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**City Marshals Program in Full Swing  
The new program is already impacting the city**



As the year begins, we are happy to announce that our City Marshal program is now in full swing.

As many may know, the City implemented our Marshal Program in July of 2023, and officially swore in our three City Marshals in November: Chief Eddie Restrepo, Deputy Chief Johnnie Bing, and Captain Henry Mesa.

The City Marshal Program was established in Peachtree Corners to enhance the city's non-emergency capabilities and to support and complement the GCPD's role as the primary law enforcement agency for Peachtree Corners.

The City Marshal's Office will focus on addressing the specific needs of the city government and the community, such as addressing problem crime areas, increasing patrols, and engaging with homeowners' associations and local businesses. Additionally, the Marshals will have the unique opportunity to test and deploy cutting-edge law enforcement technologies through their partnership with the Curiosity Lab at Peachtree Corners and its collaborators.

Having our own Marshal service also enables us to provide a higher level of security at the Town Center and respond quickly in any case where GCPD is tied up on a higher priority. We'll also be establishing a real-time crime center in cooperation with GCPD and Fusus, which will speed up our response to crime and further improve public safety.

Since the Marshals have been on board, they have been busy, and extremely effective. Here are a few of the many examples.

In October the Carnegie Jewelers at the Forum was hit by a smash-and-grab style robbery. Upon contact, the Marshals began reviewing surveillance footage and were able to quickly identify the suspects entering a vehicle and obtain the

vehicle's tag number. Using the local License Plate Reading cameras installed throughout the area, they were able to track the vehicle to Clayton County which led to the arrest of one of the suspects.

On November 26<sup>th</sup>, Captain Mesa was conducting late night / early morning patrols when a shots-fired call was received from the Marriott Hotel. Mesa was one of the initial officers to arrive on the scene. Equipped with a medium-sized ballistic shield, Mesa made his way to the 4<sup>th</sup> floor where he assisted with evacuating hotel guests, ultimately getting them out of harm's way. Mesa then began combing through security footage and was able to identify the suspect, his vehicle, and others who were with the suspect. His quick actions, along with those of GCPD, led to an overall peaceful resolution where no hotel guests, officers, or suspects were injured during the incident.

Over the past several months, the City has experienced an increase in mail/package thefts within multi-family housing complexes. The Marshals Office, utilizing the various crime-fighting tools at their disposal, was able to develop strong leads as to the vehicles used and the suspects involved. In each of the incidents, the information obtained over the course of the investigation was provided to the Gwinnett County Police Department to conduct follow-up investigations. One has already led to the arrest of one suspect who is facing numerous charges, and their vehicle was impounded.

In addition to their direct police work in the community, the Marshal's Office has acquired a myriad of crime-fighting technologies, especially less lethal options, such as the Bola-Wrap, Bryna OC/CS Kinetic Ball pistol and rifle launcher, and the new Taser 10, are just a few.

Since the Marshal's Office's inception, they have made it a priority to work with various members of the community including its residents, visitors, and businesses. They have attended numerous events that have supported not only the City but also our surrounding areas. This will continue and will be highlighted on our social media platforms.

