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Chatham County Police Department Honors Fifty Officers During Annual Pinning and Promotion Ceremony

Chatham County, GA (May 14, 2026) – Today the Chatham County Police Department honored 50 officers during its annual Pinning and Promotion Ceremony.

This year's ceremony honored 20 recent Georgia Public Safety Training Center graduates, five certified officers newly hired by the department, and 25 promotions ranging from the rank of Corporal to Major. The Chatham County Police Department only holds this event once a year, and it is a major milestone for each person being honored.

Each honoree had their new badge pinned on to their uniform by a loved one or important figure in their life or career as a symbol of the personal sacrifice made by each law enforcement member and their families in order to serve and protect.

The ceremony took place at Bible Baptist Church and was scheduled during National Police Week, which is dedicated to honoring the service of the men and women who choose a career in police work.

This year's honorees are:

Graduates

Class #355

Officer Nico Grossman

Officer Steve Konan

Class #356

Officer Charles Collins

Officer Reese Filpus

Officer Shanay Fletcher

Officer Sean Johnson

Officer Ardia Johnston

Officer Robert Long

Officer Natalia Ospina

Officer Jermaine Royal

Officer Michael Sampson

Officer Caleb Strozier

Officer Emily Zapata-Ospina

Class #358

Officer Brian Brickey

Officer Shawn Castle

Officer Antonio Comas

Officer Samuel Floyd

Officer Quenton Hirschfelt

Officer Devin May

Officer Christian Meister

New Hires

Alexie Chiu

Ricky Deas

Aubrey Mitchell

Gabriela Schott

Ian Shores

Promotions

Corporal

Corporal Zachary Allen

Corporal Matthew Bryson

Corporal Jasmine Collazo

Corporal Jesse Germinario

Corporal Tristan Jones

Corporal David Murrell

Corporal Jonathan Puhala

Corporal De'Antoinette Rodriguez-Hairston

Corporal Timothy Schott

Corporal Ziqian Xu

Corporal Matthew Youhas

Sergeant

Sergeant Samantha Carlson

Sergeant Marion Roberts

Sergeant Adam Tilley

Sergeant Adam Yocum

Lieutenant

Lieutenant Gary Coleman

Lieutenant Chelsea Drane

Lieutenant Bret Eskridge

Lieutenant Roger Flannery

Lieutenant Timmy Gonzales

Lieutenant Hiram Rivera

Command Staff

Captain Craig Fields

Captain Anthony Gallo

Captain Matthew LoPresti

Major Dean Fagerstrom

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