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Chamblee Police Department Awarded More than \$1.6 Million in Community Public Safety Grants

Funding Awarded by Governor Brian Kemp's Office

June 12, 2023 — The Chamblee Police Department is one of several public safety organizations to be awarded funding from the governor's office to improve community public safety measures. The department has been awarded more than \$1.6 million in Community Public Safety Grants announced by Governor Brian Kemp. The grant requires that funds be utilized to supplement law enforcement staffing, support violent crime reduction or community violence intervention programming, and invest in technology and equipment to address and respond to the rise in community violence resulting from the pandemic.

The department was awarded \$1,368,793.80 to establish and operate a real-time crime center, including procurement of technologies, creation of the program, and hiring staff.

The department was also awarded \$280,500.00 to implement a Co-responder Program pairing experienced mental health care professionals with officers to de-escalate situations when responding to a mental health call. The Co-responder will provide mental health resources and follow up with medical care providers. The City of Chamblee is currently in the process of hiring a Co-responder as a full-time staff member.

"We're so thankful for this grant which provides for the welfare and safety of our community through the co-responder program," said Chief Gary Yandura, Chamblee Interim Police Chief. "The other grant provides great tools which will be implemented in allowing our officers to more efficiently provide for the safety and well-being of our community by aiding in the identification and follow up of criminal activity."

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Located just 14 miles from downtown Atlanta, Chamblee is a vibrant urban city with a diverse community and international flair. The City of Chamblee began as a small rail town and was incorporated in 1908. It has grown to more than seven square miles and nearly 30,000 residents. Chamblee is home to a heavy rail MARTA station, a historic downtown and Antique Row, the vibrant Buford Highway Corridor, DeKalb-Peachtree Airport (PDK), the Centers for Disease Control and a thriving business community with a unique sense of entrepreneurship and optimism. Visit www.chambleega.gov for more information.