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### ***NEWS RELEASE***

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#### **Chatham County Police Department Members to Learn About Ways to Best Communicate with Autistic Citizens**

**Chatham County, GA (August 22, 2018)** – Members of the Chatham County Police Department will receive advice on how to best interact with autistic citizens during a visit to the Coastal Georgia Comprehensive Academy on Wednesday, August 22 at 10 a.m.

The visit will give officers the opportunity to see a variety of behaviors that they may encounter when dealing with a citizens who have an Autism Spectrum Disorder. These residents are sometimes non-verbal, may not respond to verbal commands, or may even carry devices to communicate that could be mistaken for a threat.

The event will also give students at the center to build a rapport with officers in a setting that is familiar and non-threatening to them.

The Coastal Georgia Comprehensive Academy is located at 2001 Cynthia Street in Savannah.

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