



High Intensity Team Supervision

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BEHIND THE BADGE



HITS 3P's

We Promote positive reinforcement by Providing individualized and effective services to Prevent youth recidivism.

The 2018 Commissioners Challenge is coming up soon! HITS entered this challenge for the first time in 2016 and won the Endurance Team Award. In 2017 HITS won the 2nd place Team Award. This will be our third year participating and we are coming with full force. Please contact Captain Brian Harrelson (South) or Captain Royal Godfrey (North) to participate in the 2018 Commissioners Challenge.

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Behavioral health continues to be a challenge for the youth we serve, as it affects them in their home, community and school settings. Accessibility to programs and services can be a barrier in our attempt to guide our families to resources needed to assist their success. Governor Nathan Deal signed an executive order creating the Commission on Children's Mental Health to address this challenge. Please click the link below the review:

https://gov.georgia.gov/sites/gov.georgia.gov/files/related_files/document/The Commission on Children%27s Mental Health FINAL 120717.pdf



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How do I complete Juvenile Probation Officer recertification with POST?

A Juvenile Probation recertification tab will appear on your POST annual training dashboard 90 days prior to expiration date. You will be instructed to complete all fields required for the recertification application. Start application via this tab. Assistance will be provided by your assigned AOC and LE Program Coordinator.

What is the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing about?

It's about trust between law enforcement agencies and the people they protect and serve.

On December 18, 2014, President Barack Obama signed an executive order establishing the Task Force on 21st Century Policing. The President charged the task force with identifying best practices and offering recommendations on how policing practices can promote effective crime reduction while building public trust.

The task force recommendations, each with action items, are organized around six main topic areas or "pillars:" Building Trust and Legitimacy, Policy and Oversight, Technology and Social Media, Community Policing and Crime Reduction, Officer Training and Education, and Officer Safety and Wellness.

A copy should be kept in all HITS offices. Please click link: <http://www.policemag.com/resources/documents/21stcpolicingtaskforce-finalreport.pdf>



POLAR PLUNGE.



FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS GEORGIA

How can I volunteer for the 2018 Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics?

Some of you already have by making visits to your local Publix - thank you for participating.

The Polar Plunge will be held Saturday, February 24, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. The event will be held at 4425 Beach St. NW, Acworth, GA 30101. We encourage you to support someone or participate in this event, which supports 27,100 + Georgia Special Olympics athletes. You can join the DJJ Team by signing up at:

<https://specialolympicsga.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/PolarPlunge2018/Fundraising/tabid/887232/Default.aspx?joinme=107928>

For additional information visit:

<https://specialolympicsga.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/PolarPlunge2018/PolarPlunge2018/tabid/887228/Default.aspx>

Trick or Treat

Early County H.I.T.S./CSO, Decatur H.I.T.S, the chamber of commerce, and local businesses contributed and passed out candy to Head-Start, Pre-K, and local day care centers. These students were able to enjoy a safe and fun trick-or-treating experience. A great time was had by all involved.



Dodge CSO and Telfair HITS participate in National Night Out

The NATW introduced National Night Out in August 1984 through an already established network of law enforcement agencies, neighborhood watch groups, civic groups, state and regional crime prevention associations and volunteers across the nation. The first annual National Night Out involved 2.5 million neighbors across 400 communities in 23 states. However, the event soon grew to a celebration beyond just front porch vigils.



Neighborhoods across the nation began to host block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts and various other community events with safety demonstrations, seminars, youth events, visits from emergency personnel, exhibits and much, much more. Today, 38 million neighbors in 16,000 communities across the nation take part in National Night Out and the Dodge and Telfair HITS are proud to be a part of those astounding numbers.

On October 3rd, 2017, several team members from DJJ assisted with Cochran's second annual National Night Out. It was a fun-filled family night complete with games provided by the Cochran Police Department, and featured giveaways, law enforcement and fire service demonstrations (including K-9, dummy pull), and other family-oriented activities coordinated by the police department, with participation from neighboring agencies such as the Private Probation and Code Enforcement.

Fulton County HITS Partners with Asa Hillard Elementary School for its Drug Awareness Red Ribbon Week

On 10/25/17, JPO Smith and JPO Crawford from Fulton HITS had the pleasure of speaking to students at Asa Hillard Elementary School for its Drug Awareness Red Ribbon Week. It started off with Kindergarten-1st graders about saying 'no' to drugs and alcohol and pledging to be drug-free. We then spent an hour speaking to about 12 3rd-5th graders who have been identified as those youth who have behavioral issues inside of school and may have had some run-ins with law enforcement. It was very heartbreaking to hear some of the stories told by 9-11 year olds about their fighting, numerous suspensions and gang association/involvement. An 11-year-old revealed that he has been to Metro RYDC for possession of a firearm at school and was recently picked up for vandalism of an apartment complex. Another is living in the home with a father who is a known drug dealer and watching illegal activity or what he sees to be illegal activity and curious to know how that would affect him in the long run. A 9-year old female has been suspended from several South Carolina schools for fighting and stabbing a teacher and a youth, which forced her family of nine to move to Georgia. She considers herself as an angry, hateful, and ungrateful little girl as she is told daily. Not to mention she laughs when the police continuously comes to her home to lock up her father as she has become numb to it. Based on the issues and behaviors we heard, Fulton HITS has partnered with the community-in-schools coordinator to speak with this group once a month to discuss any issues or progress made. We will provide real-life scenarios as to what could happen to them if these behaviors continued.

Even though there has been so much demand put on the staff, Fulton HITS has also committed to what we are calling "Adopt A Mentee" from this group of youth. The vision is to be that big sister/brother to provide tough love when they are wrong and provide love and encouragement when they are doing well. The vision came to JPO Smith after speaking with the 9-year-old female alone and listening to her speaking about a lack of love and support. After giving her a hug her face lit up and my feeling was that she has never received that before. After telling her we would have lunch dates at school, all the youth in class "fought" to see who will have lunch with who first. JPO Crawford had the young men gravitate to him, and that made it difficult to get them to lunch and back to class. Because DJJ is geared to rehabilitation, the goal is to try and prevent these children from being future DJJ youth, which we know may only get worse than what Fulton County is experiencing now.



Congratulations to Chelsea Wakefield, Brice Abrams, Mychelle McCrimon, and Reginald Henry for graduating BJPOT Class #012. The Graduation Ceremony was held on November 17, 2017 at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center in Forsyth. ***We look forward to seeing great things from you!!***



IN THE SPOTLIGHT:

JPO Charles Irvin



Fostering positive relationships
and going above and beyond

the call of duty in our communities can be displayed in many ways. JPO Charles Irvin displayed these qualities one day as he was driving on the highway. He assisted a truck driver and the Canton PD without hesitation when a semi-truck lost control, overturned and crashed into a ditch. JPO Irvin quickly helped the driver by finding a rock to break the glass window and pulling the driver to safety as the truck leaked fuel profusely. This was done prior to the arrival of the Police and Fire Department. We are thankful and proud to have him as a part of our HITS family!

April Smith and William Crawford with Fulton HITS had an unexpected visitor sit in with them on a screening held at Metro RYDC. That visitor was Commissioner Avery D. Niles. Commissioner Niles commended Ms. Smith and Mr. Crawford at the recent BJPOT graduation for the professionalism he witnessed first-hand. ***GREAT JOB!!!***

Hurricane Irma

We would like to take the time to thank all HITS staff that volunteered their time to assist with the Evacuation of Savannah RYDC during Hurricane Irma. We understand that this was challenging time for you and your families. HITS Staff rose to the occasion by providing perimeter security, convoy detail, and working night shifts at Eastman and Macon YDCs. The teamwork and dedication shown by HITS Staff ensured a successful evacuation and return of Savannah RYDC youth.

Thanks for all you do!! One Team, One Mission!!

The newsletter committee would love to hear from you to receive feedback and information on what's going on within your offices and communities. This will allow us to continue producing the best informative newsletter.

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