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ATLANTA POLICE HOLD COMMUNITY MEETINGS ON BEAT REDESIGN PLAN

The Atlanta Police Department announced today a series of community meetings intended to inform city residents on changes to its six geographical patrol zones.

The APD embarked on a study a year ago, examining its police beats with the goal of ensuring that its resources and response times to calls for service were maximized.

The resulting plan retains the department's six zones, though some geographical boundaries have shifted. Department leadership believes the plan will increase police visibility by boosting the number of beats throughout the city and balancing out workloads in each zone, allowing for improved response times.

Chief George Turner, along with commanders for each zone, will join other department leadership in presenting the plan – along with expected benefits – in a series of public forums beginning Feb. 24th and continuing through March.

“It’s important for us to communicate our intentions to the public,” Chief Turner said. “I’m hoping that citizens will gain a greater understanding of what we’re trying to accomplish and see the benefits that will result in a safer city for all of us.”

Atlanta City Councilmember Ivory Lee Young Jr. joins Chief Turner in welcoming the opportunity to inform the public. Young believes the department's zone realignment initiative will result in improved response times to criminal activity in an ever growing city.

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“As every corner of our city continues to evolve, public safety must be open to change as well,” Young said. “Change in our police force should be responsive to our individual communities. Thus far I continue to be pleased with the commitment of our Chief of Police to make community policing an integral part of their standard operating procedure. The zone beat realignment supports that commitment.”

Meeting dates/times/locations:

- **Thursday, March 3 – Zone 3 John Burdine Center 215 Lakewood Way 6:30 PM**
- **Wednesday, March 9 – Zone 2 The Lodge at Peachtree Presbyterian Church 3417 Roswell Road 7:00 PM**
- **Wednesday, March 23 – Zone 1 C.A. Scott Recreation Center at Mozley Park 1565 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. SW 6:45 PM**
- **Monday, March 28 – Zone 4 Adamsville Recreation Center 3201 M. L. King Jr. Drive, S.W. 7:00 PM**
- **Wednesday, March 30 – Zone 5 Atlanta Civic Center Piedmont Room 395 Piedmont Ave. 7:00 PM**
- **Thursday, March 31 – Zone 6 East Atlanta Public Library 400 Flat Shoals Ave. SE 7:00 PM**

To view copies of the zone maps, a Power Point about the plan and other documents, please visit <http://www.atlantapd.org/BeatRedistrict/2011/index.htm>.

To determine which Atlanta police zone one resides in, please visit <http://www.atlantapd.org/> and click on the “Find My Zone” tab located at the top of the page.

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