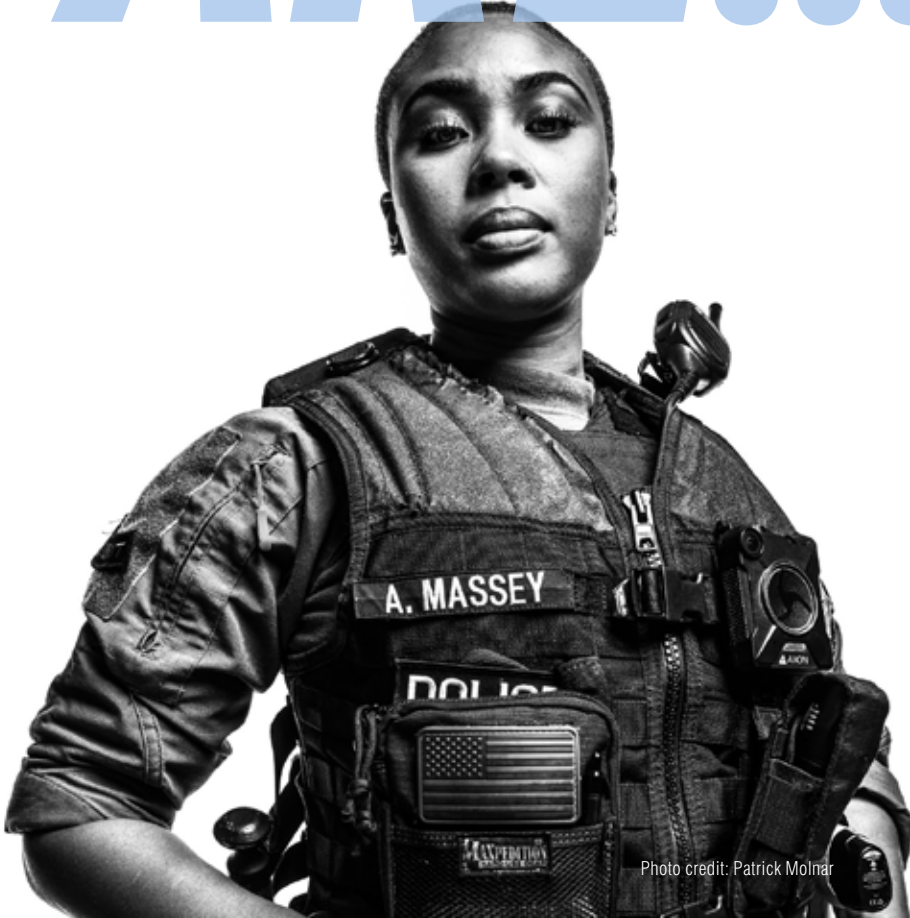




WE ARE...



OUR MISSION

The mission of the Atlanta Police Department (APD) is to create a safer Atlanta by reducing crime, ensuring the safety of our residents and building trust in partnership with our community.

OUR VISION

We are a source of pride for the residents of Atlanta, admired among law enforcement agencies worldwide, recognized for our professionalism, integrity, and service to our communities.



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Officer Shaketa Kindred, Sergeant CJ Murphy and Officer Shaakira Feelings-Thomas snap a selfie at the 49th Annual Pride Parade.

A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR KEISHA LANCE BOTTOMS

Greetings:

As the 60th Mayor of Atlanta, it is an honor to present the 2019 Atlanta Police Department Annual Report. I am so proud of the progress we have made as an Administration and city since taking office in 2018.

Public safety remains a top priority for our Administration. We have a collective responsibility to ensure safety and equity for all Atlanta residents, businesses, and visitors. We continue to put tremendous intention and action behind building the best police force in the nation. Promises made have turned into promises kept. I am thrilled to say we have raised police salaries by 30 percent and have seen a surge in new recruits with a doubling of applicants.

Thank you to Chief Erika Shields and the courageous men and women of the Atlanta Police Department who put their lives on the line each and every day to keep our city safe and welcoming. Together, we are elevating our efforts to make our communities safer. We are pleased that our crime rate is down three percent over the last year.

Our Administration has worked hard to ensure that our officers are trained, equipped, and paid commensurate with the challenges they face and their unwavering dedication. The City of Atlanta is doing its part to ensure equity is immersed in all of our decisions. This includes supporting officers through innovation and technology such as body cams, while strengthening our response to social justice programming, services, and opportunities.

We are forging a new day in Atlanta, where our police officers can live and thrive in the communities they serve; and where we can collectively evaluate the way our justice system works.

With the help of the Atlanta Police Department, our partners and the community, we are fostering a better, safer Atlanta for generations to come.

Sincerely,



Keisha Lance Bottoms



A MESSAGE FROM CHIEF ERIKA SHIELDS

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Greetings:

Every year brings new challenges for the Atlanta Police Department and 2019 was no different.

I'm immensely proud at how APD rose to meet those challenges and continued to lay the groundwork for even greater accomplishments in the future.

In early February, our department carried out a plan to keep safe more than one million visitors who came to our great city for Super Bowl LIII. Our employees worked tirelessly on extended shifts for 10-days to ensure a safe city. The end-result was a best-case scenario: The game and the city were remembered for what happened on the field.

With a successful Super Bowl and a recent College Football Playoff Championship in our rearview mirror, and with the Men's NCAA Final Four on the horizon, we are working to secure Atlanta's spot as second to none in managing major events.

More importantly to those who live, work in, and visit our city, we continue to make strides in fighting crime. For more than a decade now, major crimes in the city have consistently dropped, year after year. As crime continues to drop, we recognize the margins for further declines continue to narrow.

While we obtained a modest overall decrease in major crimes of three percent in 2019, it was not without cumbersome obstacles. It is the department's sincere hope that the violent repeat offender issue will eventually receive the judicial redress it desperately deserves so that Atlanta may hit its full stride.

Our focus at APD remains violent crimes and gang activity. Through technology, intelligence-led policing and most significantly, an extremely talented police force, we will tackle crime-fighting 2020 with a laser-like focus.

It is possible to be effective at policing while simultaneously being compassionate to those who face their own struggles such as poverty, addiction or mental illness. Nothing in our crime-fighting efforts precludes the department from working equally hard for those individuals who need an assist.

2019 brought much needed relief in the area of recruitment and hiring of sworn personnel. The largest pay raise in the police department's history was championed by Mayor Bottoms in 2018 and the dividends began rolling in during 2019. The department hired more than 200 recruits and plans to adopt an even more aggressive posture to hiring in 2020.

Your continued support of our department is vital to our success. We thank you, and are honored by the opportunity to serve you.



Erika Shields
Chief, Atlanta Police Department



COMMAND STAFF

Civilian Leadership

Director Amanda Pritchett – 911 Communications
 Director Carlos Campos – Public Affairs
 Senior Project Manager Darlene Jackson – Strategy and Special Projects
 Director Candace Walker – Crime Lab

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Major Reginald Moorman – Community Oriented Policing Section Commander
 Major Richard Mason – Code Enforcement Section Commander
 Major Eddie Smith – Special Operations Section Commander
 Captain Richard Smythe – Special Operations Section Assistant Commander
 Major Maurice Bates – Airport Precinct Commander
 Captain Bryan Paden – Airport Precinct Assistant Commander

Contingency Operations Division (COD)

Major William Ricker
 Captain Jessica Bruce

Criminal Investigations Division (CID)

Major Dan Rasmussen – Major Crimes Section Commander
 Captain D’Andrea Price – Major Crimes Section Assistant Commander
 Major Fred Watson – Special Enforcement Section Commander
 Captain Brian Schiffbauer – Special Enforcement Section Assistant Commander

Field Operations Division (FOD)

Major LeAnne Browning – Executive Office
 Major Prenzinna Spann – Executive Office
 Major Peter Ries – Executive Office
 Major Kelley Collier – Zone 1
 Captain Rodney Woody – Zone 1
 Major Andrew Senzer – Zone 2
 Captain Anthony Singh – Zone 2
 Major Carlo Peek – Zone 3
 Captain Willie Adams – Zone 3
 Major Carven Tyus – Zone 4
 Captain Jeffrey Cantin – Zone 4
 Major Darin Schierbaum – Zone 5
 Captain Antonio Clay – Zone 5
 Major David Villaroel – Zone 6
 Captain Stephen Zygaj – Zone 6
 Captain Furdge Turner – Night Commander
 Captain Theosie Williams – Night Commander

Strategy and Special Projects Division (SSPD)

Captain Andrea Webster

Support Services Division (SSD)

Major Clifton Johnson – Information Services Section Commander
 Major Jacquelyn Gwinn-Villaroel – Training Academy Commander
 Major Michael O’Connor – Corporate Services Section Commander
 Captain Jason Smith – 911 Communications Assistant Commander

Chief of Staff

Major Ben McGee

Office of Professional Standards

Major Charles Hampton

EXECUTIVE COMMAND



Chief of Police
Erika Shields



Assistant Police Chief
Todd Coyt



Criminal Investigations Division
Deputy Chief
Stacie Gibbs



Field Operations Division
Deputy Chief
Jeffrey Glazier



Contingency Operations Division
Deputy Chief
Terrell Griffin



Support Services Division
Deputy Chief
Scott Kreher



Strategy and Special Projects Division
Deputy Chief
Celeste Murphy



Community Services Division
Deputy Chief
Timothy Peek

APD E911/COMMUNICATIONS TEAM THE UNSUNG HEROES OF PUBLIC SAFETY

The E911 emergency communications team provides a vital link between the community, public safety, and medical professionals. E911 dispatchers are the first line of communication when someone has an emergency; they are true first-responders and are often the unsung heroes of the emergency response team.

When you call 911 in the City of Atlanta, it is the E911 dispatchers who answer. They provide crisis intervention, emergency dispatch, and communication support services for police and fire units and the community. They operate under what are sometimes chaotic, frenzied, heart-wrenching and stressful conditions. Dispatchers gather essential information from callers by asking questions to interpret, analyze and anticipate the caller's situation in order to dispatch the appropriate emergency services or refer callers to other agencies.

This team of highly-trained emergency call takers is organized and adept at multi-tasking. They operate a multi-line telephone console system, while entering data into a computer-aided dispatch system for radio purposes, perform TDD/TTY services for the hearing impaired and prioritize calls.

It takes weeks of stringent classroom and rigorous on-the-job training to assure that dispatchers are knowledgeable, level-headed, trustworthy and committed to maintaining professionalism and the public's trust. Their work within emergency response services often places them in the middle of life or death situations; however, due to their lack of visibility, they can be seen as just a voice on the end of the phone or radio and are often under-appreciated. The Atlanta Police Department recognizes and thanks this team for all they do, day in and day out, to help the community and facilitate life-saving measures. E911 dispatchers are the lifeline for individuals who may be having the worst day of their lives and are the heartbeat of the public safety profession.



911 BY THE NUMBERS

1,061,059 calls received in 2019

804,168 calls dispatched (Police)

23,058 calls dispatched (Fire Department)

67,951 calls dispatched (EMS)

TRAINING REQUIRED

- **Peace Officers and Standards Training and Georgia Crime Information Center Certification**
- **Security and Integrity**
- **Call Taking:**
Classroom: 4 weeks/160 hours
On-the-Job Training: 6 weeks/240 hours
- **Police Dispatch:**
Classroom: 4 weeks/160 hours
On-the-Job Training: 16 weeks/640 hours
- **Fire Dispatch:**
Classroom: 5 weeks/200 hours
On-the-Job Training: 10 weeks/400 hours



WE ARE... CRIME



FIGHTERS



WE ARE CRIME FIGHTERS

There is nothing more important to us than fighting crime, responding to crises, and finding new ways to curb criminal behavior. It is at the core of what we do every single day. Our dedicated officers and support staff work tirelessly every day and night by responding to emergencies, investigating crimes, and arresting people who prey on others. Our highly trained officers, supervisors, and investigators put their lives on the line daily to protect the city and track down those who aim to make the city unsafe. APD's goal is to bring perpetrators to justice and to carry out its mission with the highest levels of dedication, determination and professionalism.



Sergeant April White, Detective Jarion Shephard and Detective Kevin Otts discuss the homicide of an 18-year-old woman shot in her southwest Atlanta home on River Ridge Dr.

Photo Credit: John Spink, Atlanta Journal-Constitution



Young man sits on the curb after deadly shooting at Heritage Station Apartments on McDaniel St.

Photo Credit: John Spink, Atlanta Journal-Constitution

WE ARE... TRANSPARENT



WE ARE TRANSPARENT

Transparency means being open to public review and scrutiny and always operating with honesty and integrity in every mission we undertake.

The Atlanta Police Department (APD) prides itself on making sure the public understands what we do and holding ourselves accountable for our actions. Being transparent means showing our hand, being truthful about our activities, giving our officers and supervisors clear training and holding violators of our policies accountable. Meeting with the public face-to-face is one way we put transparency into practice.

Our teams meet regularly throughout our communities to update concerned residents and business owners about criminal activity and prevention. In 2019, the APD outfitted its sworn officers and supervisors with a Body-Worn Camera (BWC) and provided mandated training on activation and daily use. The APD also enacted additional technology called Signal Sidearm. This technology ensures that when an officer pulls their service weapon out of the holster, the BWC automatically activates. These new devices and added technologies can provide insight into officer actions when responding to any call. They provide assurances to the public as well as the Department of officer compliance with our policies, and a window into the work of APD officers and supervisors in the field.



Zone 3 Officer Jean Mesidor and Officer James Johnson gather information on an arson investigation.



Zone 5 Officer Jamie Wallace, Officer Erica Buetow, Officer Melissa Carter, Officer Reneka Burleigh and Officer Tikeyiah Horton-Johnson on patrol in Midtown.



WE ARE... TRUSTWORTHY



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We pride ourselves on innovative and meaningful programs that bridge the gap between our communities and the police department. Clippers and Cops is one of several community-based programs where the foundations of those bridges are laid through meaningful dialogues.

The unique platform of Clippers and Cops was created by Detective Tyrone "Ty" Dennis, who decided to be the change he wanted to see in the African American community. He knew that local barbershops were a natural gathering place for conversation and could be a safe space to start the raw discussion about policing, perception and crime. He aims to encourage a joint effort to make the City of Atlanta safer and work to break down the walls that too often separate police and the public. Monthly, at different barbershops in Atlanta, Dennis is joined by a team of officers and supervisors who want to make a difference as they engage the community to discuss negative stereotypes vs reality, and work to change the narrative about police while providing an inside view on what it takes to police in the City of Atlanta.

Clippers and Cops is a shining example of APD's ongoing efforts to get and maintain the trust of the community it serves.



Ofc. Jackie Hoffman, Ofc. Jabri Horne, Ofc. Cody Boyston and Ofc. Francesco Giuliani speak on their experiences in law enforcement at Clippers and Cops.

Photo credit: Joel Craig



In 2019, Clippers and Cops decided to focus on connecting with young people. The officers started to host the event at South Atlanta High School once a month.



WE ARE...

COMPASSIONATE



WE ARE COMPASSIONATE

We know there is more to fighting crime than just putting people in handcuffs. Investing in our communities, being mentors, and understanding the struggles that lead some people to victimize others is vital to seeking out alternate solutions to imprisonment.

Whether it's helping a 12-year-old paralyzed by gunfire and his family find a new home, collecting beautiful prom dresses for young ladies to wear on their special day, or providing toys for children at Christmas, APD cares.

Each year the APD gets involved in charitable events that uplift children and help families who are struggling to recover from financial deficits and other issues. The various drives are often put on by the zone officers who patrol the neighborhoods and others are coordinated by officers and employees who simply want to make a difference. We know that policing is our primary job, but we also want our communities to know we are here for them and we care.



Officer Tabitha Peterson and Officer Veronica Campbell find the perfect prom dress for high schooler at PAL Prom Dress Drive.



APD and former NBA great, Shaquille O'Neal teamed up to help Allison Wood, mother of 12-year-old paralyzed shooting victim Isaiah Payton, get a new home. Ms. Wood graciously accepts the key!



WE ARE... ENGAGED & INVESTED IN OUR YOUTH



ENGAGED & INVESTED IN OUR YOUTH

MY JOURNEY MATTERS

Young people often follow in the footsteps of their parents or friends, be it in a positive or negative way. Some act out based on the reality of their difficult circumstances and end up in the juvenile justice system or even prison. Once troubled youth find themselves in the justice system, it is often too late to change direction. Fulton County Superior Court Judge Shawn LaGrua decided to step outside of her usual role in dispensing justice regarding young offenders. She listened to their story. She looked at their crime and their potential and she teamed up with us to create a program called "My Journey Matters." This program gives young offenders, who meet certain criteria, a second chance.

The goal of Judge LaGrua and the four APD officers who dedicate their time to make the program work is to interrupt the flow of the juvenile delinquency to prison pipeline. This program offers a second chance at life for those who are willing to work and turn their lives around. The APD officers mentor the participants and help them to see and navigate a road to success. These officers provide hands-on guidance in a variety of areas, including employment applications, GED completion, resume writing, and a host of other activities. And sometimes, the officers just provide a listening ear and someone to talk to.

Judge LaGrua also requires the participants to read books and write summaries about what they read to keep them engaged. My Journey Matters offers participants who would have normally been forgotten in the system the opportunity to be redeemed and to be seen and heard in a positive light. They are offered a new reality filled with promise and hope. APD is proud to be a part of this groundbreaking program, which offers hope and change and deters criminal behavior.



Officer Dion Meredith, Senior Police Officer Douglas Burks, Officer Lortina Griffin and Officer Jason Bain visit with My Journey Matters participant, Xavier Warner.



Officer Lortina Griffin helps My Journey Matters participant Chloe Brown with studying for her GED at the At-Promise Center.

ENGAGED & INVESTED IN OUR YOUTH

AT-PROMISE CENTER

Being a police officer entails being more than a first responder on the scene. Sometimes APD officers are first responders in a child's life, in a transformational way. Oftentimes, Atlanta police officers cross paths with troubled youth in their zones who need a safe and positive place to go outside of their home life. The At-Promise Youth and Community Center (At-Promise Center) is just that place.

The At-Promise Center is the cornerstone of the Atlanta Police Foundation's (APF) youth crime reduction initiative. This state-of-the-art learning and community facility in northwest Atlanta welcomes young adults under the age of 24 to a place of understanding and safety. The Center offers many helpful services to include GED preparation and testing, tutoring, character and leadership development, and child, family and group counseling.

The Atlanta police officers who interact at the Center boast that every day something fun, innovative and educational is happening and that they are witnessing the lives of participants changing for the better. The interaction with the officers and the young people who make the Center their place of refuge allows for officers to be seen in a different light by those who have been challenged by poverty, violence and substance abuse issues in their community.

The Center allows officers to be mentors to young people who oftentimes did not have a fighting chance. APD officers get to help kids from troubled environments grow in a motivational space, away from gangs and street life. This ultimately allows for a reduction in crime and more importantly, young lives being saved.

The APF and APD broke ground on a second At-Promise Center, in October 2019. Together, the APD and APF will continue to make inroads at giving hope and direction to those who need it the most with the help of staff and centers like this.



Atlanta Police Athletic League Officer Maurice Moore having fun with kids at the At-Promise Field Day at John F. Kennedy Park.



Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms, Chief Erika Shields, Atlanta Police Foundation CEO Dave Wilkinson, City Councilmember Joyce Sheperd, and community members break ground on the second At-Promise Center in the Pittsburgh neighborhood of Zone 3.

ENGAGED & INVESTED IN OUR YOUTH

POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE

The Atlanta Police Athletic League (PAL) is a long-standing youth initiative started in 1983. Atlanta Police officers mentor youth during after-school sports activities such as football, boxing, and baseball. The officers engage the PAL youth and spend quality time with them in a fun, sports-centered atmosphere. The sports competitions and opportunities to travel with their team gives the kids a self-esteem boost. The positive reinforcement and mentorship provided shapes the PAL kids to be strong and courageous individuals. Many of the previous participants return to the PAL gyms to mentor and groom future generations in need of a safe place to be a kid. The officers at PAL are legends in their own way to the PAL youth and they stand out as the trailblazers of community policing in the City of Atlanta.



Kids with the Atlanta Police Athletic League learn about the Atlanta Police Air Unit at the PAL Summer Camp Extravaganza.



PAL team from left to right: Ofc. Michael Vail, Ofc. Scott Jergler, Mrs. Dodie Bryant, Ofc. Scott Wallins, Sgt. James Flinders, Sgt. Vincent Sims, Lt. Dorian Graham, Ofc. Hiram Fantauzzi, Ofc. Ian Mayfield, Ofc. Antoine Harp, Ofc. Tabitha Peterson, Ofc. Richard Light, Ofc. LaDonna Collins and Ofc. Rashard Sanders.



Atlanta Police Athletic League Coach Robert Strong plays football with kids at the PAL Summer Camp Extravaganza at Anderson Park Recreation Center.



HIGHLIGHTS



THE BEST OF 2019 SUPER BOWL LIII

Securing the city as it hosted Super Bowl LIII was one of our proudest moments in 2019. APD and its local, state and federal partners received kudos for ensuring the game and the many activities leading up to it were safe and without incident, further cementing our city as a destination for marquee events. It was equal amounts of work and excitement for our team. APD led security efforts among more than 50 partner agencies for a 10-day period beginning January 26 and culminating with the Monday following the game at Mercedes-Benz Stadium. A 24-hour Joint Operations Center was established during the 10-day period to ensure the safety of more than 500,000 people who participated in Super Bowl LIII events.

Atlanta Police Officers worked 12-hour shifts during the operational period and were stationed throughout the City of Atlanta to protect residents and visitors who attended Super Bowl related parties and events like Super Bowl LIVE and the Super Bowl Experience.



Photo credit: Kara Durette

THE BEST OF 2019 PRIDE PARADE

The City of Atlanta celebrated its 49th annual Atlanta Pride Parade on October 13, 2019. About 60,000 residents and visitors lined the streets of Midtown Atlanta to cheer on love, tolerance and understanding. Atlanta Police officers from various units were stationed throughout the parade to help keep participants and spectators safe. Approximately 20 APD officers proudly walked in the parade with the coordination of the LGBTQ Liaison Unit.

THE BEST OF 2019
DRAGON CON

The City of Atlanta celebrated its 18th annual Dragon Con Parade on August 31, 2019. Dragon Con is one of the biggest event highlights for Atlanta residents and visitors alike. This event turns the city's Downtown streets into a colorful carnival, featuring costumed characters of all ages. Since 1986, Atlanta has been home to Dragon Con, a multi-media, pop culture convention focusing on science fiction and fantasy, gaming, comics, literature, art, music, and film. About 10,000 spectators lined Peachtree Street to watch some of their favorite characters in the parade. Atlanta Police Officers were positioned throughout the parade route and the convention hotels to keep attendees safe.

Dragon Con is held every year during Labor Day weekend and more than 85,000 people from all over the country attended in 2019.



THE BEST OF 2019
AT-PROMISE CENTER 2 GROUNDBREAKING

The next community to see the difference an At-Promise Center can make in the lives of young people will be in the Pittsburgh neighborhood of southeast Atlanta. After more than two years of successfully redirecting at-risk youth towards positive outcomes at the first location in northwest Atlanta, the Atlanta Police Foundation (APF) broke ground on a second At-Promise Center location on October 3, 2019. The new location will be on Rockwell Street near Metropolitan Parkway. This future place of hope and positivity continues APF's and APD's joint mission of providing positive alternatives to those most at-risk. The new location is expected to open in 2020.



THE BEST OF 2019 PROM DRESS DRIVE/TOY DRIVE

The Atlanta Police Department believes in being compassionate and giving back to the community.

In April, the Atlanta Police Department organized its first prom dress drive through the Police Athletic League (PAL) to help young ladies attending Atlanta public high schools find the perfect dress and accessories for their prom. More than 100 prom dresses were donated by City of Atlanta employees.

During the holidays, Zone 6 hosted its 8th Annual Toy Drive at the Israel Missionary Baptist Church. Zone 6 officers, with the assistance of PAL, organized a toy drive to give children and families facing hardships the gifts and the holiday happiness they wished for.

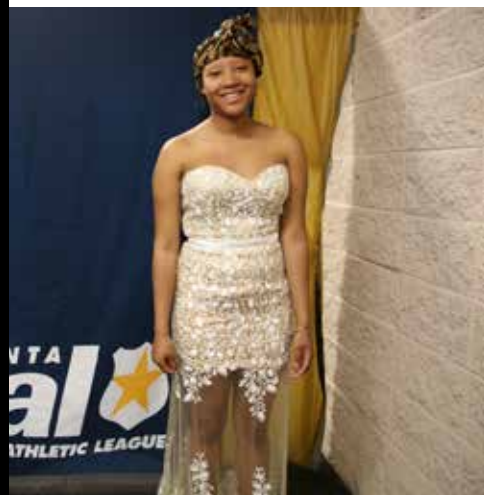
The families were identified by Atlanta Police Officers and Crime Prevention Inspectors.



PAL Prom Dress Drive recipient 17-year-old Takaya Brantley shows one of the dress options to Officer Sabrina Smith.



Captain Antonio Clay, Officer Shanquisha Murray, and Santa give toys to a family at the Zone 6 Toy Drive.



High schooler comes out from the dressing room to hear encouraging words about her new prom dress.



Officer Tabitha Peterson smiles with young lady debating which dress to wear prom night 2019.



Zone 6 Santa, Investigator Robert Livsey, holds baby as the parents pick up gifts for their family at the Zone 6 Toy Drive.

THE BEST OF 2019 CRIME IS TOAST

The Atlanta Police Foundation celebrated its 16th annual Crime is Toast Awards Show and Breakfast on September 17, 2019, at the Georgia World Congress Center. Crime is Toast was created to recognize civilians, officers, and supervisors within the Atlanta Police Department who have gone above and beyond in their duties. More than 1,000 business and community leaders were in attendance to honor Atlanta Police officers and civilians for their outstanding service. Awards were presented for Officer of the Year, Investigator of the Year and Civilian of the Year, among others.

2019 CRIME IS TOAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

Officer of the Year

Officer Armando Silva, Zone 2

Investigator of the Year

Investigator Carlos Maldonado, Robbery Unit

Crime Stopper of the Year

Officer Kevin Romer, Zone 6

Supervisor of the Year

Lieutenant Stephen Zygaj, APEX Commander

Civilian Supervisor of the Year

Edward Dowd, Logistics Warehouse Manager

Civilian of the Year

Blair Wing, Cyber Intelligence Analyst

Dennis P. Mullen Lifetime Achievement

Sergeant William Prescott, Motors Unit

Judge Arthur Kaplan Community Service Award

Officer Veronica Campbell, Atlanta Police Athletic League

Department Commendation Award

Clippers and Cops – Investigator Tyrone Dennis, Sergeant Michael R. Carter, Retired Investigator Orrick Curry, Investigator Andre Lowe, Senior Police Officer Tyrone Finney, and Officer Donte Booker

Marion Lee Trailblazer

Dr. Richard Clarke, Retired Civilian



**THE BEST OF 2019
PINNING CEREMONY AND GRADUATING CLASSES**

In 2019, the Atlanta Police Department promoted 128 sworn personnel from various ranks ranging from Senior Police Officer (SPO) to Assistant Chief. APD also celebrated five civilian promotions during our pinning ceremonies in April and October at the City Hall Atrium. Friends, family, and fellow officers were all invited to celebrate these career milestones.

In 2019, the Atlanta Police Department Training Academy graduated 123 officers who are now patrolling the streets of Atlanta. This represents a 35 percent increase in graduates compared to 2018. Police recruits from classes 258, 259, 260, 261, 262 and 263 underwent 20 weeks of rigorous training at the Atlanta Police Academy along with nine weeks of field training. Overall, APD hired 206 police officers in 2019 compared to 137 in 2018, which represents a 50 percent increase. The number of applicants also increased by 67 percent from 3,165 in 2018 to 5,293 in 2019.



Atlanta Police Animal Cruelty Enforcement and Prevention Unit Investigator Joseph Latosky supported by family to commemorate his first promotion with APD.



Atlanta Police Academy classmates Sergeant Sabrina Smith and Captain Prezninna Spann celebrate their recent promotion together.



Atlanta Police Academy Class 260 graduates at Morehouse College's Ray Charles Performing Arts Center.

**THE BEST OF 2019
CLIPPERS AND COPS**

A little more than a year ago, Atlanta Police Department Criminal Intelligence Unit Investigator, Tyrone "Ty" Dennis saw a potential opportunity to open a direct and candid dialogue with the community. Dennis, an African American male and 15-year veteran of the department, was growingly disturbed by the eroding trust and confidence in the police, especially by black males who felt labeled and targeted as criminals. He was especially alarmed that many young people he encountered were being taught to fear, avoid – and even hate – the police. He started Clippers and Cops to provide a forum to be the change he wanted to see by connecting with the community through conversation.

Today, Clippers and Cops holds monthly forums in different barbershops throughout the City, sometimes to standing room only crowds. Dennis and his team of fellow officers engage in candid talk, where both sides openly discuss the personal experiences that have led them to develop the fears, prejudices, and perceptions they carry. "It's a relaxed roundtable discussion that gives everyday people a neutral and safe platform for their voices to be heard without judgment," Dennis said. "Our forum shows everyday people that all cops aren't bad and that at the end of the day, we are just trying to do our jobs the best way we know how and make it home safe."



APEX Officer Jackie Hoffman and Officer Jabri Horne explain a mock traffic stop to Hot 107.9 Radio Personality Reec Swiney.



Detective Tyrone Dennis accepts proclamation from Atlanta City Council on August 19, 2019, recognizing the success of Clippers and Cops.



DIVISIONS



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COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION (CSD)

The Community Services Division (CSD) gets bragging rights for its specialized crime-fighting units with some of the Department's most unique assets including helicopters, horses and motorcycles. Whether they are piloting a helicopter to keep tabs on a fleeing suspect on the ground, patrolling Peachtree Road on a motorcycle or rescuing hostages inside of a barricaded home, you can be sure that these superbly-trained units will arrive ready to act.

This team includes the Path Force Unit which patrols the Atlanta BeltLine and keeps the highly popular multi-use trail safe, SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) who responds to highly-volatile calls and crime situations, the Auto Crimes Enforcement (ACE) unit which tracks down car thieves and the High-Intensity Traffic Team (HITT) which aims to curtail DUI-related accidents, and the Aviation Unit, which is APD's law enforcement eye in the sky. Additionally, CSD is responsible for security and oversight at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, the busiest airport in the world. As if those units didn't keep the CSD commander busy enough, the Mounted Patrol Unit, Code Enforcement, and Special Operations sections round out this key division.

The softer side of CSD revels in its community-based policing programs. The Community Oriented Policing Section (COPS) program offers after school activities, meals and events for kids and the Police Athletic League (PAL), which offers sports-centered activities for youth.

“Our division is comprised of specialized law enforcement personnel who put their lives on the line each day responding to volatile emergency calls, as well as community-centered personnel who wake up each day with the goal of improving the lives of children. We engage the community while working fiercely to reduce crime, accident fatalities and to keep the busiest airport in the world and the streets of Atlanta safe.”

Division Commander, Deputy Chief Timothy Peek



Spotlight: Motors Unit

The Motors Unit is a sight to see when they are in motion. Whether they are providing motorcade escort services to presidents, or they are on duty providing traffic control, and responding to emergencies, this unique group of law enforcement officers play an important role in protecting and serving the community. The Motors Unit braves the weather and traffic with a goal of keeping Atlanta safer.

Photo credit: J. Thomas Photography

DIVISIONS

CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS DIVISION (COD)

If there's a large event in the City of Atlanta and everyone's having fun, you can bet the Contingency Operations Division (COD) is hard at work. Whether it's a large parade, festival or sporting event, COD is behind-the-scenes to ensure participants are safe. COD is responsible for crowd control, event planning, permit issuance and keeping the streets of Atlanta safe during large scale events such as protests and sporting events. That's a big task in a city that reveres its annual traditions such as the Peachtree Road Race and Dragon Con, and has hosted such marquee events as the Super Bowl and College Football Playoff Championship Game. COD is also responsible for the training and deployment of the Bicycle Response Team and oversight of the Drone Unit. The Homeland Security Unit, also part of COD, tracks terrorist acts and monitors intelligence in partnership with the U.S. Secret Service, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation to keep Atlanta safe.

“When events like the Super Bowl and the Peachtree Road Race take place in our city, COD brings their ‘A-game’ to ensure the City is ready to host and our officers are in place ready to respond. We make sure every ‘T’ is crossed and every ‘I’ is dotted for safety and coordination. When citizens and visitors come to Atlanta, we want everyone to have a good time and to feel safe. When protestors want their voices to be heard, we honor their First Amendment rights, but we also ensure the laws are followed and the traffic flow is not interrupted. We are always happy when people come to our City to share in our rich history and vibrant culture. We want them to remember how well APD handled the event, how safe they felt, and we want them to keep coming back.”

Division Commander, Deputy Chief Terrell Griffin



Spotlight: Bicycle Response Team (BRT)

Police on bikes is the latest addition to APD's 21st century police force. The Bicycle Response Team (BRT) was formed to help with crowd control during large events such as protests, and other large-scale pedestrian traffic situations. They are the added eyes and ears on the ground to help curb crime. The BRT team, with its specialized training, provides added security to many events that happen throughout the year.

DIVISIONS

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION (CID)

Once a crime occurs and an officer has taken a report, it's time for detectives to do their thing and go about the business of figuring out who is responsible. That's where the Criminal Investigations Division (CID) comes in. CID is responsible for solving the most serious violent crimes, including murders, rapes, and robberies. The goal of CID is to find perpetrators and bring them to justice. This unit is comprised of two sections: Major Crimes and Special Enforcement. The Major Crimes Section includes the Robbery, Homicide, Special Victims, and Major Fraud units as well as the Gun Assault Team. The Special Enforcement Section is comprised of the Intelligence, Fugitive and License & Permits units, with a key mission of tracking criminal street gang activity.

“There is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes in these investigations that people never know about. CID investigators follow-up on every tip and use every technological resource and exhaust every lead. One lead sometimes connects us to other leads and other crimes committed by the same perpetrator. We feel vindicated when the hard work of our unit results in getting dangerous criminals off the streets.”

Division Commander, Deputy Chief Stacie Gibbs

DIVISIONS

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION (CID)

Atlanta's Missing and Murdered Children Case Revisited

Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms and Chief Erika Shields knew that it was important to the families of the victims, and to the City of Atlanta, to revisit one of the most heart-wrenching and notorious criminal cases in Atlanta's history - the missing and murdered children of Atlanta. According to case files and reports, between 1979 and 1981, approximately 29 African American children and young adults were kidnapped and murdered. The investigation into these murders was closed following the conviction of Wayne Bertram Williams, who was convicted for the murder of two adults in 1982.

Chief Shields assigned several of the Atlanta Police Department's (APD) top investigators, to meticulously sift through each file to ensure every piece of evidence is reviewed utilizing the latest in technological and DNA advances for criminal investigations. Chief Shields and Mayor Bottoms want to ensure that APD has done everything in its power to help identify or eliminate any other potential suspects and to exhaust all efforts to bring justice for families still grieving the loss of their children.

Spotlight: Robbery/Gun Assault Team (GAT)

The Robbery Unit investigates pedestrian, bank, and commercial establishment robberies. This team of detectives and investigators also investigates carjackings and home invasions. The GAT stays plenty busy investigating non-fatal shootings in the City. CID wishes to recognize the work, relentless effort of the GAT and Robbery units in solving their cases and bringing perpetrators to justice.



Robbery Unit and Gun Assault Team gather in Atlanta Police Crime Lab gun room, where weapons are compared.



Chief Erika Shields announces the re-examination of evidence in the Atlanta's Missing and Murdered Children Case.



Detective Jim Thorpe and Detective Summer Benton review files on the Atlanta's Missing and Murdered Children Case.



Photo Credit: Atlanta Journal-Constitution

DIVISIONS

FIELD OPERATIONS DIVISION (FOD)

When someone calls 9-1-1, officers from our Field Operations Division (FOD) are the ones who respond. FOD, our largest division with more than 900 employees, is primarily made up of patrol officers assigned to our six zones throughout the city. These are the highly-trained first responders who have the most interactions with the public, day in and day out. The division also includes zone and field investigative teams that fight and solve crimes that occur on our streets and in our neighborhoods. Additionally, FOD is home to specialized units, including APEX (Atlanta Proactive Enforcement and Interdiction Unit), which works to get violent felons off of the streets, and the Body-Worn Camera Unit, which ensures our officers in the field properly record their interactions with the public.

“Guns are our biggest concern. The abundance of guns on our streets, in the hands of people who have no conflict resolution skills, can make our streets dangerous. Our focus is on the pursuit of criminals who prey on innocent people and to get guns off the streets. Our officers, supervisors, and commanders pursue this mission every shift, putting their lives on the line to keep Atlanta safe.”

Division Commander, Deputy Chief Jeff Glazier

Spotlight: Atlanta Proactive Enforcement and Interdiction Unit (APEX)

The APEX unit is one of APD's premier crime response teams. They respond to major incidents involving narcotics, gun violence, and other major incidents that require an added specialized force and strategies. Their primary goal is to deploy the necessary resources to investigate crimes and catch criminals who aim to make the City of Atlanta unsafe.



APEX Commander Lt. Robert Albertini with part of the Atlanta Proactive Enforcement and Interdiction Unit team meet-up before serving a warrant.

DIVISIONS

STRATEGY AND SPECIAL PROJECTS DIVISION (SSPD)

Rapidly developing technology is giving law enforcement a boost at solving crimes. The Strategy and Special Projects Division (SSPD) is responsible for helping us gain an edge on criminals through technological crime-fighting tools within the Atlanta Police Department. These tools can help us detect and deter criminal activity, gather evidence, track down criminals and help us find justice for victims. SSPD is also responsible for providing our officers with the latest in body-worn camera technology and integrating all of our technology so that the officer on the street is equipped with as much information as possible when they head to a call. One of the centerpieces of this division is the Video Integration Center, where a network of thousands of public and private sector cameras are used to solve crimes and monitor large-scale events. This division is also responsible for Tactical Crime Analysis and Open Records units, and the Atlanta Police Leadership Institute, which provides leadership training and development certifications for supervisors and management-level personnel.

“Technology's impact on our world has happened at break-neck speed. Few of us could have imagined the capabilities we have today through technologies available at our fingertips that simply didn't exist just five or ten years ago. Law enforcement is no different. There's no substitute for highly-trained, skilled officers and employees performing at a high level, but there are incredible tools out there that are providing us creative and innovative ways to catch criminals. It's our job to ensure APD is on the leading edge of exploring and seeking out technologies that help us to better serve the public and decrease crime. Policing is evolving and it's imperative that we bring innovation to our work to stay ahead.”

Division Commander, Deputy Chief Celeste Murphy

Spotlight: Video Integration Center (VIC)

The VIC unit monitors thousands of cameras and license plate readers throughout the City of Atlanta. The VIC operates 24-hours a day, seven days a week and monitors both public and private business sector cameras to catch crimes in progress or help track down criminals who are on the run in stolen vehicles or on foot. This team of professionals uses the latest technology and works in tandem with the E911 center to coordinate timely and efficient responses to criminal and suspicious activities. The City of Atlanta is safer with the eyes of the VIC unit watching over it.



One of thousands of cameras throughout the City of Atlanta used to help fight crime and keep the city safe.



Stephen Robinson and Officer Charles Schiffbauer review camera footage at the Video Integration Center.

DIVISIONS

SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION (SSD)

The Support Services Division (SSD) works quietly behind the scenes to support many vital missions of our Department. Though their employees are not as visible to the public as our patrol officers or detectives, they are absolutely essential to our operations. This division pays the bills, trains the officers and ensures we have the best technology and equipment needed to carry out our work. Without SSD, there is no APD. Additionally, SSD is – literally – the emergency lifeline to the City. When someone from the community calls 9-1-1, the emergency operators under SSD answer and dispatch critical help. This division also provides oversight for the Atlanta Police Academy, the Range, the Crime Lab, Property & Evidence Unit, Accounting and Fleet Management.

“In 2019, the 9-1-1 unit fielded more than a million calls for help. This group of highly trained, unsung heroes is critical to who we are and what we do. We cannot overstate the importance of their role in emergencies. Another key role of SSD is the APD accounting department. SSD operates a \$220-million-dollar budget that includes everything from managing payroll for all APD employees to the recruitment, hiring and training of all sworn and non-sworn staff. Our accounting personnel keeps us in budget, so we can focus on hiring qualified personnel and fighting crime.”

Division Commander, Deputy Chief Scott Kreher

Spotlight: Range Staff

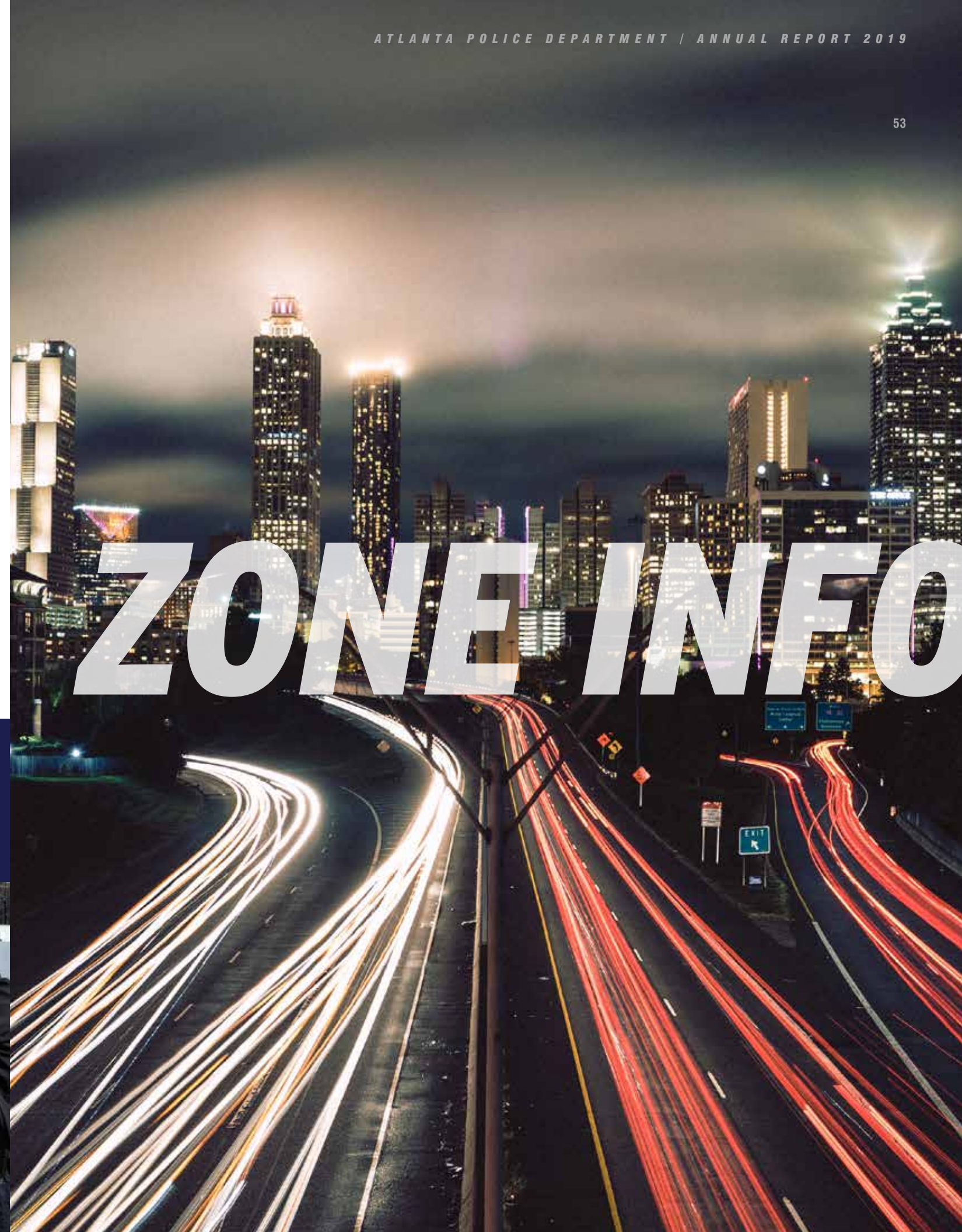
APD range instructors are responsible for providing mandatory range training for all law enforcement recruits and all sworn personnel. APD range masters qualify more than 1,800 sworn officers and train more than 4,000 personnel annually, ensuring mandatory firearms qualifications are met, per departmental policy. Without this team of professionals, we could not do our jobs.

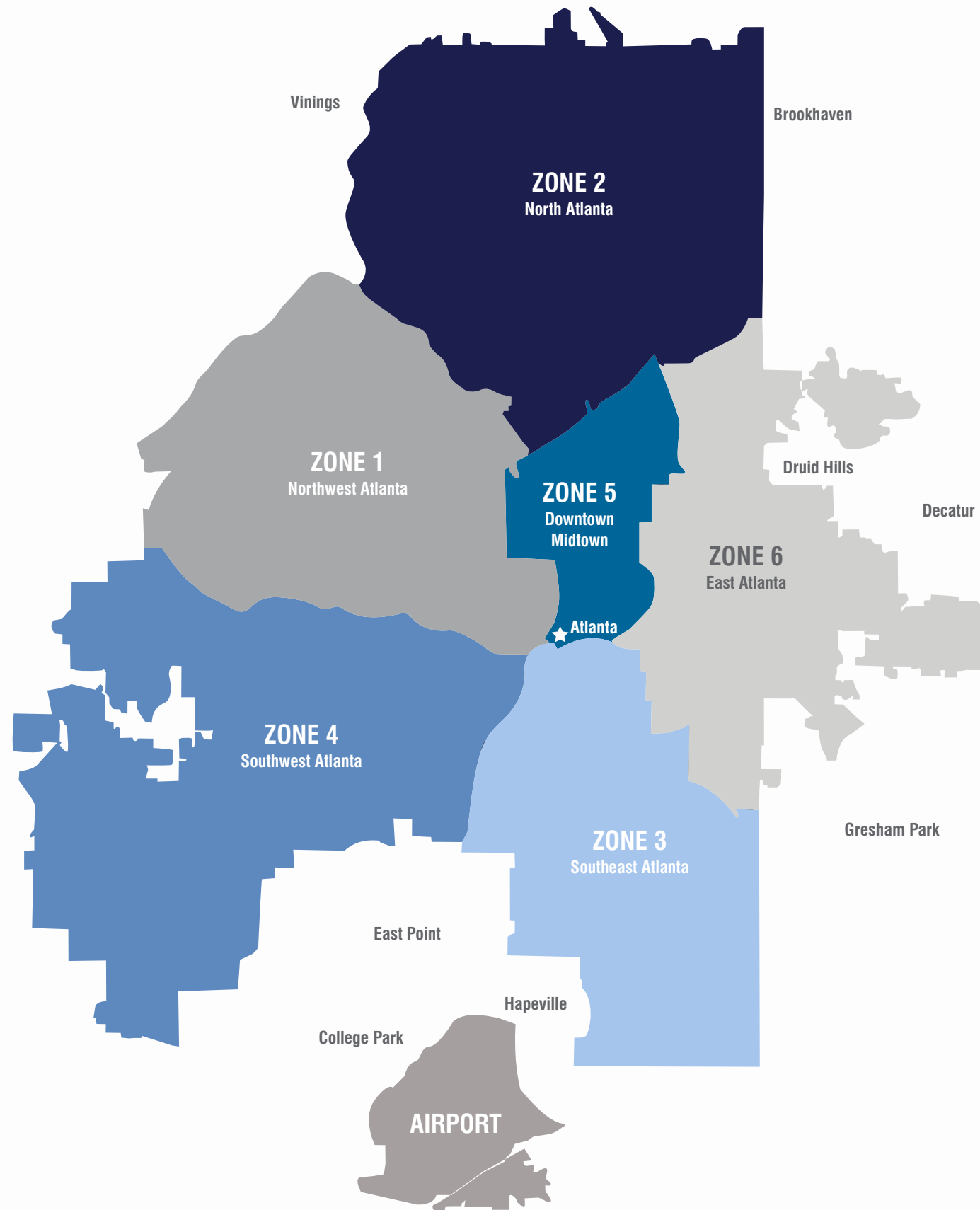


Range instructors from left to right: Ofc. Rodriguez, SPO Patrick Fite, Sgt. Curtis Davenport, SPO Anthony Hall and SPO Michael Willis.



Recruits train to use their duty weapon at the Atlanta Police Range.





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City Wide

Offense Type	2019	2018	% Change
Murder	99	88	12.5%
Rape	233	225	3.6%
Robbery	1,016	1,047	-3.0%
Agg. Assault	2,021	1,817	11.2%
Burglary	2,846	3,022	-5.8%
Larceny / From Auto	9,568	10,331	-7.4%
Larceny / Other	6,474	6,209	4.3%
Auto Theft	2,976	3,213	-7.4%
Total	25,233	25,952	-2.8%

Zone 1

Offense Type	2019	2018	% Change
Murder	27	31	-13%
Rape	50	50	0%
Robbery	183	206	-11%
Agg. Assault	462	417	11%
Burglary	549	527	4%
Larceny / From Auto	917	1,091	-16%
Larceny / Other	807	827	-2%
Auto Theft	419	511	-18%
Total	3,414	3,660	-7%

CRIME STATS

Zone 2

Offense Type	2019	2018	% Change
Murder	8	12	-33%
Rape	25	27	-7%
Robbery	113	117	-3%
Agg. Assault	154	124	24%
Burglary	451	569	-21%
Larceny / From Auto	1,982	2,377	-17%
Larceny / Other	1,506	1,625	-7%
Auto Theft	535	498	7%
Total	4,774	5,349	-11%

Zone 4

Offense Type	2019	2018	% Change
Murder	24	16	50%
Rape	45	40	13%
Robbery	209	208	0%
Agg. Assault	478	436	10%
Burglary	654	672	-3%
Larceny / From Auto	935	1,113	-16%
Larceny / Other	866	760	14%
Auto Theft	589	655	-10%
Total	3,800	3,900	-3%

Zone 6

Offense Type	2019	2018	% Change
Murder	11	3	267%
Rape	27	22	23%
Robbery	144	156	-8%
Agg. Assault	171	152	13%
Burglary	372	390	-5%
Larceny /From Auto	2,519	2,017	25%
Larceny / Other	1,206	1,073	12%
Auto Theft	436	402	8%
Total	4,886	4,215	16%

Zone 3

Offense Type	2019	2018	% Change
Murder	21	18	17%
Rape	39	45	-13%
Robbery	187	192	-3%
Agg. Assault	470	458	3%
Burglary	585	596	-2%
Larceny /From Auto	891	1,093	-18%
Larceny / Other	795	710	12%
Auto Theft	505	600	-16%
Total	3,493	3,712	-6%

Zone 5

Offense Type	2019	2018	% Change
Murder	8	8	0%
Rape	45	37	22%
Robbery	180	168	7%
Agg. Assault	286	230	24%
Burglary	235	268	-12%
Larceny / From Auto	2,324	2,640	-12%
Larceny / Other	1,294	1,214	7%
Auto Theft	492	547	-10%
Total	4,864	5,112	-5%

Airport

Offense Type	2019	2018	% Change
Murder	0	0	0%
Rape	2	1	100%
Robbery	3	3	0%
Agg. Assault	1	1	0%
Burglary	1	1	0%
Larceny /From Auto	28	40	-30%
Larceny / Other	200	187	7%
Auto Theft	43	99	-57%
Total	278	332	-16%

CRIME STOPPERS

Crime Stoppers Greater Atlanta (CSGA): Engages citizens at the grassroots level and helps solve important cases to take dangerous criminals off the street. CSGA tips are used to solve numerous metro Atlanta cases, demonstrating the direct value that this program brings to the region. Having an anonymous method for the community to provide information about crimes, and being able to deliver an offered reward anonymously sometimes makes all the difference in solving cases. When citizens step up and help us identify suspects, we all win.

4,264 tips received

132 arrests made

\$162,000 rewards approved
(the most in a single year since inception)



Sgt. Ronald Paxson spreads awareness on Crime Stoppers by providing gift cards with information on the tip-line.



ATLANTA POLICE FOUNDATION

In our 16th year of existence, the Atlanta Police Foundation's (APF) public/private partnership made considerable progress toward our long-standing goal of making Atlanta the safest large city in the nation. We're proud that our partnership with APD marked a highly successful launch to our Vision Safe Atlanta public safety strategy and capital campaign. Some 2019 highlights:



- Largest APF fundraising year ever – \$42 million for public safety initiatives.
- Secure Neighborhoods Initiative – cut the ribbon on 16 new homes on the Westside, bringing our total of newly-constructed homes to 21. Secure Neighborhoods enables Atlanta Police Department officers to purchase new homes at affordable prices and brings police officers into the communities in which they serve, encouraging improved police/community relationships.
- The At-Promise Initiative, a program designed to divert youth from criminal activity, continues to garner strong results and community acceptance. Its 750 enrollees have a recidivism rate of just 4 percent – considerably below the 70 percent national rate. Importantly, the high school graduation rate of At-Promise enrollees is 92 percent and 93 percent of enrollees who applied for a job are gainfully employed.
- APF broke ground on the second At-Promise Center in southeast Atlanta. It is slated to open in Q3 2020.
- Successful recruitment efforts increased the number of APD recruits by 50 percent and decreased officer attrition by 32 percent over 2018.
- Operation Shield added cameras and new locations to the integrated security camera surveillance system across the City. In addition to the deterrent effect that cameras play, they are proving to be an indispensable investigative tool in solving crimes.
- Crime Stoppers of Greater Atlanta, our metro-wide tip program, was instrumental in helping solve more than 200 crimes.
- We started a new program in 2019: the Atlanta Crime Research Center (ACRC). ACRC is a partnership with Georgia State University's Andrew Young School of Public Affairs and the Department of Criminal Justice. Its mission is to provide a deep quantitative look at criminal justice, law enforcement and, over time, measure the efficacy of APF's programs.



City Councilmember Marci Overstreet, At-Promise Center Youth Tashumbi Jones and Atlanta Police Foundation CEO Dave Wilkinson at the ground breaking of the second At-Promise Center in southeast Atlanta.



Officer LaDonna Collins surrounded by colleagues at the Secure Neighborhoods Initiative ribbon cutting for her new home in the English Avenue neighborhood of northwest Atlanta.

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