

## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **Chatham County Police Department Emphasizes E-Bicycle Safety**

**Chatham County, GA (January 29, 2026)** – The Chatham County Police Department is reminding electric bicycle (E-bike) riders of the laws and rules of the road designed to keep them safe.

“We’re seeing an increasing number of E-bikes on the road, and we’re hearing concerns from motorists about riders who aren’t following basic traffic laws,” said Chatham County Police Department Chief Jeff Hadley. “Since many of these riders aren’t even old enough to have a driver’s license, we’re asking parents to make sure their children are well-aware of what’s expected of them as an E-bike operator.”

Georgia law states that all bicyclists – including E-bike operators -- must follow all traffic laws and obey traffic signs and signals. The law also states that riders must stay to the far right of the road, unless turning left, if it is unsafe to do so, or in very specific circumstances outlined by law.

Helmets are an important part of E-bike safety, with Georgia law requiring helmets for any rider under the age of 16 and for all riders of E-bikes capable of going more than 28 mph (Class 3 E-bikes). All E-bikes must be equipped with a white light in the front and a red light in the back and these must be used if the E-bike is operated after dark.

The Chatham County Police Department will continue to educate E-bike riders and parents through community engagement, social media, and one-on-one conversations about laws and safety tips in an effort to keep our roadways as safe as possible for everyone.

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