

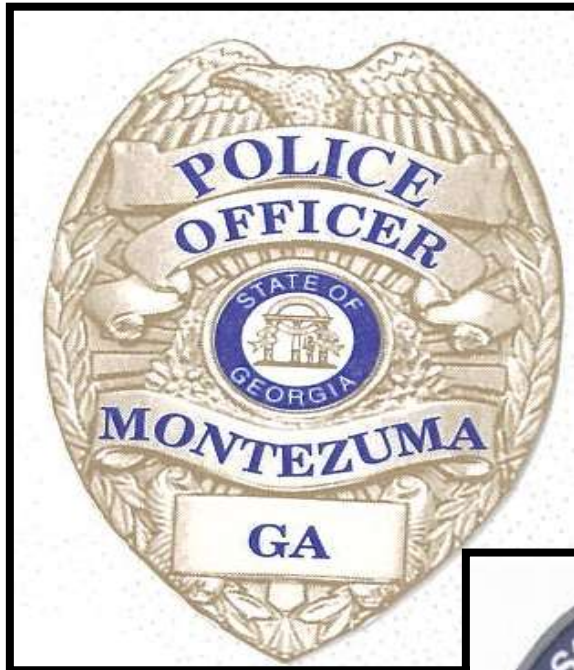
# **MONTEZUMA**

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## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

2013 ANNUAL REPORT

*Eric R. Finch MPA, Chief of Police*



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Montezuma, Georgia 31063  
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911 – Emergency**



# *Montezuma Police Department* *2013*

*“Setting the Pace...For Today’s Law Enforcement”*



*Greetings!*

*On behalf of the Montezuma Police Department and the entire City of Montezuma, it is my pleasure to welcome you into our City and into a partnership that can benefit both of us.*

*Our motto, “**Setting the Pace...For Today’s Law Enforcement**” Summarizes our determination to give you the most modern, well-trained, best equipped police department possible. The slogan, “**Together-we can make a difference**” emphasizes our commitment to work with our citizens, businesses and visitors to combat crime and cooperate on issues involving public safety. Our pro-active stance on problem solving allows us many times, to avoid situations which would lead to property loss, damage or personal injury.*

**The mission of the Montezuma Police Department is to:**

- **Determine and Apprehend Criminals**
- **Maintain strong police-community relations**
- **To continually enhance the training and expertise of each member of the police force**

*At the Montezuma Police Department we stand ready, willing and able to assist you or your family in any way possible. We encourage you to get to know our citizens and other City employees and look forward to a long and continuous partnership.*

*Sincerely,*

*Eric R. Finch, Sr.*

*Eric R. Finch, Sr.  
Chief of Police*

# OVERVIEW OF MONTEZUMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Currently, the Montezuma Police Department consists of 12 full-time employees and 12 part-time employees for a total of 24 employees. The Montezuma Police Department is made up of the following employees which handles the day to day operation for the department:

- ✚ 1 Chief of Police
- ✚ 1 Captain
- ✚ 1 Lieutenant
- ✚ 1 Sergeants
- ✚ 2 Field Training Officers
- ✚ 5 Officers
- ✚ 2 Part-time Officers
- ✚ 1 Animal Control Officer
- ✚ 1 School Crossing Guard
- ✚ 1 Records Manager
- ✚ 1 Municipal Clerk
- ✚ 1 Administrative Assistant
- ✚ 1 Judge
- ✚ 1 Solicitor
- ✚ 1 Probation Officer
- ✚ 3 Indigent Attorney's

The Montezuma Police Department has proud itself as becoming a self-sufficient department and depends mainly upon itself to solve most of the crime with the City of Montezuma. Member of the Montezuma Police Department has 43 different types of certification to achieve the above task. They consist of the following:

- ✚ 1 Georgia Command College Graduate
- ✚ 1 Professional Management Graduate
- ✚ 3 Executive Management Graduate
- ✚ 3 Management Certification
- ✚ 3 POST Certified Instructors
- ✚ 1 Firearm Instructor
- ✚ 2 Certified Clerk of Courts
- ✚ 1 Certified Sexual Offender Investigator
- ✚ 3 Certified Investigators
- ✚ 2 Certified Drug Identification Officers
- ✚ 1 Certified Domestic Violence Investigator
- ✚ 2 Certified Seatbelt Technician
- ✚ 1 Certified K-9 Handler
- ✚ 1 Taser Instructor
- ✚ 2 Certification Managers
- ✚ 2 State Assessors
- ✚ 10 radar operators
- ✚ 4 Supervision Certification



# MONTEZUMA POLICE DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF



## CHIEF OF POLICE

*Chief Eric R. Finch* is a native of Americus, Georgia, has over 24 years of experience in protecting and serving. Chief Finch has a B.A. Degree in Police Administration and a M.P.A Degree in Justice Administration, and has completed the Georgia Command College session number 24. He has attended several management seminars throughout the United States.



## CAPTAIN OF INVESTIGATION

*Captain Charley Cannon* has over 24 years of experience in protecting and serving. Captain Cannon has served many years as a Drug Investigator with the Peach County Sheriff Department and the Montezuma Police Department. Captain Cannon has completed the Post Manager and has attended Executive Management Classes.



## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE MANAGER

*Lieutenant Cedric Duncan* has been employed with the City of Montezuma since October 10, 1996. Lt. Duncan has been Officer of the Year and Employee of the Year for his hard work helping the Department to become State Certified. Lt. Duncan has completed the Post Management Certification and is currently seeking an Executive Management Certificate. He is also a certified Certification Manager and a State Assessor.



## SUPPORT SERVICE MANAGER

*Martha Hardy, Record Manager* always receives high remarks from other agencies. She handles all situations in a very professional manner. Ms. Hardy does whatever it takes to assist everyone. Her immense customer service comportment shows professionalism in our department.

*Officer of Year Awarded to  
Officer Andrew Albertson*



*Officer/K-9 Andrew Albertson has been selected Officer of the Year. Officer Albertson has been employed with the City of Montezuma since 2012. Officer Albertson came to the Montezuma Police Department after graduating from the South Georgia Technical College Law Enforcement Academy as the class top Cadet. Officer Albertson has conducted the most follow up investigations in the department. In that period of time, he has truly distinguished himself and received the respect and admiration of his peers, supervisors, and the City of Montezuma. In addition to his patrol duties,*

*Officer Albertson also serves as the department's K- 9 Officer and performs all his duties in an exemplary manner. He is, without question, a highly effective team player who strives to continuously make the Montezuma Police Department a model statewide. For his continued commitment and loyalty to the mission of the Montezuma Police Department, Officer Andrew Albertson is our 2013 Officer of the Year. Officer Albertson is married to Dana and they have two boys and they are expecting their first baby girl later this year.*



## ***Upgrades in the Department***

- ❖ **Convenience of paying tickets on-line ([www.montezumatix.com](http://www.montezumatix.com))**
- ❖ **New standard operating procedure manual was developed.**
- ❖ **Courtroom security**
- ❖ **New filing system in records**
- ❖ **Yearly training on domestic violence, firearm, vehicle pursuit, use of force, legislature update.**
- ❖ **Conducting follow-up investigations.**
- ❖ **Establish hiring and promotion policies.**
- ❖ **Computerized Patrol Cars**
- ❖ **National and State Certified K-9 Program**
- ❖ **Computerized Evidence Room**
- ❖ ***Crime mapping Program***
- ❖ ***Text messaging briefings of shifts to all police personnel daily***
- ❖ ***Establish the Boys and Girls Club in June 2, 2014***

### *State Certification*

The Montezuma Police Department was awarded State Certification on February 15, 2005. The Department now serves as a model for smaller law enforcement agencies seeking certification. The department has two Certification Managers and two State Assessors. The department was recertified on July 1, 2009. The Department was re-certified in 2012. The Montezuma Police Department is one of 101 police and sheriff departments certified out of 750 in the State of Georgia.

### *E-911*

The Montezuma Police Department was the driving agency to help open the Middle Flint Regional E-911 Center in Ellaville, Georgia. The center is the largest E-911 Center in the Southeastern United States. The E-911 center serves seven counties. The Middle Flint Regional E-911 Center has been awarded several communication awards. The E-911 Center serves 9 counties, Schley, Sumter, Macon, Dooly, Marion, Webster, Stewart, Taylor and Talbot.

### *Patrol Division*

The Montezuma Police Department is responsible for patrolling the streets of Montezuma. The Montezuma Police Department responded to 11,442 calls during the fiscal year for an average of 31 calls a day, the most in the history of the Department. Over ~~6000~~ calls were the officers conducting business and security checks. The Montezuma Police Department made traffic stops and issued 905 citations in 2013 compared to 492 in 2012 an increase of 84% over the pervious year.

### *Training Division*

The Montezuma Police Department provided training for over forty (40) different law enforcement agencies during the year of 2013. The Montezuma Police Department also assisted (112) agencies to become State Certification or reviewed their police operations. The Montezuma Police Department is known throughout the State of Georgia as a premiere agency within the State of Georgia with excellent police policies.







## *Montezuma Police Department K-9 Program*

*In April 2007, the Montezuma Police Department was awarded a grant through the Flint Energy Corporation for \$5,000.00. The Montezuma Police Department was able to buy a drug dog named “Jessy”. The K-9 handler is Officer Andrew Albertson. Officer Albertson and “Jessy” are both State and Nationally Certified. Since the program has been implemented, the Montezuma Police Department has filed on \$170,000.00 worth of properties and cash. The program has netted approximately 73 drug cases and over 200 vehicles searches. Officer Albertson and “Jessy” has been invited to speak at several churches, schools, programs, and the Beaver Creek Festival. Officer Albertson and “Jessy” has been very instrumental in assisting other agencies with drug investigations.*



# Jessy

# *Montezuma Police Department in the Community*



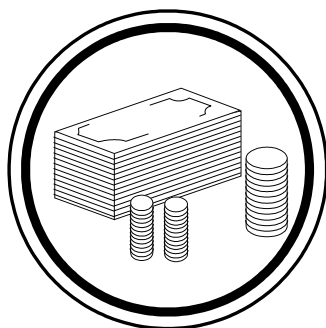
1. The Montezuma Police Department and Family Children Service provided over 100 Child Safety seats to needy families through a federal grant.
2. The Montezuma Police Department provided a Domestic Violence Program advising females/males about what is Domestic Violence.
3. The Montezuma Police Department calls elderly citizens every morning to determine if they are ok and if not, family members and Medical Personnel will be dispatched to their home for safety checks.
4. The Montezuma Police Department is a Major Sponsor for the Macon County School System character development program for the 2nd grade. The Montezuma Police is a Major Sponsor for Macon County Athletic.
5. The Montezuma Police Department is a Major Sponsor for the Macon County Recreation Department. The Montezuma Police Department sponsors kids in the community who can not afford to pay the fees and officers of the Montezuma Police Department serves as volunteer coaches.
6. The Montezuma Police Department K-9 Program provided programs concerning the use of drugs and dog searches at the Montezuma Library, The Loins Club, Macon County Headstart, and Southland Academy

# *Montezuma Police Department Fines & Forfeitures Transfers*

*October 2012 – September 2013*

We had an increase of 25% of fines and forfeitures of the previous year.

MONTH	TOTAL FINES TRANSFERRED	AMT. TRANSFERRED TO MPD ACCOUNT	MONTH	TOTAL FINES TRANSFERRED	AMOUNT TRANSFERRE D TO MPD ACCOUNT
OCT-11	10,288.00	6,355.61	OCT-12	6,814.00	4,963.86
NOV-11	7,543.25	4,704.96	NOV-12	10,412.90	6,584.12
DEC-11	9,561.50	5,345.42	DEC-12	6,033.00	3,834.94
JAN-12	5,994.00	3,953.02	JAN-13	2,765.00	1,646.15
FEB-12	8,620.80	4,703.47	FEB-13	11,554.00	7,002.59
MAR-12	4,041.79	2,216.88	MAR-13	3,245.00	1,870.80
APR-12	6,885.00	4,538.28	APR-13	8,881.00	5,721.99
MAY-12	8,205.35	4,712.45	MAY-13	10,270.00	6,490.36
JUN-12	5,448.00	3,310.04	JUN-13	10,718.00	6,580.71
JUL-12	5,176.00	3,426.06	JUL-13	9,729.50	5,920.93
AUG-12	4,338.40	2,569.49	AUG-13	5,021.00	3,061.06
SEPT-12	1,105.00	776.44	SEPT-13	11,077.85	6,859.50
<b>TOTAL FINES-12</b>	<b>\$77,207.09</b>	<b>\$46,612.12</b>	<b>TOTAL FINES-13</b>	<b>\$96,521.25</b>	<b>\$60,537.01</b>





## *Accidents*

	2012	2013	Fatalities	Increase/Decrease
<b>January</b>	7	4		<b>43% Decrease</b>
<b>February</b>	10	10		<b>0% Increase</b>
<b>March</b>	7	9		<b>29% Increase</b>
<b>April</b>	11	8		<b>27% Decrease</b>
<b>May</b>	14	17		<b>21% Increase</b>
<b>June</b>	8	11		<b>38% Increase</b>
<b>July</b>	9	10		<b>11% Increase</b>
<b>August</b>	10	15		<b>50% Increase</b>
<b>September</b>	6	10		<b>67% Increase</b>
<b>October</b>	8	12		<b>50% Increase</b>
<b>November</b>	4	6		<b>50% Increase</b>
<b>December</b>	7	8		<b>14% Increase</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>120</b>		<b>19% Increase</b>



# 10 Tips for Avoiding Auto Accidents

1. **Avoid drinking and driving.**
2. **Minimize distractions** such as reading newspapers or talking on the cell phone when driving
3. **Properly maintain vehicles.** Tune up cars according to maintenance schedule, and especially take note monthly of tire condition.
4. **Do not encourage aggressive drivers.** Let other aggressive driving behavior roll off your back, or call the police. Losing your temper could worsen the situation.
5. **Leave a safe distance between your cars and others.** For every 10 miles per hour of speed, leave at least one car length space between your vehicle and the vehicle ahead.
6. **Maintain a constant speed.** Don't continually slow down or speed up.
7. **Adjust mirrors properly** and check the side and rear-view mirrors every 15 seconds.
8. **Take defensive driving classes** to improve your ability to drive and be better prepared for the unpredictable behavior of other motorists.
9. **Proceed with great caution through intersections.** Intersections are the center of most accidents. When entering an intersection, look left, then right, then left again to ensure the area is clear.
10. **Be sufficiently aware of road conditions** and be more visible. Keep your lights on at dusk and dawn and during rain, as is the law in most states. Understand basic vehicle dynamics, such as knowing how to recover from a skid.

## Motorists can minimize distractions by: pulling over to a safe place to ...

- Dial numbers and talk on cell phones
- Pick up items from floor mats
- Change radio stations
- Change CDs
- Look at a map or read newspapers
- Take care of personal needs such as eating or personal grooming

# Crime Analysis Statistics

## CRIMES - PART 1

Crime	Reported 2012	Reported 2013	Increase/Decrease
Homicide	1	0	100% decrease
Rape	0	0	0% increase
Robbery	3	1	67% decrease
Aggravated Assault	14	18	29% increase
Burglary	44	54	23% increase
Larceny-theft	99	85	14% decrease
Auto Theft	7	5	29% decrease
Arson	2	0	100% decrease
<b>Total</b>	170	<b>163</b>	<b>4% decrease</b>

## CRIMES - PART 2

Crime	Reported 2012	Reported 2013	Increase/Decrease
Simple Assault	93	84	8% decrease
Forgery	0	3	300% increase
Child Molestation	1	2	100% increase
Sex Offense	1	3	200% decrease
Kidnapping	0	0	0% decrease
<b>Total</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>3% decrease</b>

**\*\*\*\*\*7% Decrease in Crime within the City of Montezuma.**

# General Crime Prevention Tips

## AT HOME

- ✓ Make sure your main front door has a door viewer (peep hole).
- ✓ Install solid core wood or metal doors on all exterior door openings
- ✓ Always lock all windows and doors when going out. This includes short trips next door or out to the mailbox.
- ✓ Do not place keys in hidden locations.
- ✓ Keep all landscaping trimmed back to allow a clear view onto the property. Shrubs should be at 36" or lower, trees and tall plants should have at least 6" clear below. Do not allow plants to obstruct the view of windows and doorways.
- ✓ Know your neighbors - be aware of who belongs and who does not belong.
- ✓ Always acknowledge anyone who knocks at the door or rings the bell. You don't have to open the door, but you should always let them know you are home.

## PURSES, BACKPACKS AND BRIEFCASES:

- ✓ Do not carry what you cannot afford to lose.
- ✓ Do not advertise what you have in your purse or backpack.
- ✓ Carry purses/backpacks close to your body. Protect them by holding your arms across them.
- ✓ Carry keys, wallet or other valuables in your pockets.
- ✓ Always keep your wallet, purse, backpack closed or zipped up.
- ✓ Do not leave your purse or backpack unwatched. Purses and backpacks hung on chairs or left in shopping carts are easy targets.

## WALKING or SHOPPING:

- ✓ Always be alert to where you are.
- ✓ Pay attention to others around you - are you being watched or targeted.
- ✓ Use well lit streets and sidewalks where many persons are around or businesses are open.
- ✓ Occasionally look behind you
- ✓ Do not carry large sums of money or unused credit cards and identification.
- ✓ Do not resist a robber - due as asked and follow the instructions given.
- ✓ If you feel someone is following or watching you - go into a populated location and ask for help -
- ✓ Call the police.

## ON-LINE SHOPPING:

- ✓ Use only well known established businesses.
- ✓ Do not give out personal information or credit card numbers to unknown persons or companies.
- ✓ Before placing an order with a company or with an unknown company, call the company by phone and get a feel for their business practices and professionalism.
- ✓ Always check your statement for unauthorized purchases.
- ✓ Do not purchase from direct marketing phone calls to your home or business. Although many companies are legitimate, many are not. Get a name, address, phone number and way to contact the business in order to check them out. Call the Better Business Bureau.
- ✓ If it sounds too good to be true, it likely is too good to be true. If the offered price is only good during the phone call or while being solicited, be weary of fraud.

# GENERAL CRIME PREVENTION TIPS (CONT'D)

## HOLIDAY SHOPPING:

- ✓ Know where you are and where you are going.
- ✓ Pay attention to your surroundings.
- ✓ If possible do not carry a purse or backpack. Take a small coin purse or card wallet that will fit in your pocket.
- ✓ Is anyone watching what purchases you make or what you have in your wallet.
- ✓ Do not leave wallets or purses unattended in a shopping cart.
- ✓ Do not leave packages alone – have packages shipped home or to the office.
- ✓ Do not leave anything in the car. Criminals watch for you to place packages in the car or trunk of your car and walk away to continue shopping.
- ✓ Do not carry anything that you cannot afford to lose.
- ✓ Park in well lighted locations if shopping when dark.
- ✓ Park in locations close to heavily traveled entrances and locations.
- ✓ Look around as you approach your car. Have your keys in hand and ready.
- ✓ Always shop with someone else – the buddy system.





# ROBBERY PREVENTION

We have all been told at one time or another to take a moment out of our hectic schedules to enjoy the small things around us...the sunset...dew on the grass...a child's smile...a loved one's laughter...and of course the sight and smell of beautiful roses. Paying attention to our surrounding is also a key element in robbery prevention.

- ✓ Be aware of your surroundings and the people around you. Criminals count on you being preoccupied with shopping, banking or getting in/out of your vehicle instead of paying attention to them. Take a moment to observe who is in the parking area or close to the building before you exit your car. Does it make sense to walk past someone just standing around?
- ✓ If the area is dark, you can't see if someone is hiding behind shrubbery, trees or other obstructions. At home install additional exterior lighting and keep shrubbery at windowsill level and trees trimmed to prevent hiding places. Speak with management about inadequate lighting or overgrown shrubbery around your apartment or businesses that you frequent.
- ✓ While walking, do not take short cuts through wooded or isolated areas, alleys, and dark, poorly lit areas. Plan your route. If the area is unfamiliar to you, consider walking with a friend or traveling by car. If approached by a stranger, maintain the distance of an arm's length. Project a no-nonsense attitude and quickly walk away. Move with confidence and stay alert!
- ✓ If you think you are being followed, cross the street, walk quickly or run to a busy store, restaurant, gas station or lighted house.
- ✓ If a car is following you, turn and run in the opposite direction. If you suspect that you are being followed while driving, don't drive home!
- ✓ Go to the nearest police station, fire station, or business. Blow your horn to draw attention to your vehicle while driving up to the location.
- ✓ Nothing that you carry in your purse or wallet is worth your life! If robbed, stay calm and don't resist!
- ✓ Get a good description of the attacker call the police immediately.

# BURGLARY PREVENTION

Burglars go through neighborhoods looking for easy targets. During the day they see uncut lawns, stuffed mailboxes, newspapers piled up, and valuable items. These conditions act as clues to burglars that "this home" is an easy target. At night they see darkened houses or ones with the same light on for the same length of time every night. Again these are signals to burglars that "this house" is an easy target. The best way to stop the crime of burglary is through prevention. The following tips are basic to help you prevent crime in your neighborhood and to reduce the chance that the crime of burglary will effect you.

- ***Don't be a temptation to a thief*** - Put lawn equipment, bikes, grills, and garden tools away. Never leave a note saying you are gone on the door.
- ***Locks*** - Get the Best. No lock is 100% burglar proof, get advice from a locksmith to find the best fit for your house. Change locks if you lose your keys
- ***Outside the house*** - Have adequate lighting, trim trees and shrubs to prevent burglar from hiding in your yard or breaking in without being seen
- ***Windows*** - Most windows can be pinned for security. Some windows come with security locks, USE THEM!
- ***Alarms*** - An alarm system is an excellent way to have home security as it provides peace of mind, especially while you are away from home.

Remember, if you are going to be out of town take advantage of the Montezuma Police Department's free house check service. To activate a house check call the police department before you leave and request a house check. Officers patrolling your zone will monitor your residence while you are away.



# SENIORS BEWARE!



**There are dishonest people pretending to be Social Workers, agency or church volunteers so that they can get inside your home and steal your personal information, credit cards, money and other valuables. Please follow these simple tips:**

- ✚ Do not let strangers in your home!
- ✚ Don't judge a book by its cover – well dressed people commit crimes and so do women!
- ✚ If you have not called or signed up for social services, free groceries or medical attention, do not let a stranger convince you that you need their services.
- ✚ If you have called for services, check the person's identification before they enter your home. Ask them to press the ID card against the window or slide it under the door.
- ✚ **DO NOT TRUST A CHAIN LOCK; IT CAN BE EASILY BROKEN WITH ENOUGH FORCE!**
- ✚ Never let anyone know that you live alone or are at home alone.
- ✚ As soon as a stranger appears, call a trusted neighbor and ask them to watch your home. Remain on the phone with them, until the stranger leaves.
- ✚ **WHEN IN DOUBT, CALL 911**
  
- ✚ **These are some of the latest scams:**
  
- ✚ A woman states that she is a Social Worker and needs to give you a hearing test.
  
- ✚ When you turn away from her, she grabs your valuables or you discover items missing after she has left.
  
- ✚ A woman pretending to be a church or charity worker brings you a box of free groceries and steals your valuables. When you open your purse to show her some identification, she grabs your purse and runs out of the door.
  
- ✚ Remember, these scams can involve criminals from different races and they can be a male or female working alone or as a team.

## VEHICLE SAFETY

So you've finally found a parking place for your car,  
but did you remember to...

- ✓ Remove all valuables from the seats and/or floor area BEFORE arriving at your destination?
- ✓ Avoid parking on deserted street?
- ✓ Report suspicious activities to the police or parking attendant?
- ✓ Check your vehicle/tag when you return?

### HAVE YOU CHECKED YOUR TAG/DECAL LATELY?



**Many criminals count on you never noticing that your decal or tag is missing, until they have left the scene.**

- ✓ When was the last time you actually walked around your vehicle to check your tag/decal? Most people can honestly say “almost never”,
- ✓ Checking the exterior of your vehicle should be a part of your daily routine, whether your car is parked in your driveway or in a parking lot!
- ✓ Running into the gas station or the store for a moment? Check your tag when you return to your vehicle.
- ✓ Do you know your tag and/or decal number? You should carry the information in your wallet for a quick reference.

**My tag # is** \_\_\_\_\_

**My decal # is** \_\_\_\_\_

# NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

## ARE YOU IN A GOOD NEIGHBORHOOD?

Being a good neighbor is the primary reason that neighborhood watch programs work!

**Good neighbors** concerned about that delivery man or a unfamiliar car driving slowly through the neighborhood will stop and take notice.

**Good neighbors** meet their neighbors and exchange vital information for emergency purposes.

## The Neighborhood Watch Program...

**W**orks! It strengthens the relationship between the community and the police, while providing a cost effective method to reduce crime!

**A** daily part of neighborhood living, not a series of meetings. The basic premise of the watch program is: You watch my house and I will watch your house.

**T**eaches the resident about proactive strategies and techniques in the fight against crime.

**C**reates an awareness among residents to assist in the prevention of criminal activity in their communities.

**H**elps build community pride and provides the mechanism for residents to address other neighborhood concerns.



# CHURCH SAFETY



We hear the phrase often about the “good old days”...One of the things that is definitely different today are incidents of crimes involving churches. We encourage you to take proactive steps to reduce the opportunities for criminal encounters to occur on your church grounds.

## Exterior Security:

- ✚ Install additional lighting in parking lots and entryways if areas are poorly lit.
- ✚ To prevent hiding places, keep the shrubbery trimmed away from doors and windows.
- ✚ Install solid wood or sheet metal faced doors.
- ✚ Check all windows for defective locking devices for replacement or repair.

## Key Control:

- ✚ Maintain an accurate key distribution list and check with the recipients periodically to identify lost or stolen keys.
- ✚ Consider changing locks every 3-5 years and reissue keys.
- ✚ Create a User Form to track who is in the church and list the responsible key holder. Ideally, one person should open and close the church to eliminate the need for excessive keys being distributed.

## Church Safety Team:

- ✚ Ask neighborhood residents and businesses to join you in establishing a community watch.
- ✚ Form a safety team to assess the overall security of the church (call Chief Eric Finch)
- ✚ Designate safety monitors to check on the church periodically.
- ✚ Engrave all valuables with an identifiable number and record your inventory.

## CALEA or State Certified Agencies in Georgia

Adel Police Department  
Albany Police Department  
Alpharetta Police Department  
Athens/Clarke County Police Department  
Baldwin County Sheriff's Office  
Barrow County Sheriff's Office  
Bloomingdale Police Department  
Braselton Police Department  
Canton Police Department  
Carroll County Sheriff's Office  
Carrollton Police Department  
Cartersville Police Department  
Catoosa County Sheriff's Office  
Chamblee Police Department  
Chatham-Savannah Counter Narcotics Team  
Cherokee County Marshal's Office  
Cherokee County School District Police Dept.  
Cherokee County Sheriff's Department  
College Park Police Department  
Cobb County Police Department  
Columbus Police Department  
Conyers Police Department  
Cornelia Police Department  
Covington Police Department  
Dalton Police Department  
Dawson County Sheriff's Office  
Decatur Police Department  
DeKalb County Police Department  
Doraville Police Department  
Dublin Police Department  
Duluth Police Department  
East Point Police Department  
Fairburn Police Department  
Fayetteville Police Department  
Fitzgerald Police Department  
Floyd County Police Department  
Forest Park Police Department  
Forsyth County Sheriff's Office  
Forsyth Police Department  
Fort Valley Police Department  
Fulton County Police Department  
Gainesville Police Department  
Garden City Police Department  
Georgia Bureau of Investigation  
Georgia Health Sciences University Police Dept.  
Georgia Southern University Division Public Safety  
Georgia State University Police Department

Georgia World Congress Center Police Department  
Gilmer County Sheriff's Office  
Glynn County Police Department  
Greene County Sheriff's Department  
Griffin Police Department  
Gwinnett County Police Department  
Gwinnett County School Police Department  
Gwinnett County Sheriff's Department  
Hall County Sheriff's Office  
Hapeville Police Department  
Henry County Police Department  
Hinesville Police Department  
Hogansville Police Department  
Jefferson Police Department  
Johns Creek Police Department  
Jones County Sheriff's Office  
Kennesaw Police Department  
LaGrange Police Department  
Lavonia Police Department  
Lumpkin County Sheriff's Department  
Loganville Police Department  
Marietta Police Department  
MARTA Transit Police Department  
Milledgeville Police Department  
Milton Police Department  
**Montezuma Police Department**  
Morrow Police Department  
Moultrie Police Department  
Norcross Police Department  
Peachtree City Police Department  
Perry Police Department  
Pickens County Sheriff's Department  
Pooler Police Department  
Richmond County Marshal's Office  
Richmond Hill Police Department  
Riverdale Police Department  
Rockdale County Sheriff's Office  
Rome Police Department  
Roswell Police Department  
Sandy Springs Police Department  
Stephens Police Department  
Suwanee Police Department  
Thomasville Police Department  
Tifton Police Department  
Toccoa Police Department  
Towns County Sheriff's Department  
University of Georgia Police Department  
Valdosta Police Department

Vidalia Police Department

Villa Rica Police Department

Waycross Police Department

Waynesboro Police Department

Winder Police Department

Woodstock Police Department

The Montezuma Police Department is committed in achieving a positive relationship with the community in which it serves. The department must win and retain the confidence and respect of the public. This can be accomplished by constant and earnest endeavor on the part of all members of the police department to perform their duties in an efficient, honest, professional manner and with the highest level of ethical conduct.

Today it is more vital that the conduct of the department is exemplary in the public mind. The police are endowed with the public trust and the legal authority; in the exercise of this power, justice and equity should be ever the actuating motive to secure a safe and positive image for the basics of good law enforcement service.

### **Integrity:**

We hold ourselves to the highest standards and we are accountable for our actions as an organization.

### **Commitment to Excellence:**

We are committed to preserve life, maintain human rights, protect property, promote individual responsibility, community commitment, acting responsibly and carrying out our duties with competence and efficiency.

### **Service:**

We value the community we serve and meeting the community's needs while working together to build and maintain channels of communication between this community and ourselves. We do this by being personally involved in our community, working together in an effort to identify and resolve our problems within the community.

### **Respect:**

We value the people of the community and will treat them with respect, sensitivity and compassion.



The Montezuma Police Department believes in working together as a community. Working together with the residents and local business owners in attempts to make this fine city a safe and enjoyable place to live and work. We rely heavily upon what people see and hear. If you don't report it, we may not be aware of it. Having a sense of pride in your community means working together with your local police to maintain a peaceful and safe place for you, your children, and friends to live.