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CHAMBLEE POLICE DEPARTMENT COMPLETES ONE MIND CAMPAIGN PLEDGE

June 11, 2019—Chamblee Police Department (CPD) recently completed the One Mind Campaign Pledge. This campaign, by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), ensures successful interactions between officers and persons with mental illness. Some departments estimate that as many as 20% of their calls for service are related to mental health.

CPD worked with IACP to develop and implement the model policy to address officers' interactions with those affected by mental illness. The model policy also ensures officers received mental health awareness training. The 40-hour Crisis Intervention curriculum was designed to train Chamblee's specialized officers to respond to calls that involve individuals with mental health disorders, such as depression or intellectual disability. The curriculum includes education on various de-escalation techniques as well as live role-play scenarios of officers responding to persons who need mental health assistance.

"Chamblee joins only a few other agencies in Georgia completing the One Mind Pledge. CPD established a sustainable partnership with Covenant House Georgia," adds Assistant Chief Beller. "This will better equip our officers to handle these calls. One hundred percent of our sworn officers are trained and certified in Mental Health First Aid, and more than 30% of our sworn officers are trained and certified in Crisis Intervention."

For more information about the One Mind Campaign, visit www.theiacp.org. IACP is a 30,000-member professional association for law enforcement that provides training, technical assistance and recruitment services committed to advancing safer communities through thoughtful, progressive police leadership.

For more information on Covenant House, visit <http://www.covenanthousega.org/>.

For more information on the City of Chamblee, visit www.chambleega.gov or call 770-986-5010.

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Located just 14 miles from downtown Atlanta, Chamblee is a vibrant urban city with a diverse community and international flair. The City of Chamblee began as a small rail town and was incorporated in 1908. It has grown to more than seven square miles and nearly 30,000 residents. Chamblee is home to a heavy rail MARTA station, a historic downtown and Antique Row, the vibrant Buford Highway Corridor, DeKalb-Peachtree Airport (PDK), the Centers for Disease Control and a thriving business community with a unique sense of entrepreneurship and optimism.