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*A Crime Prevention Public Safety
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**PROVIDING TRAINING FOR CITIZENS,
ORGANIZATIONS AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS**

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*Citizens can stop, reduce and prevent sex trafficking and crime in general
if you are trained, work together, start at ALL the roots (no matter where they grow)
and disrupt the model, the plan or the blueprint at every level.*

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*"Criminals practice crime but if you are not trained in crime prevention, you are practicing to be a victim.
AND LOCAL POLICE DON'T HAVE TO PROTECT YOU (2005 Supreme Court Decision)!!!"*



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Atlanta, Georgia: The Metro-Atlanta Crime Commission today announces that it now provides citizen crime prevention services & training, collaborative partnerships and youth services in metro-Atlanta, the counties of DeKalb, Fulton, Clayton, Cobb, Douglas and Gwinnett and the cities of East Point, College Park and S. Fulton:

- Crime Prevention Training For Senior Citizens, Youth, Women and the Community
- **Comprehensive Sex Trafficking Prevention Training For Citizens and Police Departments**
- Youth Intervention / Diversionary Programs and Community Service Credits (Ages 12-18)
- Specialized Crime Prevention Training for Businesses, Churches and Organizations
- Youth Life Skills Training In 7 Essential Areas Often Not Taught In Schools (MALTA Ages 10-18)
- Improving Encounters Between Citizens and Local Law Enforcement (GCPEA & Nationwide)
- Community Public Safety Patrol Services and Protection Escorts (New in 2020)
- Crime Prevention Instructor's Training For Law Enforcement Officers (New in 2020)
- **Police Support Services (In Emergencies and/or As Requested By Law Enforcement)**

Founded in 2013, the MACC is comprised of legal professionals, former / current law enforcement, political officials, executive protection agents, academic instructors, security specialists, stats analysts, crime prevention experts, community activists, business and religious leaders, judicial officials and private citizens.

We now offer gun control community summits, extensive personal firearms safety and training courses, workshops, new partnerships and volunteer/community service credit opportunities. **Partner with our collaborative because no agency is large enough, staffed enough, equipped enough or has all the expertise to tackle the problem of crime alone. PLEASE READ AND SHARE THIS ENTIRE PDF FILE!**

Don't wait until you become a victim. **Attend or host a seminar, join free, partner with us, volunteer or donate - all from www.publicsafety411.com today!** Public Safety begins with Personal Safety, a personal citizen responsibility which must involve crime prevention training. You are your Self-Defense! Police officers cannot be everywhere just in time. We support our police officers, but other than visual deterrence, the primary function of police officers is NOT crime prevention. They are First Responders for intervention or curative solutions when or after something happens. Criminals are trained, they practice and work together. **Who is training you not to be a victim? While there are no guarantees, we decrease the chances!!!**



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FACT SHEET: POLICE "PROTECT AND SERVE"

The Facts About Your Safety Most Citizens Don't Know

There are many reasons the Metro-Atlanta Crime Commission focuses on crime prevention and putting the "public" back in public safety. Mostly all American citizens are familiar with the phrase "protect and serve" and most expect it from our local police departments. But most citizens (and even many police officers) have no idea that the term "protect and serve" does not mean what you think it does. Protect who or whom? When? Why? Under what conditions or circumstances? To what extent? As determined by whom? What does "protect" mean?

Self-Defense, Personal & Public Safety are NOT about waiting on the police to protect you!

What is public safety? What is the legal definition of the "community" that police officers are supposed to protect? What is the duty or responsibility of a local police officer? What if the officer does not protect you as a citizen? Are local police officers responsible for your safety? And who ultimately determines that - either way? All questions that never cross the minds of American citizens. Why not? Because most of us make assumptions about what terms mean and what police duties "obviously are". Unfortunate such perceptions are often inaccurate.

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Legal terms and court decisions often mean something other than what we think or assume they do. And now it's time to look at the facts in order to clear up assumptions and misconceptions. Additionally, the purpose of this information is to open the eyes of citizens everywhere about your personal responsibility for your own safety and the safety of your families, businesses, churches, schools, organizations and community. So we reiterate It's time we put the "public" back in public safety - especially once you understand what that means.

Local Police Officers are Law Enforcement Officers and First Responders, NOT First Preventers Nor Individual Citizen Personal Safety Bodyguards!

This fact sheet is a summary of what you need to know, what you have been misinformed about and the clearing up of widespread misconceptions. And because it is a short summary, we will provide you with the links and references to the court decisions which have ultimately decided the responsibility of local police officers across America. Keep in mind that the United States Constitution has ultimate authority over any police department, city council, police oaths or police protocol. Also keep in mind that the United States Supreme Court is the highest court in America and its decisions cannot be reversed by any other court, local police department nor federal law enforcement agency.

According to the United States Supreme Court and several courts below it, local police departments/officers do NOT have the duty nor responsibility to protect private citizens, except under certain conditions such as when you are in their custody. Local police officer duties often involve assessing threats, patrolling the "community", visual deterrence, conducting arrests and investigations, regulating traffic, enforcing the law, responding to incidents and preserving the peace. But these terms are not defined by law as what you may think or expect. Thus legal definitions are very often different than public perceptions.

The result? **You and your family are ultimately responsible for your safety.** Local police officers "protect and serve" the community but they are not required by the Constitution nor the Supreme Court to protect individuals, even though you may say individuals in groups are the community. Unfortunately most citizens have mistaken local police officers for personal bodyguards or executive protection agents - jobs with very different responsibilities, very different scopes and protocols and very different training.

As for crime prevention training for private citizens, it is critically important that you support the efforts of the Metro-Atlanta Crime Commission by volunteering, donating or scheduling training seminars because local police departments are also NOT required to train private citizens on how to protect themselves. * So remember, Crime Prevention is not about waiting until you are a victim!

DO POLICE OFFICERS HAVE TO PROTECT YOU?

Let' look at the facts. "In the 1989 in the landmark case of DeShaney v. Winnebago County Department of Social Services, the Supreme Court ruled that failure by government workers to protect someone from physical violence or harm from another person did not beach any substantive constitutional duty". In 2005 the United States Supreme Court said essentially the same thing.

In 2018 when the school resource officer did not go into Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School and confront the shooter during the Parkland massacre, a Federal Judge said essentially the same thing as well. In this case the ruling was that the sheriff's office had no constitutional duty to protect the students in the school. And even though a county judge rendered a decision to the contrary regarding the school resource officer, a county judge ruling can neither overrule a federal judge nor the U.S. Supreme Court.

As a proactive citizen, whatever you do, please do 4 things. Read the research in the links for yourself, visit our website (www.publicsafety411.com), schedule or attend a crime prevention training seminar and realize that your safety and the safety of your family is your primary responsibility, not that of the local police. The Metro-Atlanta Crime Commission is a 501(c)3 crime prevention, public safety training agency. We train private citizens, organizations and police officers.



It's hard to hear the facts when you have assumed otherwise for so long! (2018 FBI Active Shooter Map)

More than 1 mass shooting per day! And no police department can protect all citizens.

<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/nation/one-mass-shooting-happens-per-day-u-s-data-shows>

POLICE NOT REQUIRED TO PROTECT INDIVIDUAL CITIZENS NOT IN POLICE CUSTODY:

(Email us at publicsafety411@yahoo.com for the full court cases.)

<https://www.barneslawllp.com/blog/police-not-required-protect>

<https://www.nytimes.com/2005/06/28/politics/justices-rule-police-do-not-have-a-constitutional-duty-to-protect.html>

<https://blogs.findlaw.com/blotter/2015/05/can-you-sue-the-police-for-not-coming-when-called.html>

https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Warren_v._District_of_Columbia

<https://www.quora.com/Is-it-true-The-Supreme-Court-ruled-law-enforcement-agencies-dont-have-a-constitutional-duty-to-protect-citizens>

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/12/18/us/parkland-shooting-lawsuit-ruling-police.html>

Let's remember accountability and responsibility are for all of us, no matter where we live, no matter what we choose as a profession. The Metro-Atlanta Crime Commission supports, thanks and encourages all law-abiding, well -trained police officers and first responders who risk their live every day. 1/2020

***AS THE #1 CRIME PREVENTION AGENCY,
The MACC is taking the lead in putting the "public" back in public safety.***



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HOW TO GET INVOLVED:

Access every method of support we offer to prevent crime from our website above. Attend our training events. Spread the word to friends, family and on social media. Schedule or host our crime prevention seminar (see list above). Request a speaker for your business, church, school or organization. Partner with us today. Make a donation to make your community safer. Become a member now! Citizens have to think prevention and that requires training - training the MACC provides. So whatever you do, plug in now before crime finds you!

METRO-ATLANTA CRIME COMMISSION UNIQUENESS

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HOW ARE WE BETTER THAN? We simply have to be excellent at what we do - and we are. The Metro-Atlanta Crime Commission is the top crime prevention, public safety training agency for training citizens, organizations and police officers in Georgia. This according to the many police officers, colleagues, attorneys, politicians, churches, civic groups, organizations, academic professionals and businesses we train, collaborate and partner with. We encourage you to compare our training to other citizen training agencies and programs for yourself. Then read the reasons below that we are unique. Visit our website at www.publicsafety411.com. Attend our training. Ask those who have attended.

I. We are not in competition with other agencies nor organizations because generally the community needs what we AND others have to offer. Other agencies and organizations work hard to provide information and tips. Those can be found on the internet. However the Metro-Atlanta Crime Commission provides proactive and effective community training and solutions. So comparing apples to apples, there are very few agencies like the MACC.

II. The MACC never minimizes the efforts made by groups, agencies and organizations. That is neither wise, nor positive nor productive. Crime prevention requires multiple approaches throughout multiple disciplines, all simultaneously and working together. Any agency that blacklists another is petty and working against real collaborative solutions.

III. The MACC is the best at what we do and our work speaks for itself. Our proven training programs, services and methodologies have been evaluated by psychologists, sociologists, law enforcement personnel, attorneys and specialists in every key arena where we offer these services.

IV. The diversity of collaborative input from our partner agencies, political official supporters, hundreds of police officers, specialists, citizens, activists and others has made our programs, projects and services even sharper, better and stronger. Therefore we are always updating, upgrading and expanding.

V. MACC programs for youth in life skills training such as money management, problem/conflict resolution, entrepreneurship, Police Encounters 101, early career management and decision making, to name a few, are advanced, proven, comprehensive and no-nonsense. We also have the strongest, most intensive youth entrepreneur training program you will find anywhere. Every training program, service or project we offer is evidence-based, taught by experts, intensely evaluated, results oriented and takes into account the demographic we serve, thereby making each very relevant.

VI. See for yourself. Attend one of our training seminars or review any of our training program summaries on our website. After receiving our advanced crime prevention public safety training, you will be more aware, more informed and less likely to become a victim. Even if you are a veteran police officer, you will be safer.

VII. Compare our training to other training programs across Georgia. Our summaries and outlines are on the web at **www.publicsafety411.com**. Ask for theirs. And the chances are, sooner or later we will be working with the group you compared us to anyway. Working together will make both agencies stronger, sharper and extend the reach and impact we make. So they should never feel threatened nor assume they have and offer everything that we teach.

VIII. Others do not specialize in crime prevention, though you might have assumed they did. Recently what we do was the subject of discussion between one of our Directors and a top "governmental" investigative agency. They presumed that they already had everything we offer. But if you look at their specializations, scope of duty and mandate, there is nothing about crime prevention nor training citizens in any of it.

That illustrates a good point. There are many agencies, governmental and private, which offer some form of indirect or even direct impact on crime. But that is neither their priority nor their focus. Crime Prevention and training citizens in their public role in public safety is **WHAT WE DO!** So just as a doctor who is a specialist will be stronger in

what he or she specializes in than a general practitioner, such is the case with the MACC because we are specialists.

IX. The MACC provides much needed **Police Support Services** as requested and required by law. We are not a police/law enforcement agency. However police officers are members and advisors and we have a strong base of support from local law enforcement that understand what we do and the value it contributes to both citizen and officer safety. We work with police departments. Our staff and support staff consists of current and/or former detectives, police officers, executive protection agents and legal specialists.

The Metro-Atlanta Crime Commission trains police officers in crime prevention and assist in emergencies under the Georgia Good Samaritan Law. Also according to Georgia law, when we assist per police request, we are covered to the same extent as the police department that requested assistance. You may see one of our vehicles on the road and our equipment, strobe lights and services are authorized by law.



X. The Metro-Atlanta Crime Commission offers a comprehensive definition, understanding and training approach on "public safety" whereby all the necessary variables or participants come together. Public Safety was never intended to be a police department function only.

There are not enough police officers to guarantee public safety. Therefore, if public safety was exclusively a police function, all police departments would have been set up to fail. And then there is the 2005 Supreme Court ruling affirmed by courts everywhere. The ruling decided that local police officers are not responsible for the individual safety of private citizens unless the citizens are in police custody. And there is the 2018 ruling in the Parkland Florida shooting. Both proof that citizens must be involved in public safety.

MACC SCOPE OF EXTERNAL SERVICES

The Metro-Atlanta Crime Commission, in addition to providing crime prevention training, assists in public safety under the following conditions:

1. By police officer request or judicial request.
2. In critical emergencies, dangers or catastrophes.
3. In felony arrests when absolutely necessary for public safety. (OCGA 17-4-60, 61, 62)
4. The MACC neither detains nor transports individuals.

Georgia laws call for and accommodates public involvement in public safety and care (O.C.G.A. 17-4-24). Examples: arrest by a private citizen (O.C.G.A. 17-4-60), the "Good Samaritan" law (O.C.G.A. 51-1-29), penalties for failing to render aid and law requiring citizens to help police officers when requested or face penalties (O.C.G.A. 17-13-29).

Therefore the very term "public safety" itself implies a proactive, informed and trained responsibility for the *public* to be involved and engaged in its own *safety* as part of the team with local police, businesses, civic organizations and religious institutions. And while the community policing concept does impact communities, citizens are neither trained nor authorized to conduct policing. Technically police officers are responsible for "policing". Therefore the MACC recommends the public safety approach for citizens.

We recognize and promote that police and community support services such as those offered by the MACC are absolutely essential for the safety of citizens and police officers. If that were not true, the GBI for example, would not exist. And while there are many agencies, governmental and private, which offer some form of indirect or even direct impact on crime and their do a great job. But crime prevention is not their priority mandate. All are needed and needed to work together.

No agency can do it alone. No agency is supposed to do it alone. No agency has the sufficient staff, resources and expertise to tackle crime prevention alone. Crime Prevention and training citizens in their public role in public safety is WHAT WE DO! So just as a doctor who is a specialist will be stronger in what he or she specializes in than a general practitioner, such is the case with the MACC because we are specialists.

Unfortunately some agencies and others may neither support nor understand the vital role of the Metro-Atlanta Crime Commission and what we do. We don't expect everyone to. But if they work against us, they work against the foundations of crime prevention as well as the safety of citizens and police officers everywhere.

