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CHAMBLEE POLICE DEPARTMENT LAUNCHES POLICE CADET PROGRAM

December 6, 2019—The Chamblee Police Department (CPD) is looking for a few good folks—it’s announcing the creation of the Chamblee Public Safety Cadets Program. The first meeting is scheduled for January 7, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Police Department Training Room, (3518 Broad St., 2nd Floor, Chamblee).

“I’m truly excited about the opportunity to invest in our youth. This program will allow the Chamblee Police Department to work with young people in our community to bridge the gap of trust, while building healthy relationships,” said Chamblee Police Chief Kerry Thomas. “This program also will allow police advisors an opportunity to provide positive mentoring, career exploration, personal development, good citizenship and the enhancement of youth leadership abilities. This is community-oriented policing at its best—our community and police working together for a safer community.”

The Public Safety Cadet Program prepares young adults (ages 14-20) for a career in law enforcement and other public safety professions. The mission of the Public Safety Cadet Program is to mentor young adults to serve their communities by providing knowledge, skills and practical experiences through education and training delivered by public safety professionals who build character, physical fitness and respect for the rule of law and human/civil rights.

Benefits of the Public Safety Cadet program include:

1. Exposure to criminal justice careers;
2. Experience and awareness to make an informed decision on a career in law enforcement or a related field;
3. Receive comprehensive career focused training;
4. Benefit from interpersonal growth through self-discipline, teamwork, challenging experiences and high standards of performance and personal conduct;
5. Enhance character development and improve physical and mental fitness;
6. Learn responsibility to self and others through leadership; and
7. Serve their community.

CPD will accept applications in December and will make selections after the January 7th meeting.

Contacts for the program are Captain Ernesto Ford or Lieutenant Roy Collar and both can be reached at eford@chambleega.gov or rcollar@chambleega.gov. For more on the City of Chamblee or CPD, visit www.chambleega.gov or call (770) 986-5005.

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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. Visit www.chambleega.gov for more information.