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**East Point Police Partner with Tri-Cities High School Drama Students to Produce Crime Prevention Skits**

**EAST POINT, GA-** In an effort to curtail crime in the City of East Point, Police Chief Shawn Buchanan has established a partnership with the Tri-Cities High School Visual and Performing Arts (VPA) Magnet Program to bring awareness to youth violence. During the month of May, students in the VPA Magnet Program directed, produced and reenacted real life incidents that have occurred in the City of East Point. Each crime prevention skit ends with an important message from Chief Buchanan who highlights the consequences of various acts such as stealing cars, playing with guns, road rage incidents and more.

“It’s imperative that we as a police community assist the public in the education of gun safety,” said East Point Police Chief Shawn Buchanan. “I have seen throughout my career many bad decisions as it relates to firearm safety. As the Chief of Police, I feel that it is very important that we teach the youth the importance of good decision making and de-escalation techniques. I truly hope and pray that these real life re-enactments reach and teach our young adults how to make better decisions.”

Over the course of 10-weeks, the public can view a new skit on the East Point Police Department’s Facebook and Instagram pages as well as the City’s YouTube page. The first skit will be released on May 26<sup>th</sup>. The skits can be viewed on the following platforms:

**East Point Police Department**

- Facebook & Instagram: @EastPointPoliceDepartment

**City of East Point**

- Facebook, Twitter & Instagram: @cityofeastpoint
- YouTube: [www.youtube.com/c/EastPointTV](http://www.youtube.com/c/EastPointTV)

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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, 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*



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