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Chatham County Police Department Mandates Procedural Justice Training for All Officers

Training Focuses on Making Sure Fairness, Voice, Transparency, and Impartiality Are Part of All Police Interactions with Public

Chatham County, GA (November 4, 2019) – The Chatham County Police Department is mandating procedural justice training for all of its officers in an effort to ensure that the principals of fairness, voice, transparency, and impartiality are part of all its interactions with the public.

The training is part of a program by the U.S. Department of Justice designed to help law enforcement agencies incorporate principals of 21st Century policing into their standard operating procedures. The Chatham County Police Department is built on the foundation of community policing, and 21st Century policing helps to make sure citizens are being served using the most modern and effective law enforcement protocols.

Chatham County Police Captains Dean Fagerstrom and Dan Flood attended U.S. Department of Justice training to enable them to provide procedural justice training for each Chatham County police officer. Two groups of officers have already received the training, and the final two groups will be trained in November. The sessions will focus on building trust among the officers' co-workers at the department, and among the public at large.

NOTE TO MEDIA: A training session will take place Wednesday, November 6 in the Chatham County Sheriff's Office multipurpose room. The best time for video, photos and interviews will be between 10 a.m. and 11: 15 a.m. During this time, officers will be working together brainstorming and discussing some of the materials learned earlier in the day. If this time doesn't work with your schedule, please let me know and we will find a better time for you.

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