Section is accepting applications for the next [Citizens Police Academy](#) cohort. The program will run from **March 7 through April 27** on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6:30pm to 9:00pm.

The mission of the Academy is to help educate and develop responsible, well-informed residents who want to learn more about their police department. Topics will include:

- Crime Prevention
- Communications/911
- Criminal Investigations
- Gangs
- K-9
- S.W.A.T.
- Crime Scene Investigations
- Aviation
- Hazardous Disposal Unit
- Accident Investigation Unit
- DUI Enforcement
- Active Threats
- Emergency Vehicle Operations
- Traffic Enforcement
- Use of Force



"I enjoyed getting to know my fellow participants. Their different perspectives made me think more broadly about the different experiences we all bring to the class." – CPA Graduate from Dacula

Please email a completed [application](#) to the Community Affairs Section at PDCommunityAffairs@GwinnettCounty.com or call 678.422.6520 to explore other program options.

Meet your Neighbors in Uniform

On and off the clock, Gwinnett County police officers form bonds with people throughout our community. They work in the communities they serve and live alongside you as neighbors. The Gwinnett Police Department is sharing stories of officers' meaningful relationships with residents by introducing Neighbors in Uniform, a video series that also gives you the opportunity to know more personally those who protect and serve our community daily. Watch the series below:

Meet Officer Hideshi Valle



Meet Corporal Selena Francis




Meet Detective Kristen Moore



Meet Officer Senior Jeremerae Hudgson



For questions regarding the Neighbors in Uniform newsletter, please contact Rachael Warningsley at Rachael.Warningsley@GwinnettCounty.com or 770.513.5348. Be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) @GwinnettPD.



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