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Welcome to Neighbors in Uniform, a monthly newsletter that provides information about Gwinnett County Police events, topics, programs, and initiatives. We are honored to have the respect and trust of the residents we serve and protect, and we're happy to be a resource and support.

Gwinnett Police holds community meeting at Universal Church

Chief J.D. McClure and members of his command staff met with residents at The Universal Church in Norcross for a community meeting on March 9. Several members of our Hispanic community were in attendance to ask the chief and panelists about community policing and investigation processes involving missing persons, gun violence, drugs, and gangs.



Chief McClure listened to residents' concerns and answered questions regarding the confidentiality of ongoing investigations. He also assured the public that officers are constantly working on the cases.

Misinformation breeds distrust, and Chief McClure reassured guests that the department is transparent in all its dealings. He also welcomed the opportunity to answer questions and alleviate misunderstandings regarding certain cases in the news. The meeting helped improve the lines of communication with our Hispanic community, and we look forward to hosting more meetings to further bridge the gap between Gwinnett Police and our residents. We are committed to unbiased and compassionate policing in our county.

Firearm Safety Classes highlight firearm security practices and terminology



Gwinnett residents will be able to learn guidelines and best practices for safe gun handling from local law enforcement personnel.

The Gwinnett Police Community Affairs Section will offer firearm safety and security classes to the community on Wednesdays, April 12, April 26, and May 10 at 6:30pm at the Gwinnett County Police Training Center at 854 Winder Highway in Lawrenceville.

Classes will highlight firearm security, terminology, and how to properly store firearms to keep children safe. Youth who plan to attend must be accompanied

by a parent or guardian. Residents are prohibited from bringing their own guns to class.

Visit [GwinnettCounty.com/FirearmSafety](https://www.gwinnettpolice.com/FirearmSafety) to register.

In need of a gun lock? Residents can receive one from any of our [six precincts](#). You can also ask a Community Affairs officer for a gun lock at any of our outreach events.

Drop off expired prescriptions at Drug Take Back Event

On Saturday, April 22 from 10:00am to 2:00 pm, residents can drop off tablets, capsules, patches, and other forms of prescription drugs at Police Headquarters and all precincts. Gwinnett Police is partnering with the Drug Enforcement Administration for National Drug Take Back, an initiative that allows residents to properly dispose of unused or expired prescription medications. Residents will not be questioned about medical history or medication possession. To learn more about the event, visit GwinnettCounty.com/DrugTakeBack.



Gwinnett Multicultural Festival and County Open House is back



Are you ready for the 2023 Gwinnett Multicultural Festival and County Government Open House? Join us Saturday, May 13 from 10:00am to 2:00pm at Gwinnett Place Mall. The free family event will feature a naturalization ceremony, cultural performances, food vendors, inflatables, and other interactive activities. Attendees can get an up-close look at a police cruiser, helicopter, and fire truck and enjoy K-9 demonstrations. We'll see you there!

Gwinnett Police accepting Youth Police Academy applications

The Gwinnett Police Department is proud to announce our summer Youth Police Academy. The program is designed to educate middle and high school students living in Gwinnett County about the police department and how officers enforce local and state laws. The academy is free and open to students who will be enrolled in grades 7-12 as of August 2023:

- Middle School (rising 7th and 8th graders) from June 12 - 16
- High School (rising 9th - 12th graders) from June 23 - 30



The Youth Police Academy saw tremendous growth and success since its inception in 2016. Space is limited, so please submit your applications by May 2, 2023. Learn more by visiting GwinnettCounty.com/YPA.

If you have any additional questions or require more information, please email us at PDCommunityAffairs@GwinnettCounty.com

Safety Tip of the Month: School Zone Safety

Each year, [approximately 56 million children travel from their homes to attend school](#) by walking, biking, and taking the bus. Our goal is for motorists to comply with the set speed limits to help keep students safe while traveling to and from school. Speed enforcement cameras are installed and in use at the following locations:

- Anderson Livsey Elementary School

- Archer High School
- Corley Elementary School
- Duncan Creek Elementary School
- Graves Elementary School
- Lanier Middle School/White Oak Elementary School



Speed limits during flashing light times range from 25 miles per hour to 35 miles per hour. Visit



GwinnettCounty.com/SpeedEnforcementCameras for more information about school zone safety.

If you have a suggestion for a school you think would benefit from a speed camera, please send your suggestions to SchoolZoneSafety@GwinnettCounty.com.

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



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