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East Point Police Announces New Incentives for Police Officers

Officers to Receive Higher Salaries, Educational Pay Incentives and Upgraded Equipment

EAST POINT, GA- Current and incoming officers at the East Point Police Department will now receive some of the highest salaries on the southside of metro-Atlanta. Uncertified Police officers will now receive a starting salary of \$52,000 and \$55,000 for Certified Police Officers. In addition to new salaries, officers will also receive educational pay incentives of \$1500 for obtaining their associate degree and \$2500 for a bachelor's degree. Increases will also be given to officers with Peace Officer Standards and Training Council (P.O.S.T.) certifications.

"This is a new and exciting time to join our team," said Chief Shawn Buchanan, East Point Police. "We greatly appreciate the support of our City Manager, Mayor and Councilmembers for taking the necessary steps to ensure that our officers are properly equipped with the tools they need to protect and serve this community."

"Safety is and will always be our top priority in East Point," said Mayor Deana Holiday Ingraham. "We will continue to take the necessary actions and make the necessary investments to ensure that our first responders have everything they need to keep our community safe."

At the January 18th East Point City Council Meeting, City leaders voted to approve more than \$2.1 million in upgrades for the Police Department as well as over \$1.1 million for salary adjustments and upgrades for the Fire Department. Current and incoming Police Officers will receive new vehicles, Panasonic Toughbook laptops, bulletproof vests and more. Interested applicants can apply at www.eastpointcity.org or call 404-559-6283 or 404-559-6346.

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About The City of East Point

The City of East Point is approximately 13.8 miles with a population of over 38,000. Located southwest of Atlanta, East Point is conveniently located minutes away from Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport. This quaint urban community's prime location, numerous retail stores, and great restaurants make it an attractive place for a "live-work-play-shop-stay" environment because there's no point like East Point. For more information about the City of East Point visit www.eastpointcity.org. Also like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/cityofeastpoint/ and follow us on twitter @cityofeastpoint, snapchat @cityofep1, or instagram @cityofeastpoint.

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