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The Georgia Public Safety Training Center to Celebrate 30 Years of Training Georgia's Finest!



The Georgia Public Safety Training Center (GPSTC) will celebrate thirty years of training Georgia's finest on Saturday, July 22, 2017 from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (Registration begins at 7:30) at the main campus of GPSTC located at 1000 Indian Springs Drive, Forsyth. The celebration will include a product showcase of over one hundred top public safety manufacturers from across the country. A highlight of the event will be the ribbon cutting for the new Precision Driving Course, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Come observe Governor Nathan Deal and Attorney General Chris Carr as they experience the first laps on the new course. All public safety personnel are invited to attend the celebration, enjoy a complimentary lunch and browse the various displays and demonstrations. Transportation will be provided to the different venue areas on campus.

Established by the Georgia Legislature in 1980, GPSTC has been training the public safety community longer than any other institution in Georgia. It was on January 13, 1982 that funds were appropriated by the Legislature for architectural design and site work and in that same year on November 9th GPSTC celebrated its groundbreaking. The organizational concept for the center was presented to the Board of Public Safety on June 06, 1984 and on July 2nd, the organizational concept was adopted. Three years later, on the third day of June, the Board adopted the operation concept for the Training Center, thereby creating the Instructional Services Division. This year marks a very momentous milestone in the history of the Georgia Public Safety Training Center. It was in 1987 that training commenced on the campus of Georgia's state-of-the-art training facility. Today GPSTC is proud to be in its thirtieth year of training those who save others. Chris Wigginton, the Director of GPSTC remarked, "It is very exciting to witness the continuous growth of the training center and I look forward to the day GPSTC is not only the premiere training facility for Georgia, but for the entire Nation."

The Georgia Public Safety Training Center remains Georgia's premier training facility for all state and local public safety-related units of government including: Law Enforcement, Jail, 911 Communications, Corrections, Department of Community Supervision, Fire, Emergency Medical, Emergency Management, Coroners, Prosecutors, Investigators and GPSTC Resident Agencies. ***This event is open to All Public Safety Personnel ONLY and all attendees will be required to show their public safety credentials.***

All media are welcome and encouraged to attend. There will be numerous video and photo opportunities throughout the event. Please let us know if you are planning to attend. RSVP to jhutcheson@gpstc.org or skimbrell@gpstc.org.

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*To honorably represent the state of Georgia through devoted dedication to the **Public** service of our citizens, committing to improving the level of professionalism in the public **Safety** community by offering state of the art **Training** and distinguishing ourselves as the Nation's premiere **Center** for learning and growth.*