



NEIGHBORS IN UNIFORM

A newsletter from Gwinnett Police

November 2024

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.

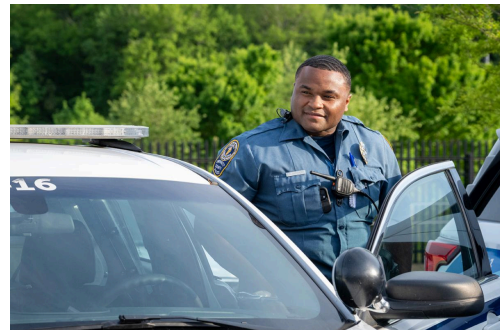
We hope you enjoyed Veterans Day, a day set aside to thank and honor all those who served in the United States military. We also observe Native American Heritage Month to call attention to the culture, traditions, and achievements of the nation's original residents and their descendants. As we celebrate Thanksgiving with friends and family, let's embrace the Native American philosophy of giving without expecting anything in return.

Serve your community with a career in law enforcement

We're seeking dedicated individuals who hold our values of integrity, courtesy, pride, and professional growth to join our team. Our next hiring event will take place on Saturday, November 16 and Sunday, November 17 from 8:00am to 3:00pm at the Gwinnett County Police Training Center, located at 854 Winder Highway in Lawrenceville.

This is a special opportunity to complete the first phase of the two-phase hiring process. Conditional job offers may be given during this event. We're offering a \$5,300 hiring incentive for new police officers.

To view more information about the police officer positions and apply, visit [GwinnettCounty.com/NovemberHiringEvent](https://www.gwinnettcountry.com/NovemberHiringEvent).



Help us Fill the Sleigh for kids in need



Bring a toy and spread some joy! We're accepting toy donations for our fourth annual Fill the Sleigh Toy Drive for children aged infant to 14 years old from now until Friday, December 13. Toys should be new, unwrapped, and priced at \$10 or more. Youth basketballs, footballs, soccer balls, and gift cards are great gifts for teenagers. Please note that toy weapons will not be accepted. Donations can be dropped off at [Gwinnett Police headquarters or any precinct lobby](#).

Your toy donations will be distributed during our Santa's Community Workshop events for local children in need. For more information about the Fill the Sleigh Toy Drive and how

you can help support our efforts, please email PDCommunityAffairs@GwinnettCounty.com.

Gwinnett Police seeks community input

The Gwinnett County Police Department is committed to serving our community with excellence. To ensure we're meeting your needs, we're seeking public input through a community survey.

Randomly selected households will soon receive surveys in the mail. These surveys will ask about various aspects of police performance and help us identify areas for improvement. Your feedback is crucial in shaping the future of our department. The survey will not ask for any personal information, and your identity will be confidential.

If you aren't selected for this initial survey, a communitywide survey will be available in the coming weeks. Watch our social media for the announcement or sign up to be notified when that survey is ready at [Polco.us/n/res/signup](https://polco.us/n/res/signup). Survey results will be compiled in a report by Polco and shared with the community upon completion.

Your voice matters. By participating in this survey, you're helping to create a stronger community where everyone feels heard, supported, and valued. Thank you for your support.

If you have any questions about this survey, please contact Gwinnett Police at 770.513.5044.



Master your firearm with essential gun safety practices



No matter your experience level, it's always a good idea to brush up on your firearm safety skills and learn best practices for safe gun handling.

Register for our last Firearm Safety and Security class this year, which will be held on **Tuesday, December 3** at Gwinnett Police Bay Creek Precinct, located at 185 Ozora Road in Loganville. Class starts promptly at **6:30pm**.

Youth who plan to attend must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Residents are prohibited from bringing their own weapons to class. Registration is required to participate, and seating is limited. To secure your spot, visit GwinnettCounty.com/FirearmSafety.

Learn how to defend yourself in an active violence situation

An active shooter is an individual who is engaged in killing, or attempting to kill, people in a confined and populated area. These incidents are often unpredictable and can escalate quickly.

Don't miss our last Active Violence course this year to better understand the importance of situational awareness. The course covers key concepts: RUN, HIDE, FIGHT and AVOID, DENY, DEFEND.

Participants will learn how to think critically and improvise to protect themselves during an active violence situation, as well as what to do once police officers arrive. These concepts will be learned in a classroom setting with no physical scenarios involved.



Visit GwinnettCounty.com/ActiveViolence to register for the last session on **Thursday, December 5** at **6:30pm** at Gwinnett Police West Precinct, located at 6160 Crescent Drive in Norcross.

County to install additional Flock Safety cameras

The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners approved the purchase of 40 additional Flock Safety cameras to help Gwinnett Police solve crimes and protect the community. Functioning as license plate readers, these cameras will be used for real-time monitoring and data processing.



The \$225,300 contract was awarded to Flock Group Inc. and is funded through the American Rescue Plan Act and the Governor's Public Safety and Community Violence Reduction Grant.

Police, faith leaders, and residents building bridges for more inclusive communities

Last month, police precincts, the Training Division, and the Community Affairs Section partnered with local faith-based organizations to host events, aiming to make a positive impact on the community. Gwinnett Police work hand-in-hand with residents from all walks of life and different cultures to develop solutions to issues like food insecurity and addressing residents' overall safety and security.

Let us help support your community event, and don't hesitate to join us when we host events in your neighborhood! Contact us at PDCommunityAffairs@GwinnettCounty.com or submit a [presentation request form](#) anytime. Check out the highlight video from a few of our Faith & Blue events below.



Safety Tip of the Month: Avoid being the next victim of a car break-in



The holiday season is here! Here are some safety tips to keep you and your loved ones safe.

- Always lock your vehicle and close your windows completely.
- If you have a garage, always park inside it.
- Check your door handles before walking away to assure the doors are locked.
- Do not leave any valuable items inside your vehicle; purses, backpacks, laptops, cell phones, tablets, GPS units, and firearms should be secured with you each time you leave your vehicle.

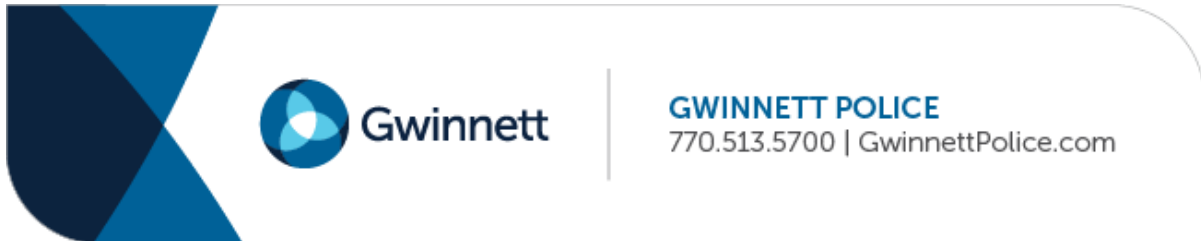
•If you do need to secure items in your vehicle temporarily, always place them out of sight and do so before you reach your final destination. Criminals watch when you place a purse or laptop in your trunk before you go walking in a park, and they know you will be gone for a while. Never leave valuables in your vehicle overnight.

•Nothing should be visible when looking in your car. Charging cords, sunglasses, garage door openers, and loose change should be out of sight.

•Report any suspicious vehicles or individuals to the Police Department.

For more safety tips, visit [Gwinnett Safety 411](#).

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



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