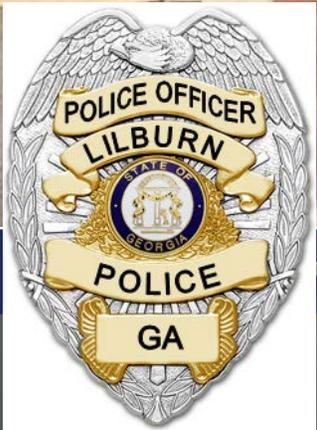


# Lilburn Police Department



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## Annual Report 2018

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# *Mission Statement and Values*

The mission of the Lilburn Police Department is to enhance the quality of life in the City of Lilburn by working cooperatively with the community to promote a safe and secure environment, resolve problems, preserve the peace, and uphold the law.

## **P.R.I.D.E. IN OUR COMMUNITY**

Members of the Lilburn Police Department are committed to the following organizational values, which guide our conduct to help accomplish our Mission Statement:

### **PROFESSIONALISM**

We support a climate of mutual respect, trust, and compassion, which will promote professionalism and positive attitudes. We will provide quality service in a courteous and efficient manner.

### **RESPECT**

We will treat all people impartially and in a dignified and courteous manner. We will exhibit understanding of ethnic and cultural diversity, both in our professional and personal endeavors.

### **INTEGRITY**

We demand the highest level of integrity from our employees. We are committed to the highest standards of trust, responsibility, and ethical conduct while promoting justice in a fair and impartial manner. We will hold ourselves accountable for our actions.

### **DEDICATION**

We will promote personal and professional growth by supporting continuing education and progressive training of the highest quality.

### **EXCELLENCE**

We believe that we can achieve our highest potential by actively involving our employees in problem solving and improving the level of service provided to the community. We are committed to exceptional effort, accuracy and thoroughness.

# Message from the Chief of Police . . .



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## The Police Chief's Message:

The mission of the Police Department is to enhance the quality of life in the city of Lilburn by working cooperatively with the community to promote a safe and secure environment, resolve problems, preserve the peace, and uphold the law.

The Lilburn Police Department continues to make significant strides towards crime control, traffic safety, reducing emergency response times, and enhancing the profession of law enforcement. To aid in this effort, the Lilburn Police Department annually produces a report documenting the previous year's information regarding crime statistics, traffic control, and community outreach efforts. We are dedicated to serving our community in an honorable and ethical manner as we pursue this mission.

I am honored to work with so many members of the Department – both sworn and civilians – who are deeply committed to working to make Lilburn the safest city possible.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bruce Hedley".

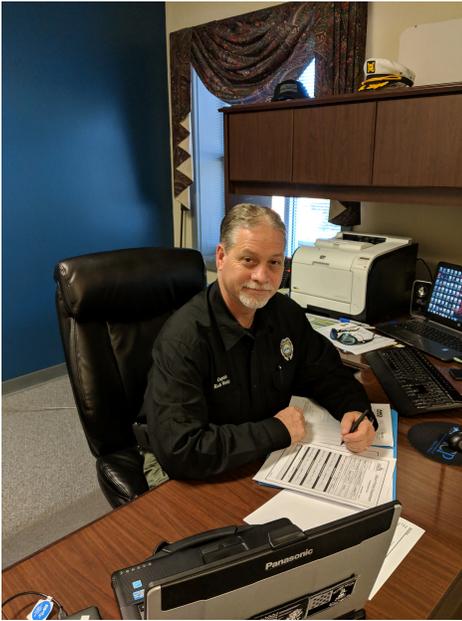
Bruce Hedley  
Chief of Police



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# Command Staff



Captain Rob Worley  
Operations Commander

## The Operations Division

The Operations Division is the largest division and is responsible for many vital components such as Uniform Patrol, the Traffic Unit, the Reserve Unit, the Warrant Service Team, the Explorer Post, Fleet Operations, Community Outreach and Special Events. During 2018, the Operations Division met all goals and objectives to include:

>**Fight Crime and reduce the fear of crime in our community.** The Officers maintained high visibility in the neighborhood and business corridors. Officer's visits and increased patrol improved citizens sense of safety and provided a positive interaction with police.

>**Expand Supervision training and knowledge.** All Patrol Sergeants completed Supervision level I training. The Captain and Lieutenants attended management training. All officers received training during roll call weekly.

>**Expand the community oriented policing responsibilities.** During 2018 each officer assigned to the Operations Division attended at least one neighborhood or business watch meeting and provided assistance to the Community Outreach Officer.

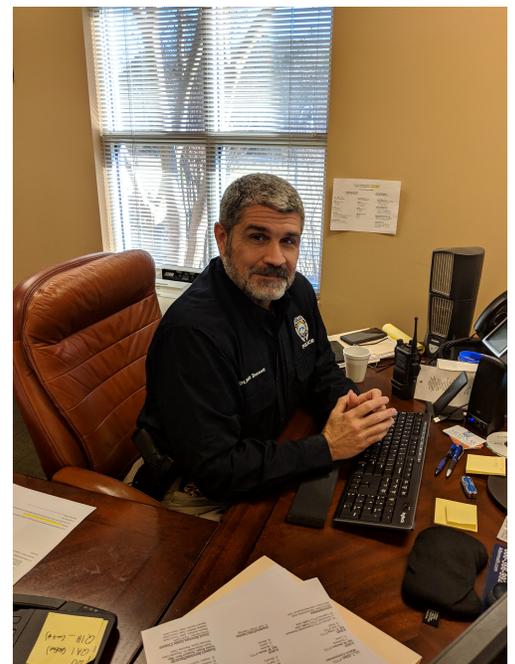
## The Support Division

The Support Division is responsible for the day to day operations for the following elements: Criminal Investigations, Property & Evidence, Emergency Management, Crime Suppression, Training, Quartermaster, Background & Recruitment, Internal Affairs, Public Information Officer, Assigned Task Force Officer, Court Security, K-9, Permits, Records, Communications, and State Certification. During 2018, the Support Division met all goals and objects to include:

>**Increase professional experience and knowledge through on the job initiatives and formal education.** The Field Training Officer base was increased and two officers additional officers attended Crisis Intervention Training (CIT). All officers were retrained in Active Shooter Response and scenario based training using the Use of Force simulator.

>**Enhance the efficiency of the Criminal Investigations Division.** Investigators attended special victim courses and trained to successfully manage low to mid level crime scenes.

>**Maintain compliance with State Certification standards and revise General Orders, as needed.** Compliance to standards was maintained and all General Orders were reviewed and revised upon the Chief's approval.



Captain Scott Bennett  
Support Commander

# Uniform Patrol

Uniform Patrol Officers were assigned to the three zones in the city. Officers worked 12-hour shifts to cover each zone. Assignments to zones assisted officers in being familiar with the residents and businesses providing proactive policing to each zone. Officers handled 36,029 calls for service during 2018. A call for service included citizen requests, area checks, and officer's self initiated activity.



Uniform Patrol Officers continue to use cutting edge technology. All officers are equipped with body worn cameras and all vehicles are can record dash cam videos. Videos assist in prosecuting crimes and can be used as a training tool.

The Rapid ID Mobile Fingerprint scanner provides officers assistance in the positive identification of suspects. The device is an efficient tool that can be used in the field that saves officers time and can accurately identify persons of interest.

***"Uniform Patrol Officers continue to use cutting edge technology."***

All Officers are trained to use Narcan, a single use nasal spray used to rapidly reverse an opioid overdose. In 2018 officers administered Narcan in 3 cases and assisted Gwinnett EMS to provide life saving measures.



# Uniform Patrol

## "Lilburn Police Department participated in the International Korean Law Enforcement Officer Program"

In October 2018, Senior Patrol Officer Seung "Steve" Suk was selected to participate in the International Korean Law Enforcement Officer Program that was hosted by the Korean National Police. Officer Suk attended the course designed for foreign law enforcement officers of Korean ethnicity establishing a cultural identity as Korean law enforcement officers raise standards and build cooperation worldwide.

The program was started in 2006. To date, 164 law enforcement officers and over 20 internationals have taken part in the program. The main purpose was to open discussion on major law enforcement issues and policies that help officers and departments prevent and fight crime. Officers are able to share their knowledge and experience with one another.

Officer Suk writes, "I'm proud to say that the City of Lilburn put their name out there at the international level. Overall, it was a great experience and I was proud to represent the Lilburn Police Department."



*Above: Lilburn PD's Senior Police Officer Seung "Steve" Suk (center).*

*Left: Attendees of the International Korean Law Enforcement Officer Program*

# Traffic Enforcement

The responsibility for the enforcement of traffic laws and regulations rests with all uniformed personnel in the department. A traffic unit was formed to concentrate on traffic enforcement and accident investigations.

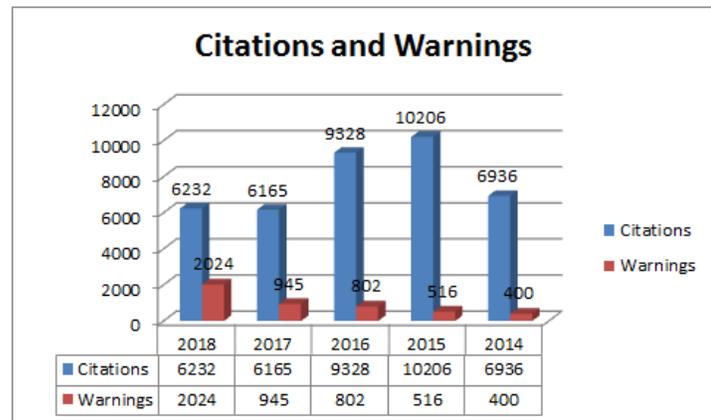
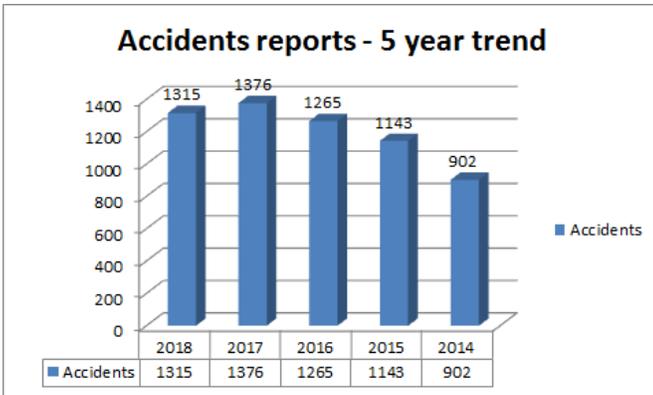
All Traffic Units are equipped with an Automatic License Plate Reader (ALPR) to assist officers in identifying persons or vehicles who are connected to a crime. In 2018 over 260 stops were conducted from information obtained from the ALPR.

Of the 1,315 accidents worked in 2018, 322 accidents had reported injuries. The department has three officers who have received training as a Traffic Accident Reconstruction Specialist. These specialists worked 3 fatality accidents in 2018.



In 2018, the department issued 6,232 citations that were processed by the Courts. This is a slight increase from 2017.

In 2018, the department issued 2,024 warning citations. This is a 214% increase in warnings from 2017. Warnings were primarily issued to violators of the new "Hands Free" law that was passed July 1, 2018. In place of a traffic citation, officers provided education regarding the new law to drivers and issued warnings.



# Warrant Service Team



The Warrant Service Team conducted six high risk warrant operations in 2018. The warrants ranged from armed robbery, narcotic violations and sexual exploitation of children.

The most notable warrant was the multi-jurisdictional operation that netted 17 target locations that involved a large marijuana grow operation.



# Canine Unit

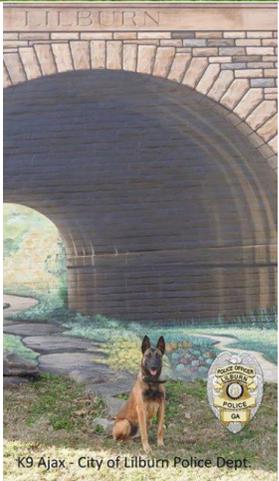


The Lilburn Police Department Canine Unit was established in 2017. Senior Police Officer Almedin "AJ" Ajanovic is assigned as the K-9 handler. Our canine, Ajax, is a belgium malinois. Officer Ajanovic and Ajax have attended training in narcotics detection, building and area searches, and suspect apprehension.

During 2018 the Canine Unit assisted Lilburn Police officers as well as officers with Gwinnett County Police Department, Lawrenceville Police Department, Gwinnett Metro Task Force, Barrow County Sheriff's Office, and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation/High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas.

On February 20, 2018 Officer Ajanovic and Ajax assisted the GBI and HIDTA in serving a search warrant related to a narcotics case. With Officer Ajanovic's and Ajax's help, 19 kilograms of suspected herion and \$37,000 in cash were located and seized. This is only one of the many cases in which the canine unit was deployed.

In addition to the Detection and Patrol deployments, the Canine Unit has participated in many Community Outreach demonstrations to include Lilburn Daze and National Night Out.



DETECTION				PATROL			
Deployments	Search Areas	Alerts/Indications	Items Seized	Deployments	Arrests w/Bites	People Found	Bite Ratio
54	63	39	32	50	0	7	0%



# Criminal Investigations

There are 4 investigators assigned to the Criminal Investigations Unit that report to Lieutenant Keith Boles. Investigators made 47 arrests during 2018, clearing major cases.

On July 29, 2018 there was a murder at Brunswick Bowling Alley and Inv. Vince Difatta was assigned as the Lead Investigator to the case. Early in the investigation there was no physical evidence and no leads in the case, but due to Inv. Difatta's experience, he was able to use skill and technology to develop leads on the case.

Over the next two months Inv. Difatta worked tirelessly, along with other investigators and the help from Atlanta Homicide, and was able to break the case wide open. On day 65 into the investigation, Inv. Difatta had two suspects in custody, recovered the vehicle used in the murder, and identified a third suspect in the case.

The Lilburn Police Department, as part of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force conducted seven possession of child pornography investigations. There were multiple arrests associated with these investigations.

In addition to the 4 investigators, an investigator is also assigned to the Gwinnett County Drug Task Force. This undercover investigator was recognized as Investigator of the month in December 2018. He was the primary case officer involving an ecstasy drug trafficker. The arrest of the trafficker resulted in the removing of a dangerous felon from the streets who had been on the run and avoiding detection for a long time. The Investigator seized 236 MDMA pills, 13.7 grams of marijuana, 2 firearms, and \$700.00 in cash, resulting in 7 warrants.

**Expanding the Use of Technology** - In 2018 a new Cellbrite computer was obtained. The cellbrite system enables investigators to search cellphone data that assists in the prosecution of cases. Two investigators are certified to forensically download the data. Investigators also received access to a new database that assists in locating stolen property and identifying criminals.



In 2018, an annual audit of the Property and Evidence Room was completed. All high liability evidence to include firearms, money, jewelry, drugs, and seized vehicles were audited. A random sampling audit of all other property and evidence was conducted.



# Training

In 2018, Lilburn Police Department officers attained 4,861 hours of P.O.S.T. training. This averages 143 hours per officer. Training was held at a Georgia Police Academy, in-service classroom training at the Department, or during roll call.

## Required Department Training:

- |                                       |                               |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Ethics                                | Bias Based Profiling          |
| Legal Updates                         | Suspicious Activity Reporting |
| Vehicle Pursuits                      | Dealing with the Mentally Ill |
| Search & Seizure                      | Special Operations/SWAT       |
| Transportation of Detainees           |                               |
| Domestic Violence                     |                               |
| Property & Evidence                   |                               |
| Off Duty Conduct                      |                               |
| Sexual Harassment                     |                               |
| Selection & Hiring                    |                               |
| Citizen Complaints & Internal Affairs |                               |
| Use of Force                          |                               |
| Use of Deadly Force                   |                               |
- Demonstrate proficiency with all lethal, less-lethal, and electronic control weapons



Captain Rob Worley at the International Chiefs of Police Conference



Officers reviewing policy after attending the Georgia State Intelligence Network training in January 2018 (left)



Every officer received Narcan training in November 2018

Officers qualified with their duty pistol at the range in April 2018, qualified with their issued rifle in June 2018 and attended "night-fire" tactical courses in December 2018



# Personnel



Mayor Crist at the swearing in of recent police academy graduate Officer Nichelle Moore

## Additions to Staffing:

In 2018, there were 8 new hires. All new hires are sworn officers. The Police Department welcomed the following new officers:

Captain Scott Bennett	Officer Charles Johns
Officer Daniel Bride	Officer Alvey Lamb
Officer Chris Hall	Officer Mihaela Mincu
Officer Cepada Huff	Officer Nichelle Moore

## Promotions:

There were no promotions in 2018.

## Separations:

There were 8 employee separations in 2018. All of these positions were sworn officers.

# Complaints & Internal Affairs

The primary function of risk management is to identify and eliminate loss exposures that could result in severe financial impact and impair the City's ability to provide essential public services. The Police Department strives to ensure employees act in a manner consistent with the Lilburn mission, values, and objectives. All complaints are investigated and taken seriously.

There were nine investigations conducted in 2018. One complaint was handled by a supervisor at the field level and eight complaints were investigated by internal affairs. Of the nine investigations conducted, only one was generated by a citizen complaint. Four of the nine investigations involved the same employee who has since resigned from the Department. Only one investigation necessitated a policy revision which was undertaken immediately and placed into effect. There is no discernable pattern necessitating a training issue or further policy revision.

# Administration & Records

The Senior Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Police maintains all confidential files, complies with open records requests, accepts and processes court subpoenas, coordinates the Women's Self Defense and Citizen Police Academies, and keeps up with the Police Department budget and grants. These are only a few of the duties the Assistant is responsible for to aid in the operations of the Department.

The Support Services Manager maintains all State Certification files and ensures standards are in compliance. In addition, The Support Services Manager is also the Records Supervisor, processes Uniform Crime Reporting statistics, GCIC Primary Terminal Agency Coordinator, and assists the Department with crime analysis, training, and permits.

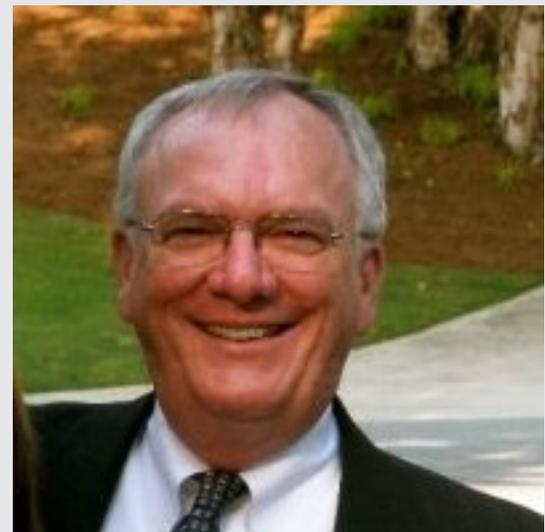
The Senior Records Clerk and the Police Records Clerk processes citations, accident reports, and case reports. In 2018 the Records Section maintained 2,254 case reports. They also maintain all stolen vehicle, gun, and property entries and wanted person entries in the GCIC computer. In 2018 the section maintained 1,096 warrant entries. This is a 119% increase since 2017. The Section also handles Open Records Requests for report information and processed 954 false alarm calls.

## Chaplains



Chaplain Paul Millarc

The Lilburn Police Department Chaplains in 2018 are Paul Millarc and Scott Batterton. Our chaplains assist the Department by making death notifications, responding to hospitals when officers or their families are injured or ill, attending or participating in funerals involving personnel, responding to critical incidents and major disasters, and providing liason with other religious leaders in the community.



Chaplain Scott Batterton

# Statistics

	2018	2017	2016	2015
Calls for Service	36,029	42,201	46,524	46,280

Calls for service include all calls received through the E-911 Communications Center, emergency and non-emergency, calls from the public and all self-initiated activity from an officer.

## 5-year Part I Crimes Totals

PART I CRIMES	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Homicide	1	1	1	2	1
Forcible Rape	2	1	4	0	1
Aggravated Assault	19	15	16	22	21
Robbery	25	19	15	14	19
Burglary	50	66	58	59	76
Larceny	326	391	401	483	584
Motor Vehicle Theft	31	22	21	34	33

Percent Increase/Decrease in Part I Crimes			
	2018	2017	% change
Homicide	1	1	no change
Forcible Rape	2	1	100% increase
Aggravated Assault	19	15	27% increase
Robbery	25	19	32% increase
Burglary	50	66	24% decrease
Larceny	326	391	17% decrease
Motor Vehicle Theft	31	22	41% increase
Arson	0	0	no change
TOTALS	454	515	12% decrease

Percent Increase/Decrease in Part I Crimes			
	2018	2012	% change
Homicide	1	0	100% increase
Forcible Rape	2	3	33% decrease
Aggravated Assault	19	21	10% decrease
Robbery	25	22	14% increase
Burglary	50	99	49% decrease
Larceny	326	657	50% decrease
Motor Vehicle Theft	31	33	.06% decrease
Arson	0	1	100% decrease
TOTALS	454	836	46% decrease

## PART I CRIME CLEARANCE RATES

	FBI	LILBURN
Homicide	61.60%	100%
Forcible Rape	34.50%	100%
Aggravated Assault	53.30%	53%
Robbery	29.70%	44%
Burglary	13.50%	0.06%
Larceny	19.20%	37%
Motor Vehicle Theft	13.70%	39%

# Statistics

## 5-year Part II Crime Totals

PART II CRIMES	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Other Assaults	71	97	112	133	92
Forgery/Counterfeiting	23	25	28	36	27
Fraud	66	64	72	84	102
Embezzlement	5	0	0	0	0
Stolen Property Recovered	56	49	39	52	37
Vandalism	77	74	109	128	120
Weapons Violations	6	4	3	3	5
Prostitution	0	0	0	0	1
Sex Offenses	10	19	9	11	16
Narcotic Drug Laws	109	122	114	78	74
Gambling	0	0	1	0	0
Family Offenses	11	9	11	10	5
Driving Under the Influence	62	76	80	58	50
Liquor Laws	3	5	13	6	12
Drunkenness	0	1	3	9	5
Disorderly Conduct	6	12	17	25	39
Vagrancy/Criminal Trespass	9	12	17	18	19
All Other Offenses/Traffic	636	795	1230	1028	718
Curfew/Loitering	2	0	2	2	0
Runaways	9	2	14	12	15

### Percent Increase/Decrease in Part II Crimes

	2018	2017	% change		2018	2017	% change
Other Assaults	71	97	19% decrease	Gambling	0	0	no change
Forgery/Counterfeiting	23	25	.08% decrease	Family Offenses	11	9	22% increase
Fraud	66	64	.03% increase	Driving Under the Influence	62	76	18% decrease
Embezzlement	5	0	100% increase	Liquor Laws	3	5	40% decrease
Stolen Property Recovered	56	49	14% increase	Drunkenness	0	1	100% decrease
Vandalism	77	74	.04% increase	Disorderly Conduct	6	12	50% decrease
Weapons Violations	6	4	33% increase	Vagrancy/Criminal Trespass	9	12	25% decrease
Prostitution	0	0	no change	All Other Offenses	636	795	20% decrease
Sex Offenses	10	19	47% decrease	Curfew/Loitering	2	0	100% increase
Narcotic Drug Laws	109	122	11% decrease	Runaways	9	2	35% increase

# Lilburn Police Explorer Post #922



The Lilburn Police Department Explorer Post #922 carries an average of 25 cadets. Cadets range from 14-21 years of age and come from several area high school clusters. Meetings are held weekly.

Under the leadership of Lt. Tim Allen, Explorer Post Coordinator and Inv. Sabrina Thornton, Explorer Post Advisor, the cadets receive training in many areas of law enforcement.

During 2018, the cadets participated in many city events such as Rock the Park, Sparkle in the Park, Lilburn Daze, and the Christmas Parade.

In February 2018, the cadets attended the BSA Winterfest competition in Gatlinburg, TN. They participated in many events including crime scene investigation and felony stops. This was the 6th year attending Winterfest.

The cadets also attend "challenges" throughout the year. They attended the Cobb County Police Explorers challenge and participated at the Gwinnett County fairgrounds where they were awarded 1st place in Felony Traffic Stops and 3rd place in Domestic Violence. We are proud of our Explorer Post!



# Community Outreach

The Lilburn Police Department's Community Outreach is managed by Senior Police Officer Mike Johnson. During 2018, Officer Johnson:

- 1) led 128 neighborhood watch and safety meetings
- 2) conducted several safety presentations to local schools, preschools, Islamic Schools, and businesses inside and outside the City of Lilburn
- 3) leads 30 neighborhood watch programs
- 4) taught 6 Senior Scam presentations and 1 domestic violence presentation
- 5) taught and assisted with the Lilburn Citizen's Police Academy and Women's Self Defense class
- 6) participates in child safety car seat inspections
- 7) attends the annual Multi-Cultural festival and Public Safety festival
- 8) taught 3 crime prevention sessions through Environmental Design (CPTED)
- 9) participated in 25 Books Celebration at Mountain Park Elementary School
- 10) served lunch to over 1,500 students at National Lunch Week at Lilburn Elementary School
- 11) provides tours to the Boys and Girl Scouts of America and provides safety presentations
- 12) mentors student interns from Parkview High School
- 13) directs city events such as National Night Out.



# Community Outreach

**Lilburn Police Department**  
Apr 15

The Lilburn Police Department had a great time at the Gwinnett County Multicultural Festival yesterday at Shorty Howell Park!



National Night Out  
August 7  
Plaza Las Americas

## 2018 Womens Self Defense Class



The 2018 National Night Out ranked 25th in the nation for a city our size. Approximately 2,000 people attended the event with multiple agencies participating. (above)

## 2018 Citizen Police Academy (right)



**Lilburn Police Department**  
Feb 25

Lilburn's Finest exceeded their team fundraising goal of \$1,000 and raised \$1,370 for Special Olympics! Thank you to all that have donated and contributed to this effort. We would especially like to thank Camp Creek Church for donating \$500!

Pictured are our brave Polar Plungers who jumped in Lake Allatoona on Saturday: (left to right) Officer J. Northway, Mayor Johnny Crist, City Manager Bill Johns, Officer AJ Ajanovic (who led this fundraising effort) and Ajax, Police Chief Bruce Hedley and his son, Bruce.

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# Awards



## Police Officer of the Year

### **Investigator Vince DiFatta**

*The Police Officer of the Year award is presented to the police officer, investigator, or sworn officer who has been with the department one year or more and who best exemplifies the qualities, characteristics and effectiveness of a professional police officer.*

## Top Gun

### **Lieutenant Keith Boles**

*The Top Gun award is presented to the police officer who maintains the highest qualification average for the year. This award memorialized for Training Officer Stephen P. Bentley who passed away on October 10, 2010.*

## Chief's Award of Merit

### **Senior Patrol Officer Mike Johnson**

*The Chief's Award of Merit is presented to any employee for an outstanding accomplishment resulting in improved administration, operation, or substantial savings in manpower or operational costs.*

**Ambassador Award (Sworn)** - Senior Police Office Steve Suk

**Ambassaor Award (Civilian)** - Monica Sims

**Supervisor of the Year** - Sergeant Matthew Madden

**Police Achievement Award** - Sergeant Adam Garner

**Safe Driving Awards** -  
Investigator Cody Belcher  
Officer Darren Baumann  
Officer Almedin "AJ" Ajanovic



# Recruitment



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