



NEIGHBORS IN UNIFORM

A newsletter from Gwinnett Police

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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 cuts ribbon to newly expanded training center

We [celebrated our newly expanded training facility](#) with a ribbon cutting ceremony on July 31. Gwinnett County Police is one of only a few agencies in Georgia with its own police academy where recruits obtain the finest training in all aspects of policing.



The expansion will help us enhance training programs and includes a multipurpose room, locker rooms, large classrooms, and a break room. The new facility also frees up space in the existing building to host more residents in our signature programs, such as Citizens Police Academy, Youth Police Academy, Firearms Safety Training, and RAD women's self-defense courses, just to name a few. You can [watch the full ceremony](#) to learn more.

Additional school zone cameras operational throughout Gwinnett

As Gwinnett schools welcomed students back to campus earlier this month, you may have noticed new speed enforcement cameras installed at five schools around the county as part of our [School Zone Safety Program](#):

- Brookwood High School
- Meadowcreek High School
- North Gwinnett Middle School
- Richards Middle School
- Starling Elementary School

The new locations were chosen based on resident complaints, speed studies, schools without crossing guards, and local accident data. In addition to reducing speeding within school zones, these camera systems have integrated Automated License Plate Reader functions that can be operated 24/7, offering seamless integration with existing alert systems.

Our goal is to reduce crime while protecting the rights of residents. In the past year, we saw a 50% reduction in the number of speed violations at schools with speed zone cameras. Find hours of enforcement, fees, and the full list of all schools with automated speed enforcement cameras [on our website](#).

Back-to-school distribution events to support local students in need

Thank you to the Gwinnett businesses and residents for supporting our back-to-school supply drive! Because of your generous donations, Gwinnett Police, in collaboration with One Powerhouse Latinos, sent many kids off to school fully prepared with food, coupons for fresh haircuts and hairstyles at

Gwinnett small businesses, and more than 500 backpacks filled with school supplies. Your donations also helped our Bay Creek Precinct distribute more than 180 backpacks filled with school supplies to local students.



Gwinnett Police officers patrol neighborhoods every day and are intentional about investments when we see the need is great. We understand the importance of investing in our youth, and you've helped to ease the burden on local families in need. It does indeed take a village to raise our children. Let's continue to make a positive impact together!

Let's Taco 'Bout It with Gwinnett Police

You're invited to join your neighbors and police officers for conversation and to build new relationships. Gwinnett Police invites residents to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers who serve their community.



Let's Taco 'Bout It will take place on **Tuesday, August 22** from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at El Fogon Cantina & Grill, located at 1700 Winder Highway in Dacula.

See you there!

Firearm safety and security classes continue throughout the county

Residents will be able to learn guidelines and best practices for safe gun handling from local law enforcement personnel. We offer firearm safety and security classes at all police precincts. Registration is required and seating is limited. Youth who plan to attend must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Residents are prohibited from bringing their own guns to class. All classes start promptly at 6:30pm.



Visit [GwinnettCounty.com/FirearmSafety](https://www.gwinnettcountry.com/FirearmSafety) to register for one of the scheduled classes below:

- **August 30**, Central Precinct, 3125 Satellite Boulevard, Duluth
- **September 20**, South Precinct, 2180 Stone Drive, Lilburn
- **October 11**, Bay Creek Precinct, 185 Ozora Road, Grayson
- **November 1**, East Precinct, 2273 Alcovy Road, Dacula
- **November 15**, North Precinct, 2735 Mall of Georgia Boulevard, Buford

Join Gwinnett Police at the Boys to Men Youth Empowerment Conference

We're participating in the upcoming Boys to Men Youth Empowerment Conference & Expo, which aims to empower, develop, and motivate young men by providing resources, education, and opportunities to maximize their potential for success. Attendees will explore these important topics:

- Mental health and promoting self-care
- Overcoming self-doubt
- Nurturing healthy connections with peers and family
- Facilitating positive interactions with law enforcement
- Transitioning to manhood
- Career exploration



Gwinnett Police will be part of the Interacting with Law Enforcement panel during the event on Saturday, September 30 at 10:00am at Gwinnett Technical College, Building 700, located at 5150 Sugarloaf Parkway in Lawrenceville. Bring your sons, grandsons, nephews, and mentees. Registration is required and space is limited. [Register online](#)

Safety Tip of the Month: Cyber safety for parents

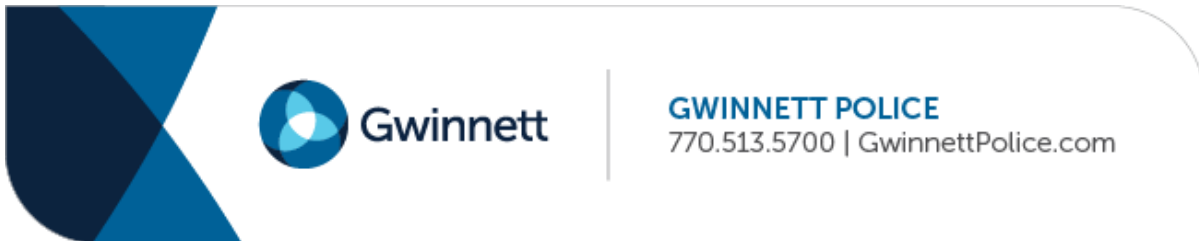
Parents play an important role in protecting their children online. Here are some tips to keep your children safe:

- Randomly look through messaging apps on your child's device.
- Keep elementary and middle school students' devices in a parent's room.
- Look for apps stored in the back of created folders. These apps will be labeled differently to hide the actual app.
- Educate your child on internet predators to prevent personal information from being shared with strangers online.
- Consider installing internet browsing blockers and apps for young children that require a passcode only known by parents.
- Research popular apps to see if your child is communicating online.



To report a cyber-related incident involving a child, contact the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children at 1.800.843.5678.

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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