



**Atlanta Police  
Department  
Public Affairs Unit**  
226 Peachtree Street, S.W.  
5th Floor  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

**NEWS  
RELEASE**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Contact: Carlos Campos  
September 2, 2010  
Public Affairs Unit  
(404) 546-4212**

**LABOR DAY WEEKEND TO BRING THOUSANDS  
INTO CITY OF ATLANTA VENUES**

The City of Atlanta will host a number of major events throughout Downtown, Midtown and Buckhead expected to draw as many as 300,000 celebrants over the Labor Day weekend, starting with Georgia State University's inaugural football game tonight at the Georgia Dome.

Atlanta Police will be out in full force to ensure traffic flow and public safety. Still, event attendees are urged to ride MARTA or carpool when possible. Residents and visitors should use patience and caution when navigating city streets this weekend.

-more-

In preparation for the weekend, the Atlanta Police Department has worked with event organizers, implemented action plans for many of the venues, placed extra officers on duty, partnered with private security to enhance public safety and provided additional lighting in some parking lots. Officers will be on foot, on motorcycles and bicycles, on Segways and in patrol cars.

“We want to ensure everyone has a good time and stays safe for the summer’s last hurrah,” said Maj. Khirus Williams, Commander of the Atlanta Police Department’s Zone 5, where many of the major events are centered. “The APD will be visible, on the job, and ensuring that attendees to all of these events remain safe and that traffic flows as smoothly as possible.”

Congested areas will include Downtown, Midtown and Buckhead - specifically areas around the Georgia Dome, Centennial Olympic Park, Atlantic Station, Peachtree Street, Underground Atlanta, Piedmont Park and Lenox Square.

The weekend’s events include:

*Friday, Sept. 3*

**Atlantic Station Market**, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Atlantic Station

**Black Gay Pride Events**, 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. Loews Atlanta Hotel, Midtown

**Dragon Con Events**, Downtown, Hilton Atlanta, Marriott Marquis, Hyatt Regency

**SEC Kickoff Block Party**, 7 p.m. to 3 a.m. Irby Ave. Buckhead

Saturday, Sept. 4

**Atlantic Station Market**, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Atlantic Station

**Dragon Con Parade**, 10 a.m. to noon, Downtown, Auburn Ave.

**Dragon Con Events**, Downtown, Hilton Atlanta, Marriott Marquis, Hyatt Regency

**Black Gay Pride Events**, Midtown, Loews Atlanta Hotel, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**ESPN College Game Day**, 9 a.m. to noon, Centennial Olympic Park

**SEC Kickoff Block Party**, 7 p.m. to 3 a.m., Irby Ave. Buckhead

**Chick-Fil-A College Kickoff Game**, 8 p.m., LSU v. North Carolina, Georgia Dome

Sunday, Sept. 5

**Atlantic Station Market**, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Atlantic Station

**Dragon Con Events**, Downtown, Hilton Atlanta, Marriott Marquis, Hyatt Regency

**Black Gay Pride Events**, Midtown, Loews Atlanta Hotel, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

**Black Gay Pride Pool Party**, Midtown, Piedmont Park, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 6

**Dragon Con** Events, Downtown, Hilton Atlanta, Marriott Marquis, Hyatt Regency, Sheraton Atlanta and Westin Peachtree Atlanta

**Hispanic Labor Day March**, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Downtown, Centennial Olympic Park area

###