

**Towns County Sheriff Issues Appeal to Citizens in Fight Against Crime**

Responding to the increasing number of people wanting to assist law enforcement officials and build a stronger partnership in the fight against crime, Sheriff Chris Clinton announced today that Towns County citizens are being invited to become Honorary Members of the Georgia Sheriffs' Association.

Membership appeals go out in the mail shortly. Individuals choosing to join the voluntary program can do so for as little as \$20, while businesses can show their support for a \$50 contribution. The funding provides critically important technical resources, training, and legislative support on key criminal justice issues. Contributions are tax-deductible.

“With government funding becoming increasingly difficult to secure, the membership drive has taken on greater importance than ever before,” said Sheriff Clinton. “The funding is vital to helping us carry out our mission of making our communities safer places to live, work and play.”

Individuals that do not receive a membership appeal and would like more information can do so by contacting the Georgia Sheriffs' Association at **P.O. Box 1000, Stockbridge, GA 30281, Phone: 770-914-1076. Information is also available online at [www.georgiasheriffs.org](http://www.georgiasheriffs.org)**. Residents can also become members of the program by contacting the Sheriff's Office.

The membership program was formed to provide citizens with an opportunity to lend their support to more effective law enforcement and to help local law enforcement officers protect the lives and property of citizens.

“As the need for building stronger public-private law enforcement partnerships in this country continues to escalate, programs such as this continue to grow in importance,” said Sheriff Clinton. “I encourage everyone receiving a membership appeal to consider joining forces with us by becoming an Honorary Member. It is a valuable investment in the future.”