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## **Chamblee Police Department Launches New Bike Patrol Unit**

*Bike Patrol Unit Enhances Community Policing and Safety*

**August 6, 2024** — The Chamblee Police Department is proud to announce the launch of its new Bike Patrol Unit, aimed at enhancing community engagement, increasing patrol visibility, and improving response times in areas not easily accessible by traditional patrol vehicles. The Bike Patrol Unit currently consists of four certified officers, including Chamblee Police Chief Michael Dieppa, who have undergone specialized training in bike handling, traffic enforcement, and community policing strategies. Officers are equipped with state-of-the-art bicycles and safety gear, ensuring they are prepared for a variety of situations.

“We are excited for the launch of our Bike Patrol Unit,” said Police Chief Michael Dieppa. “It corresponds with our Neighborhood Resource Unit that focuses on community policing. This unit allows our officers to get outside of their cars and interact with the community and be more accessible to pedestrian traffic.”

The unit will patrol throughout the entire City including the downtown area along Peachtree Road, the Chamblee Rail Trail, various parks and communities that are easily accessible to sidewalks, and apartment complexes. To join the unit, officers were interviewed for the Neighborhood Resource Unit and had to pass a weeklong course at a police bicycle school. Chief Dieppa hopes to expand the unit in the future to create a bigger presence in the community.

### *Photo Captions*

*IMG\_4114: Officers Beth Sweet, Christopher Monk, and Lina Garcia make up Chamblee’s Bike Patrol Unit*

*IMG\_4144: Chamblee’s Bike Patrol Unit with Police Chief Michael Dieppa*

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