



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.

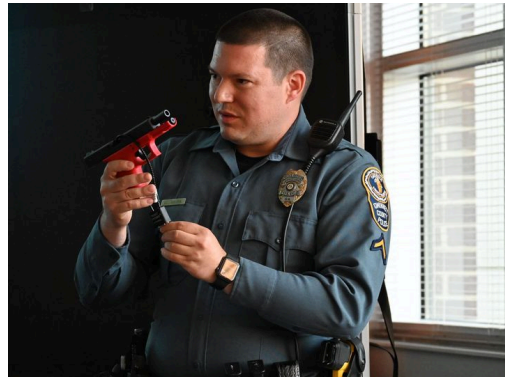
Master your firearm with essential gun safety practices

Whether you're new to gun ownership or if you've been a gun owner for quite some time, it's always great to brush up on your firearm safety skills. We provide several Firearm Safety and Security classes throughout the year to share guidelines and best practices for safe gun handling. The classes are held at all police precincts and taught by local law enforcement personnel.

Registration is required to participate, and seating is limited. Youth who plan to attend must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Residents are prohibited from bringing their own weapons to class. All classes start promptly at 6:30pm.

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

- **Thursday, August 15**, Lilburn Activity Center, 788 Hillcrest Road, Lilburn
- **Thursday, September 12**, Central Precinct, 3125 Satellite Boulevard NW, Duluth
- **Thursday, October 3**, East Precinct, 2273 Alcovy Road, Dacula
- **Thursday, October 24**, South Precinct, 2180 Stone Drive, Lilburn
- **Tuesday, November 5**, North Precinct, 2735 Mall of Georgia Boulevard, Buford
- **Tuesday, December 3**, Bay Creek Precinct, 185 Ozora Road, Loganville



Join us at the 15th annual Public Safety Fall Festival!

Gwinnett Police is thrilled to announce the 15th annual Public Safety Fall Festival at Coolray Field on Saturday, September 7 from 10:00am to 2:00pm! For the first time, Gwinnett Police will host the Peach State Police Motorcycle Skills and Training Seminar that also takes place at Coolray Field September 4 through September 7 and showcases the skills and precision of police motorcyclists from across the country.

The Public Safety Fall Festival brings together residents and first responders for a day of fun, education, and engagement through touch-a-truck experiences, family-friendly activities, food trucks, and giveaways. As always, the event is free and open to the public. Whether you're interested in the high-octane excitement of the motorcycle rodeo, car show, or the educational and interactive experiences at the festival, there's something for everyone!

For more information, please email PDCommunityAffairs@GwinnettCounty.com or visit [Public Safety Fall Festival](#) to learn more.



Gwinnett Police receives multiple National Association of Counties Awards

Over the summer, our department was recognized by the National Association of Counties for our exemplary programs and services.

Gwinnett Police's Behavioral Health Unit was recognized in the Criminal Justice and Public Safety category. The Behavioral Health Unit provides assistance and protection to those persons who are suffering from mental health issues, an intellectual disability disorder, or other behavioral health concerns. A part of BHU's mission is jail diversion and seeking effective treatment for mental illness, and in 2023, we saw a 98 percent jail diversion rate.

Our mentoring program also received an award. This initiative focuses on providing younger officers with guidance and support from experienced officers who share their knowledge to influence personal and professional growth leading to effective leadership. The mentor program helps develop skills, builds confidence, and fosters a sense of community within the department. Ultimately, this initiative can contribute to the growth and success of young officers, as well as the overall effectiveness of the department. This has led to improved retention rates, job satisfaction, and overall leadership quality. Our mentor program is continuously expanding to include more corporals and helping them prepare for future leadership roles, while senior sergeants and lieutenants serve as mentors.



Serve your community with a rewarding career as a 911 Communications Officer

We are seeking dedicated individuals to join our team as 911 communications officers. Our next hiring event will take place on **Saturday, September 14**, from **8:00am to 3:00pm by appointment only** at the Gwinnett Police Training Center located at 854 Winder Highway in Lawrenceville.

We're offering a \$4,600 hiring incentive, a 3 to 6 percent educational incentive for a 2 or 4-year degree, a 5 percent shift differential, annual raises, and overtime opportunities.

If you or someone you know is at least 18 years old, have a high school diploma or G.E.D., a United States citizen, and eligible for P.O.S.T. certification join us at the hiring event. You can also contact us to schedule an

appointment by visiting Gwinnett911Careers.com or contact Investigator Raemie Fransen at 770.513.5565 or Raemie.Fransen@gwinnettcountry.com.



You can see yourself everywhere at Gwinnett Police

We go above and beyond to offer a diverse range of roles that cater to a variety of skills and passions, and we are committed to providing opportunities for individuals to serve their community in a meaningful way.

Whether you're drawn to the thrill of high-stakes situations, the precision of forensic analysis, or the satisfaction of building community trust, we have a place for you. Our dynamic divisions and specialty teams, including K-9, Training, Crime Scene Investigation, SWAT, 911 Communications, and Community Affairs, offer a wealth of career paths. Watch the video that highlights a few of our specialty teams.

Ready to embark on a rewarding career in law enforcement? Learn more about our department and connect with one of our recruiters by visiting GwinnettPoliceJobs.com.



Safety Tip: School Zone Safety Program

Gwinnett County schools are back in session. Please be mindful of automated speed enforcement cameras in local school zones. Not all cameras throughout Gwinnett County are operated by Gwinnett County Police. Some Gwinnett cities also have automated speed enforcement cameras, and they have their own rules and fee structures.



Whenever you see a school zone sign that has flashing lights, it means the speed limit on that portion of the roadway is reduced by 10 and up to 20 miles an hour. The school zone lights flash one hour prior to the first class of school instruction and one hour after the last class of instruction has concluded. However, **when the lights are not flashing during school hours, the cameras are still running, and the regular speed limit of the road is enforced.** The posted speed limit on the flashing sign is the speed limit only while the lights are flashing.

Gwinnett Police has speed cameras at 12 schools throughout the county. For a list of schools, speed limits, and flashing times, please visit [School Zone Safety Program](#).

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](#), [X](#), and [Instagram @GwinnettPD](#).

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