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Chatham County Police Department Hosting Community Forum on Preventing Acts of Mass Violence

Goal is to Educate Public about Recognizing Danger Signs and How to Act on Them

Chatham County, GA (September 21, 2022) – The Chatham County Police Department is hosting a community forum to educate the public about preventing acts of mass violence, and how to recognize the danger signs someone may exhibit before committing one.

The forum will be held Wednesday, September 28, 2022, from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at 400 East Broad Street.

"No one can predict with 100 percent certainty whether or when an act of mass violence will occur," said Chatham County Police Chief Jeff Hadley. "But, we do know that many of these perpetrators exhibit warning signs that something is very wrong well before they act. This forum will give everyone a chance to hear what those warning signs are, and then what they should do if they think there is cause for concern. Taking the right action could prevent a tragedy, and save many lives."

The forum is being held in conjunction with the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System, and will begin with a panel discussion that will be followed by a question and answer session. The forum is part of a group of educational opportunities funded through a U.S. Department of Homeland Security Grant.

Registration is optional, and may be completed by filling out the form found here: <u>https://www.eventbrite.com/e/406896788247</u>.

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