



NEWTON COUNTY  
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**Date: June 15, 2017**

***For immediate release***

**Press Release**

During the week of 06/05-06/09 the Newton County Sheriff's Office School Resource Officers successfully completed a 40-hour training course at Georgia Public Safety Training Center. This course is intended for law enforcement officers assigned as, or anticipating assignment as, a School Resource Officer. Topics included the role of the SRO within the school environment, Search and Seizure in the school, Criminal Offenses, Gang Awareness, Drug Awareness, Interviews and Interrogations, Emergency Preparedness, and Dealing with Adolescents. The School Resource Officers that successfully completed the training were:

Deputy Priscilla Tyree

Deputy Johnny Robinson

Deputy Milton Hightower

Deputy Mandy Peters

Deputy Latavia Washington

Deputy Freda Holloway

Deputy Kim Etheridge

Deputy Jeremy Vieira

Deputy Sherri Collier

Deputy Dana Maddox

The Newton County Sheriff's Office implemented the School Resource Unit in cooperation with the Newton County Public Schools. The program involves the assignment of law enforcement officers to the public middle and high schools as School Resource Officers (SRO). The School Resource Unit is intended to ensure that no student's right to receive an education is hindered by violence or disruption.

Each deputy is involved in a variety of functions aimed at prevention. In addition to being an active high profile deputy, he/she is also a resource for students, parents, teachers and administration regarding law issues. Another duty for the deputy is being a link to other service agencies that provide preventive and counseling services within the school district. Working hand-in-hand with the principal in each school and school board, the deputy assists with finding solutions to problems afflicting today's school age children.

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