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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.

Students graduate Youth Police Academy!

Congratulations to the 42 middle and high school students who completed the Gwinnett Youth Police Academy. The goal of YPA is to develop relationships with local youth and provide them an opportunity to learn how their police department operates. Police officers serve as role models and mentors while encouraging character development, physical fitness, and good citizenship.



"If I had to pick just one thing that I learned that really influenced me during YPA, it would be gun safety," shared 14-year-old Danny Liu of his YPA experience. "Children should know how to stay safe around

a gun and it would help decrease the problem of child and adolescent accidental gun deaths."

The Gwinnett Police Community Affairs section hosts the academy every summer with instructor support from several Gwinnett Police divisions, Northside Hospital Gwinnett, and the Gwinnett County Fire Training Academy. A special thanks goes to our friends at Publix Super Markets for providing lunch for our graduates.



Join Chairwoman Nicole Love Hendrickson at our Back-to-School Supply Drive

You still have time to donate to Gwinnett Police's Back- to-School Supply Drive! Help provide students with the supplies they need to start the 2023 – 2024 school year. Drop off your donations at any of the following locations through Friday, July 28:

- Gwinnett County Police Headquarters
- <u>Gwinnett County Police precinct</u> lobbies



Chairwoman Nicole Love Hendrickson will attend the supply drive at the South Precinct on Tuesday, July 25 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm to meet and greet guests and receive school supplies from the public. South Precinct is located at 2180 Stone Drive (off Highway 78) in Lilburn.

For more information, please email PDCommunityAffairs@GwinnettCounty.com.

Gwinnett Police accepting applications for Citizens Police Academy

Gwinnett residents interested in an in-depth, behind-thescenes look at how Gwinnett Police serve and protect our community can register now for our next Citizens Police Academy.

The goal of the CPA is to create and develop a growing nucleus of responsible, well-informed residents, who have the potential to influence public opinion concerning police practices and the delivery of services.

Applications are accepted until Friday, August 11. The



program runs from August 29 to October 12 on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6:30pm to 9:00pm. Apply here. Space is limited.

Gwinnett Police to host annual Public Safety Fall Festival



Gwinnett Police will host its 13th Annual Public Safety Fall Festival on Saturday, September 16, from 10:00am to 2:00pm at Coolray Field.

The festival celebrates the partnership of local public safety professionals and our diverse community and will have giveaways, demonstrations, and public safety units on display.

Children can explore their favorite vehicles that keep us safe, like a police helicopter, SWAT truck, fire ladder truck

and ambulance. Residents will learn tips on fire safety, crime prevention, personal safety, and injury prevention.

If you would like to register as a vendor at the festival, please compete the registration form.

Save the Date: Gwinnett Police upcoming events

For more information about any of the events or programs below, please email PDCommunityAffairs@GwinnettCounty.com.



National Faith and Blue Weekend

Friday, October 6 - Monday, October 9 If your faith-based organization would like to collaborate with us to create a community event where residents and police can fellowship, please email us.

National DEA Prescription Drug Takeback

Saturday, October 28

Residents can drop off all potentially dangerous prescription medications like tablets, capsules, patches, and other forms of prescription drugs at police headquarters and all six precincts.



For questions regarding the Neighbors in Uniform newsletter, please contact Rachael Warnsley at <u>Rachael.Warnsley@GwinnettCounty.com</u> or 770.513.5348. Be sure to follow us on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, and <u>Instagram</u> @GwinnettPD.





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