

PEACHTREE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Quarterly Newsletter



Faith and Blue

The Peachtree City Police Department participated in the first annual Faith and Blue event at Drake Field. The National Faith & Blue Weekend is based on the premise that strong communities are built on mutual respect and understanding. Law enforcement and faith institutions are key pillars of each community, and when they work together, neighborhoods thrive. For more information, visit www.faithandblue.org.



MYCOP

The "My Community Officer" (MYCOP) program is a partnership between the Peachtree City Police Department and the communities in the city, designed to help strengthen the relationship between our citizens and the department. Each neighborhood has an officer designated as their liaison with the department. Your community officer will serve as your point of contact with the department for non-emergency issues (always call 911 for emergencies!) that need to be addressed. Some types of things for which you may want to contact your officer are:

- Ongoing problems or suspicious activities in specific locations
- Street lights that are in need of repair
- Missing or obstructed signs (street name signs, stop signs, etc)
- Traffic concerns in the neighborhood
- Code enforcement concerns

[To find your community officer, click here.](#)

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HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS



Don't display your cash or any other inviting targets such as cell phones, hand-held electronic games, or expensive jewelry and clothing.

Try to park in well-lighted areas with good visibility

and close to walkways, stores, and people. Always lock your vehicle.

Ensure you have locked your doors and turned on the home/business alarm!

Watch your surroundings and be alert for suspicious activity. *See the attached brochure on page 6 for more information on Suspicious Activity Reporting.

Contact the post office and stop all mail from being

delivered while you are out of town. If this is not practical, have a friend pick up your mail on a daily basis and check your front door for notices.

If packages must be delivered while you are out of town, have a friend pick them up. Never leave packages on your front porch for an extended period of time.

Install home surveillance cameras.

Install timers on your lights so they will activate periodically throughout the day. A home that has not had any lights on for a few days alerts criminals.

Let a trusted neighbor know you will be out of town. It is good to have a person you trust as a key holder.



Peachtree City Auxiliary Police Force

If you participate in local road races or triathlons, enjoy attending events like Night Market, Shakerag Arts Festival, or the Independence Day parade and fireworks, or love taking in a concert at The Fred featuring your favorite band, you have seen us in action!

We are the Peachtree City Auxiliary Police Force, a group of dedicated volunteer citizens that support our local police department as non-sworn/non-certified officers. Our organization was established in 1987 and we became a tax-exempt non-profit entity under Section 501(c)(3) in 2012.

You will see us directing traffic and performing crowd control during community gatherings and events, patrolling neighborhoods and business areas, and assisting officers during road safety checks and vehicular accidents. We also assist the department in non-enforcement activities such as community projects and outreach events and various administrative tasks at headquarters. Have you ever donated to the annual 'Light Up The Night' Toy Drive, attended a class sponsored by the police department, contributed to hurricane/disaster collections or given blood at the PD? Our Auxiliary officers are part of these and many other activities, either as facilitators or by working behind-the-scenes. As a non-profit organization, we also conduct fundraisers and receive monetary donations that are used to purchase equipment, fund rewards, and take care of other needs of the department and its officers.

For over three decades and out of a sense of civic duty we, the volunteers of the Peachtree City Auxiliary Police Force, have strived to serve our community and support the police department, and we will continue to do so for many years to come!



Operation Connect

Operation Connect is an opportunity for home and business owners to assist the Peachtree City Police Department in keeping their community safe. It is a community partnership that will help officers investigate incidents within the community more effectively and efficiently. The goal of this program is to help police identify potential sources of video if an incident occurs in your area. Participants can provide pertinent information regarding video surveillance equipment they have at their disposal, which may assist in the timely identification of criminal suspects. Participation in the program is voluntary and does not grant any individual direct access to your surveillance systems. It simply provides police with your contact information and general area of surveillance so that we may reach out to you for assistance if an incident occurs in your area. This partnership allows you to have a direct impact on reducing crime in your community. Your participation in protecting the community is greatly appreciated.

For more information, check out our two YouTube Videos:

[Operation Connect Information Video](#)

[Operation Connect Interview Video](#)

To register your cameras, go to www.peachtree-city.org/operationconnect

Online Police Reports

We are excited to announce that we have launched a new online reporting system. This system provides our citizens with the convenience of filing some types of non-emergency reports online. To see if your non-emergency report can be filed online, you can visit the department's website or any of our social media accounts.

[File an online police report here.](#)

HOA Contact List

Peachtree City has a contact list for homeowners associations (HOAs), community associations, or just a neighbor that volunteers to help get the word out to subdivision residents, and it's time for an update. The information is not required, but it is helpful to several City departments, such as Police, Public Works, and Stormwater, when notices need to go out to residents in a specific subdivision/neighborhood regarding roads, stormwater projects, community outreach events/projects, or anything that might affect a particular area.

Please fill out the [HOA Contact List form](#).

If you have any questions, contact [Sgt. Kevin Brown](#) at the Police Department.

HOUSE WATCH PROGRAM

The Peachtree City Police Department's House Watch program is a community oriented policing program designed to provide our residents peace of mind while away from their homes during vacations, work related travel, or for other reasons. Information submitted by the resident makes it possible for the police department to contact the resident, or their designated key holder, in the event that a problem develops at their residence.

[Complete the house watch form here.](#)

Golf Cart Thefts

Golf Cart thefts are on the rise and we are working to solve this problem.

Below are some steps we are encouraging everyone to do:

>Don't leave keys or valuables in your golf cart.

>Have a unique key ignition system installed (around \$100).

>Lock your golf cart up with a chain, wheel lock, or in your closed garage.

*Do not leave charging carts unattended.

>Park in well lit areas that can be seen by a security camera.

>Report suspicious activity or abandoned carts.

>Get insurance on the carts (most carts are less than \$10/month). This will protect against theft and damage/injury from collisions as most homeowners insurance policies will not cover this while using it off your property.



VEHICLE COLLISIONS

The number one contributing factor in vehicle collisions in 2020 has been following the vehicle in front of you at an unsafe distance. Please ensure that you leave enough room between you and the next car to stop safely!

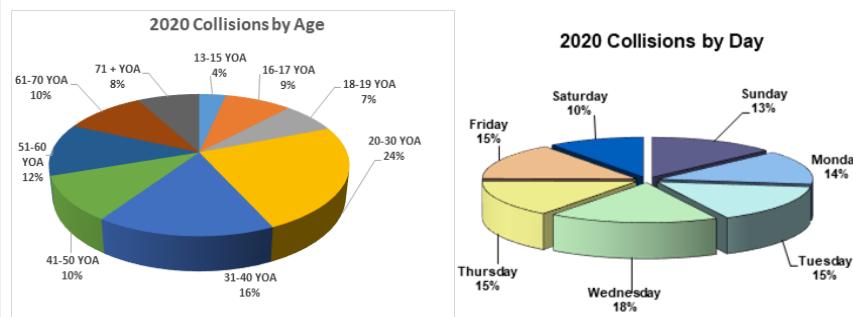
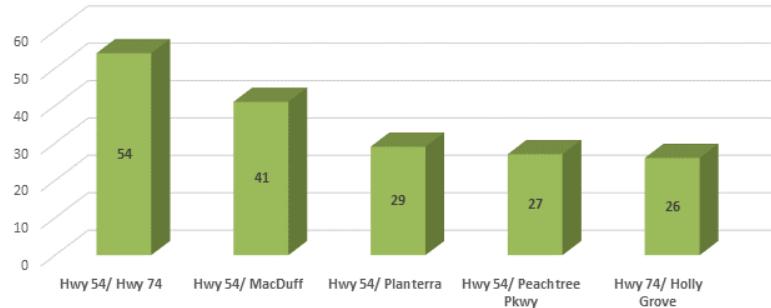
Reference OCGA 40-6-49 Following too Closely.

(a) The driver of a motor vehicle shall not follow another vehicle more closely than is reasonable and prudent, having due regard for the speed of such vehicles and the traffic upon and the condition of the highway.

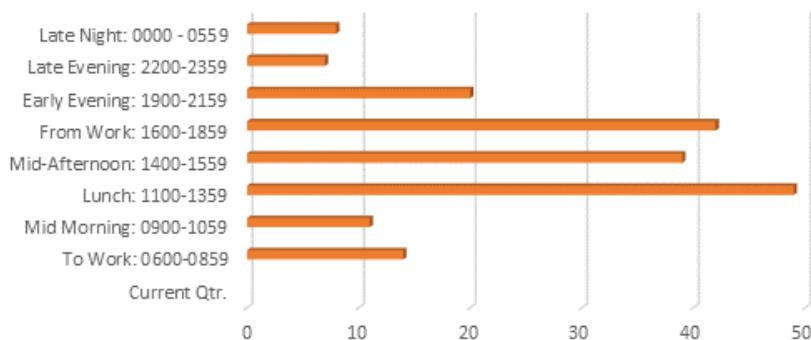
Quarterly Contributing Factors		
Following Too Close	90	49%
DUI	6	3%
Speed Related	13	7%
Failure to Yield	18	10%
Disregard Device	6	3%
Animal	9	5%
Weather Related	0	0%
Distracted	9	5%
Driver Lost Control	6	3%

Traffic Stats

Top 5 Collision Locations Year To Date 2020



Quarterly Collisions by Time of Day



News From the City

For the most up-to-date news on the City, check out the following sources:

Peachtree City's official website:
[Peachtree City's website](#)

Peachtree City's official Facebook Page:
[Peachtree City's Facebook page](#)

Peachtree City Recreation and Special Events:
[Peachtree City Recreation and Special Events Facebook Page](#)

Peachtree City's Weekly Updates:
[Peachtree City Weekly Newsletter](#)



[The Peachtree City Blog](#)

On The Peachtree City Blog you will find information on City Government, recent updates, current city information and more!

[Podcast](#)

Listen to the Peachtree City community podcast here!

[Important Websites](#)

[File a Police Report](#)

[My Community Officer Program](#)

[Report a Problem](#)

[Community and Victim Services](#)

[House Watch Program](#)

[Sign Up to Receive Alerts](#)

[Like us on Facebook](#)

[Follow us on Twitter](#)

["Neighbors" App](#)

The Peachtree City Police Department is now on Ring's "Neighbors" App. To get notifications, all you need to do is sign up through the app. When an alert is pushed to your area, you will be notified per your app's settings.

Police Use of Force Education Class

The Peachtree City Police Department is bridging the gap between police officers and civilians in police use of force education. If you are interested in participating in a police use of force education class consisting of a lecture, open dialogue, question and answers portion, and a chance to "play the officer" in two hands-on scenarios, contact Sgt Kevin Brown at kbrown@peachtree-city.org for more information. We are currently scheduling groups of 6 — 10 participants.



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Golf Cart Registration

Golf Cart registration continues at this time. For further information, please contact city hall at 770-487-7657.

[You can also register online here.](#)

WHAT IS SUSPICIOUS?

KNOW YOUR **BAC's**

BEHAVIOR, ACTIVITY,
& CIRCUMSTANCES

People are NOT suspicious. But Behavior, Activity, and Circumstances—**BAC**—can be.

BEHAVIOR: Is the conduct of this person unusual? Is it part of the day-to-day activity of your neighborhood?

ACTIVITY: Is there an indication that something is wrong?

CIRCUMSTANCES: Does it seem like a criminal act has occurred or is likely to occur?

EXAMPLES of Suspicious Behaviors, Activity, and Circumstances:

- Someone loitering on a neighbor's property or going to, or coming from, the side or rear of the residence.
- Looking into windows, mailboxes, or vehicles.
- Running in a manner not consistent with exercise.
- Hiding after being noticed.
- Glass breaking or the sound of a door being forced.
- Vehicle repeatedly driving past, pulling up to multiple houses, or backing into a neighbor's driveway.

If you witness a crime, observe what you believe to be criminal activity, or for any type of emergency, **call 911**.



YOUR ASSISTANCE IS CRITICAL

No police department can function effectively without the assistance of its community members.



WHEN DO I CALL THE POLICE?

For any emergency, or to report a possible crime, **call 911**. For any non-emergency, contact dispatch at **770-461-4357 (HELP)**.

- If something seems out of the normal, and you can articulate or explain why, call the police.
- If the B-A-C of a situation catches your attention and, upon further observation your suspicion increases, call the police.

Once you decide to call...

- Call immediately so police have a better chance of locating the person or vehicle in question.
- Explain what you saw and why you're suspicious.
- Provide a detailed description of the person(s): Age range, perceived gender and race, skin complexion, hair color and style, estimated height and weight, physical build, scars or tattoos, and as much detail about the clothing, shoes, and accessories as possible.
- Tell the 911 operator where you last saw the suspicious person or vehicle, and his/her direction of travel.

Why?

- Responding officers can more accurately identify the person you are calling about.
- It gives the officers the legal authority needed to stop and investigate a person or situation.
- Reduces the likelihood that officers will stop the wrong person (or fail to stop the right one).

STAY SAFE

HELP PREVENT CRIME

- Be aware of what is going on around you.
- Trust yourself and call if a situation does not feel right.
- Lock the doors and windows of your home and your vehicles.
- Secure your valuables out of sight.
- Make your home appear occupied, even when you are away.
- Use lighting around your home and trim overgrown foliage to reduce potential hiding places.
- When traveling, submit a "House Watch" request at www.peachtreecitypolice.org
- Avoid having packages delivered to your home while you're away. Instead, have them placed on hold through www.usps.com/manage/hold-mail.htm
- Get to know your neighbors so that you can look out for each other in a responsible way.



CALL 911

in an emergency, or if
you believe you are
witnessing any crime.



IN A NON-EMERGENCY
contact dispatch at 770-461-4357.



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