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City Marshal's Office Proving Effective and Innovative



Since its inception less than a year ago, a lot has been accomplished by the Peachtree Corner's City Marshal's Office. Over the past several months, the Marshals have solved various crimes, assisted the Gwinnett County Police Department, and are working to implement several innovative programs. While there have been many successes, I wanted to provide a few examples of several things they have either done or are working to complete.

In February, the City Marshals assisted the GCPD in identifying and locating a suspect who was wanted for felony identity fraud and forgery.

An older white male entered the bank and attempted to cash a forged check using a stolen identification. They were not allowed to cash the check and were seen leaving the bank in a newer model Mercedes Benz. Not long after, the Marshals received information from the Gwinnett County Police Department (GCPD) asking for assistance in identifying the suspect and the vehicle. The Marshals used a photo of the suspect to help identify the individual. Using some of the resources available to them, they were able to obtain personal information on the suspect. The information showed that the suspect resided in Georgia and was wanted by multiple agencies including Atlanta Police, Sandy Springs Police, and Decatur Police for identity theft, fraud, and forgery cases. Using a photo of the vehicle, the Marshals reviewed the security cameras at the Town Center and identified and tracked it using the Flock license plate reader (LPR) system. In April, GCPD contacted the Marshals to confirm that they had arrested the suspect and were able to link them to 27 different incidents of fraud, forgery, and identity theft in the metro Atlanta area.

In March, the Marshals assisted in the investigation of a drive-by shooting that took place in Peachtree Corners.

GCPD officers responded to a person-shot call at the intersection of Peachtree Corners Circle and Peachtree Blvd. A 9-1-1 caller told operators that they saw a gray Acura collide with another vehicle in the intersection and that the car was full of bullet holes. They also said that a young black male exited the car after the accident and appeared to have been bleeding from multiple areas of his body. A second 9-1-1 caller told operators that they had witnessed a red car and a gray car shooting at each other as they drove on Green Point Pkwy near Jones Mill Road around the same time. GCPD detectives were called out and began to investigate the case. The Marshals assisted GCPD by locating important surveillance video of the shooting incident from one of the businesses on Green Point Pkwy as well as a spent shell casing that had been fired from the suspect's gun. Marshals later located the red car involved in the shooting incident using the LPR system. These leads were shared with GCPD, and warrants were issued for the suspects involved.

In June, the Marshals assisted in another incident involving a firearm.

During an attempted robbery at a Peachtree Parkway business, during a physical altercation, a male suspect pulled a gun from his waistband and threatened another person. During the fight, the gun discharged into the ceiling of the business. While no one was shot, the aggressor fled the scene. GCPD did a canvas of the area but did not locate anything during the initial search. A couple of days later, GCPD contacted the Marshals for assistance with the case. The Marshals contacted the owner of the business to request any security footage. Later, while retrieving the footage, a GCPD Detective

and a Marshal conducted a secondary search of the area, and the Marshal was able to locate a spent shell casing in the area where the gun was discharged. The shell casing was photographed and collected by GCPD and placed into evidence. While no arrests have been made, GCPD is still actively investigating the case. The Marshals are also investigating any potential City Ordinance violations by the business.

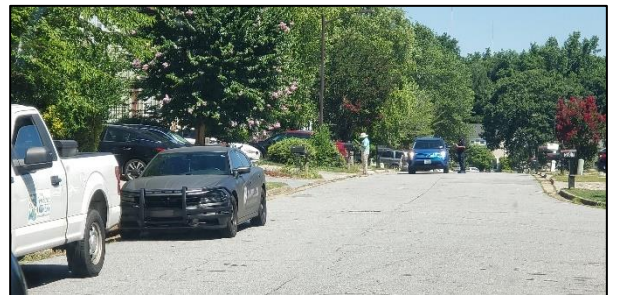
While they have been busy solving local crime and assisting GCPD, the Marshals have also been working on two new innovative programs: a Drone Pilot Program and the creation of a Video Integration Station (VIS).

In April, the Marshals attended the XPONENTIAL 2024 International Drone Conference. They observed different types of drones, technologies, and software available to law enforcement agencies nationally and internationally. The Marshals also scheduled a tour of the Chula Vista Police Department and watched a demo of their “drone as a first responder” (DFR) program. Chula Vista is a pioneer of DFR in law enforcement and one of the first departments to run a successful DFR program on a large scale. Since their return from the conference, one of the Marshals has been certified as a Part 107 drone pilot, and the other Marshals are currently studying to obtain their licenses. The Marshals are working on a pilot drone program for the City that can be used as a force multiplier. This program can be used to assist during any calls for service where deploying a drone could aid in the arrest of a suspect or in locating a missing person.

Through their work with multiple technology and software companies, the Marshals are in the process of outfitting a new Video Integration Station (VIS). The VIS will allow them to capitalize on the wide and expanding range of video camera technologies. These new technologies can help the Marshals use the City’s current technological resources to develop leads faster, which could lead to faster apprehensions of suspects, vehicles, and the recovery and return of stolen property. The VIS will have a large video wall, multiple workstations, and a large conference area to provide the Marshals with a tool to work with neighboring agencies to share information in real-time.

They have also been busy supporting our Code Enforcement Officers.

Their main support has come as Code Officers have begun conducting business license compliance checks. The checks have become necessary because of the growing number of business license delinquencies. In a secondary role, they have supported Code during several compliance sweeps of residential, commercial, and industrial properties. During the sweeps, Code Officers affix warning notices to doors or vehicle windows when they discover a violation. The warning notices provide a set date by which the violations must be corrected. If the violations are fixed before the re-evaluation date on the warning notices, the violator is not cited for the violation.



While the City Marshal Program is still young, our Marshals are working hard to ensure the safety and security of the residents and businesses of Peachtree Corners. They are dedicated to finding and using the most effective and innovative tools and technology to provide the highest level of service available to all of Peachtree Corners.