



Monday July 19, 2010

Atlanta, Georgia

WELCOME TO ATLANTA, EXPLORERS!



Colonel Bill Hitchens
Commissioner, Georgia Dept.
of Public Safety

Dear Law Enforcement Explorers:

On behalf of the men and women of the Georgia Department of Public Safety, it is my pleasure to welcome you to Georgia and the 2010 National Law Enforcement Exploring Conference.

Law enforcement is a noble profession where the ideals of service to others and a dedication to protect are paramount. Officers put their lives on the line every day to protect those they serve. While many things have changed over the span of my 41 years in law enforcement,

service to others has not.

While attending the conference you will be given the opportunity to participate in some of the most unique training courses and skills competition available in any profession. Not only will your education be enhanced, but you will meet many people from across the country and develop lifetime friendships that will be with you throughout your career.

Georgia Tech is one of the most widely-respected institutions in the world and this conference is the ideal setting for you to take full

advantage of the many venues offered on campus. Atlanta has much to offer as well with nearby attractions and sporting venues.

Enjoy your stay in Atlanta, and please do not hesitate to call upon any member of our Department should you need assistance. I trust your stay here will be safe and enjoyable, and I look forward to seeing you throughout the week.

— Colonel Bill Hitchens

Interview with the Chair of National Law Enforcement Exploring Connie Patrick

Q. What motivated you to get involved in law enforcement?

A. In college I started out as a mathematics major. By the time I was a junior, I was getting burnt out, and a professor said I ought to think about law enforcement. In the 70's, there weren't many women law enforcement officers, and my family wasn't in law enforcement--yet I was intrigued. He said there

was a bright future for women in the field, and as a professor and a retired Army colonel, he knew what he was talking about—and he was right! I took some classes, changed my major, and interned in a sheriff's department. That's the story of how I got my first job in law enforcement.

Q. You were a sheriff in Brevard County, Florida, and then a Special

Agent for the State of Florida. Do you miss working cases and being in the field?

A. Once you've got it in your blood, you never get rid of the desire to be "on the street," and I was able to do that as a deputy sheriff, as a dispatcher, and in narcotics law enforcement.

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Ms. Connie Patrick
Chairman NLEEC

Welcome to GT!

Georgia Tech and Olympic Village have been the host for two Explorer Conferences in the past decade—this year and six years ago. This is an exciting place to be near the heart of one of America's great cities. Here are some fast facts about Georgia Tech:

The Name: Georgia Institute of Technology is Georgia Tech, also known as GT.

The Colors: Navy blue, gold and black—buzz with the yellow jackets of GT!

Milestones: Georgia Tech was established in 1885; Women were first admitted in 1952; African-Americans were first admitted in 1961. Today GT has a highly diverse community of faculty, staff, and students.

Size: 20,000 students, 900 faculty members, and a 400 acre campus.

Rank: #1 industrial engineering program in the United States, and highly-ranked architecture and IT programs. Overall, GT is ranked as one of the top ten public universities in the country.

Famous Alumni: Perhaps the most famous is former President Jimmy Carter who attended Georgia Tech in the early 1940's. Also many Nobel Prize winners and business leaders around the country attended GT, as well as

the likes of Jeff Foxworthy, golfer Bobby Jones and more!

Famous for Football: Georgia Tech and the University of Georgia have a rivalry going back more than a century in all things sports, but particularly football. John Heisman (The Heisman Trophy) coached the GT football and baseball teams at the beginning of the century for more than a decade. The last NCAA National Championship football game won by GT was in 1990.

Whistle! If you've never been on the GT campus, you'll notice that five minutes before the hour throughout the day you'll hear a loud steam whistle. While some campuses have clock towers with bells, since 1888 GT has had a whistle go off to remind students of the time, and to prepare them to get to their next class or activity.

Driven! If you get a chance to go off-campus, make sure you stop at The Varsity which has been a GT institution since 1928, has the largest drive-in in the world, and sells more Coca-Cola than any other single place anywhere. Juniors which has been serving great fast food to GT students for more than half a century.

Varsity- Takes up two blocks and is at 61 North Avenue at Spring Street. They've got their own slang for ordering (walk-a-dog means a hot dog to go; All-the-way is "with everything"; strings are french fries, and a bag-of-rags are potato chips).

Juniors- Next to the GT Administration Building at 224 Uncle Heinie Way.

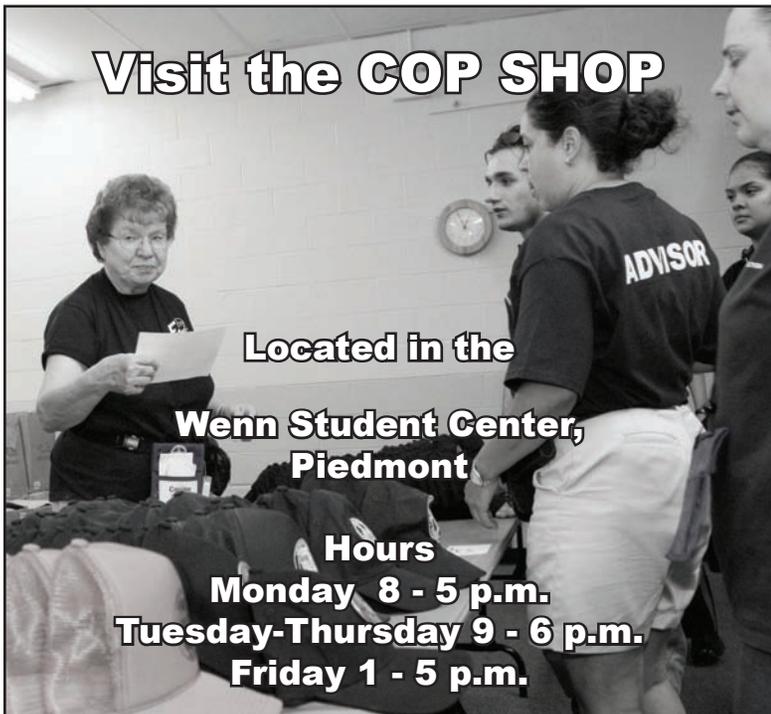
OPENING SHOW

Monday, July 19th

7:30 - 9:00 P.M.

Alexander Memorial Coliseum

Visit the COP SHOP



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Piedmont

Hours

Monday 8 - 5 p.m.

Tuesday-Thursday 9 - 6 p.m.

Friday 1 - 5 p.m.

Campus Recreation Center

Monday - Friday 6:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Saturday 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM



Use of the Student Recreation Center is on a shared basis with students and with other conference participants. Participants will need to show their room key or meal card when entering.

CONFERENCE CODE OF CONDUCT

- All participants are expected to adhere to the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics and act in accordance with the ideals of the Exploring program.
- All participants are expected to demonstrate courtesy and respect to other conference participants, university and conference staff, and visitors.
- Explorers are expected to act and dress in a manner that will convey a positive reflection on their sponsoring agency and the Law Enforcement Exploring program. Participants are encouraged to wear their uniform, or other clothing articles that identify them as a Law Enforcement Explorer, as much as possible during the conference.
- Explorers are expected to attend all scheduled sessions and participate in as many conference activities as possible.
- Explorers are expected to demonstrate integrity and good sportsmanship during competitive activities.
- In consideration of other conference participants, Explorers are expected to be in their rooms and quiet from 1 a.m. until 6 a.m., unless otherwise directed by their Advisor or conference staff. Male Explorers are not allowed in the female housing area at any time, or vice versa.
- Explorers are responsible for ensuring their dormitory rooms are maintained in a reasonably clean and orderly manner, for securing personal possessions and keeping door locked when not in the room.
- Explorers are expected to adhere to all local ordinances, rules and regulations and to be exemplary guests of the host city and university.

2010 National Youth Representative Candidates



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Post #2267
Clermont, FL



James A. McKinney V
Post #5021
Des Moines, IA



Kelsy Taylor
Post #521
Bakersfield, CA

SCHEDULE

Monday

8:00 A.M.	Conference Registration and Check	Alexander Memorial Coliseum
8:00 A.M.—5:00 P.M.	Cop Shop	Wenn Student Center, Piedmont Rm
9:00 A.M.	Show Rehearsal	Alexander Memorial Coliseum
10:00 A.M.— 5:00 P.M.	Crosman range opens	North Ave North Gym
Noon—5:00 P.M.	Career Fair	Wenn Student Center Ballroom
5:00—6:30 P.M.	Opening Cook-Out	Student Center Campanile Area
7:30-9:00 P.M.	Opening Show	Alexander Memorial Coliseum
9:30 P.M.	Advisors' Overview	Alexander Memorial Coliseum
9:30—11:30 P.M.	Dance-Jump Club	Freshman Gym
Midnight	Day Concludes	

Connie Patrick

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There's certainly a thrill because of the action, but more importantly as a result of being able to make an immediate difference. To solve murders, take dangerous individuals off the street, work with a team to crack cases, or being there to prevent violent acts from happening.

Now, I'm able to make a difference in other ways. I'm focused on making sure the next generation of law enforcement officers is the best they can be, so they can do their duties and keep themselves, their communities, and our country safe. In talking to our trainers, they overwhelmingly say, as I feel, that working with young officers is an opportunity to give something back, and seeing the results of that training is how I get inspired and motivated.

Q. Law enforcement traditionally has been a male dominated profession, but that's really changed, with pioneers like you and DEA Administrator Michele Leonhart taking the lead. What are the greatest hurdles that still need to be overcome?

“I'm focused on making sure the next generation of law enforcement officers is the best they can be.... ”

A. When DEA Administrator Michele Leonhart and I began our careers, there were few women in law enforcement. Today, it's quite different. The bottom line is that you shouldn't let others tell you what you can or can't do—it's your choice! I think for women, as well as men, the biggest challenge comes from inside yourself: are you cut out for this work, or not? Not everyone has

the motivation and the capacity to do the work that's required, and gender doesn't play a role in that determination.

Ask yourself: Do I have good judgment? Am I willing to serve others? Do I work well as part of a team? Am I a problem solver? Can I react quickly to rapidly changing situations? If you have, or are able to acquire those skills, and you feel a passion for the work, you can make a real contribution through law enforcement.

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Q. As Director of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC), which is part of the Department of Homeland Security, you have a tremendous responsibility for leading a large organization. What have you learned that's made you an effective leader?

A. I've had a tremendously rewarding career at FLETC. I've seen our centers of learning grow, and I'm always acquiring new knowledge from our students, teachers, and other leaders, particularly from working with and observing those who preceded me as center director.

While there are many lessons I've learned about leadership, here's a few of the most important: 1) In order to lead, you have to want to lead: Not every smart, thoughtful person has the will to be a leader. You have to care about other people more than yourself, and to have the willingness to sacrifice yourself for others—and this that can be tough to do.

2) Know yourself: Assess your strengths and weaknesses. Pursue those qualities which you're skilled at and passionate about. Focus on enhancing strengths rather than augmenting weaknesses—you can find others who will complement your weaknesses, and that's what makes for a great team. The first step is to look inside yourself and determine what you're passionate about and identify your strengths.

Q. Have you met any students at FLETC who were once Explorers?

“There's no better foundation for a career in law enforcement than to be an explorer... ”

A. I sure have. There's no better foundation for a career in law enforcement than to be an explorer, and there's always a need for motivated, trained, and talented law enforcement officers. More than 65,000 law enforcement professionals go through one of FLETC's programs each year, so I'm sure thousands have a connection to explorers.

One that comes to mind is Julie Pierson. She was the first national explorer youth representative. Julie started her career with the Orlando, Florida Police Department, went through one of our training programs, and today she is the Chief of Staff to the Director of the United States Secret Service, Mark Sullivan.

Q. Tell us about a particularly interesting class at FLETC.

A. We have so many. Most students at FLETC go through a basic 10 week course. The law enforcement professionals who train at FLETC enjoy and benefit from many of the same kind of skill- building activities explorers do. While you can learn a great deal in the classroom,

it's the hands-on activities- shooting, driving, fitness, surveillance, and the like that are the most appealing.

We also do quite a bit of simulation and gaming. For example, FLETC has some training tools that are a lot like a Wii, but with law enforcement applications. I'll tell you, some of the young people who come to us are incredibly talented with this equipment, and through their use of them they've developed the ability to quickly adapt to changing situations as well as great eye-hand coordination skills, for example.

As an educator and administrator, you can never stand still or be complacent, so I'm always looking for the next trend, skill set, technology, and their applications. That's something I'll be seeking to learn from the explorers in Atlanta—to find out “what's next.”

Q. Do you have any advice for students thinking about starting a career in law enforcement today?

A. This is a great time to be in law enforcement. The need is greater than ever. The employment potential is endless. And if you've been an

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Explorer, you've got an incredible advantage over others considering careers in this field. So everyone at the conference is already on the right track!

Q. When did you first hear about the Explorer movement?

A. When I was in state and local law enforcement, I wasn't exposed to the Explorers' movement. When I came to FLETC in 1996, I worked closely with our former director who was very involved. I continued to follow the great activities of Explorers, and in 2002 when I was selected as FLETC Director I also became more active in the movement. I was immediately taken by our Explorers

as they were some of the best and brightest anywhere, and so positive and full of energy. In 2004 I attended my first convention, here in Atlanta, on this campus. I was just blown away by the programming, camaraderie, competitions, and the very professional program. As someone who's dedicated to education and law enforcement, being involved in Explorers is a natural match for me.

Q. What for you is the most exciting aspect of an Explorer national conference- what will you be doing in Atlanta?

A. That first Explorer's conference in Atlanta was a revelation! I'm excited to be able to meet many of the Explorers this year. We will have a great meeting filled with lots of fun, excitement, and energy, with plenty of hand-on learning taking place.

I'll be involved in some formal activities and ceremonies that are part of the conference, watching competitions, lectures, and just floating around. If Explorers or advisors see me and they'd like to talk about FLETC, the Explorer movement, or law enforcement in general, please come up and say hi!

IMPORTANT OPENING COOKOUT INFORMATION: RAIN PLAN

In the event of rain, Monday, July 19, the opening cookout will be moved to Brittain and Woodruff Dining Hall. A decision will be made regarding the opening cookout, by 12 Noon, Monday, July 19. If the decision is to move the cookout, NLEEC staff will communicate the decision to Post Advisors.

In the event of a move to the dining halls, Posts should stick to the following course of action:

Those living in the following halls will attend the cookout in:

Brittain Dining Hall

--Brown	--Harris
--Cloudman	--Harrison
--Field	--Hopkins
--Fourth St. Apts.	--North Avenue East
--Glenn	--Perry-Matheson
--Hanson	--Smith
	--Towers

Woodruff Dining Hall

--Center Street Apts.
--Woodruff North Suites
--Maulding Apts.



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Columbus Police Explorer, Matt Wilson meets President Barack Obama.

Ohio Explorer Alum Meets President Obama

Columbus Police Explorer, Matt Wilson met President Obama when he gave the commencement speech at the graduation of the 114th class of the Columbus Police Academy on March 6, 2009. Wilson's graduation, and that of the other 24 members of the class was difficult and not at all certain.

In January 2009, six months after the class began, recruits were told that the city didn't have the funds to complete their training. However, as a result of the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act which passed and signed into law on February 13, 2009, the city received the resources needed to continue training the recruits.

To celebrate the achievement of the new officers, the President took the opportunity to speak at their graduation. He spoke about the importance of law enforcement and the impact stimulus funds were having

in Columbus and around the country.

It was of course an honor for the graduates to be in the world spotlight for the day with the President, and a great way to cap the recruit's arduous journey through the academy.

The President also took the time to congratulate each of the 25 graduates, including former Explorer Wilson who said that "looking back on the past several months and all the uncertainty, I can only say now that it's all over that it was worth it," and that meeting the President "was really cool--after all, how often do you get to meet the President?"

When the master of ceremonies announced Officer Wilson's name, with the President present, she mentioned that he was an Explorer and his experience with Explorers gave him first hand knowledge about and an introduction to law enforcement.

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Explorer Alum Meets POTUS

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Post Advisors Officer Bill Lang and Officer Jason Jackson were also recognized in front of the President for their hard work and dedication to the Explorer Movement.

It turns out that Officer Wilson was not the first, and is in fact one of at least seven Columbus police officers to also have been an explorer.

Wilson was a member of the Columbus Police Explorer Post from 2003 through 2008, and learned about the post through a fellow explorer during a summer volunteer experience. Exploring was a great experience for Wilson, from the “ride alongs,” to helping him prepare for the academy, to reaffirming that this was a

career he wanted to pursue.

Explorers also helped him build relationships with other Explorers and post advisors. “If I had a question, even about something else than police work, Officer Lang would send me down the correct path and help me get the right answer.”

Today, Wilson is now in field training with none other than his former Post Advisor Lang. What goes around comes around... not only is Wilson now working for his former post advisor, but he has returned to his Explorer Post as an advisor, as always giving back to the community he calls home, and to the Explorer moment that has been so instrumental in his career.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT SEAL HISTORY



Each symbol and color in the National Law Enforcement Explorers seal has special significance.

The circular form of the seal represents continuous existence.

The dominant blue field represents justice.

The inner circle contains a shield surmounted by an eagle. The eagle spread across the top represents the national coverage of Law Enforcement Exploring. The shield itself stands for the unified strength in its membership and

is composed of four quadrants, each with a particular meaning of its own.

The flag represents the principles of democracy for which this country stands and which law enforcement is sworn to uphold. The beginnings of these principles are acknowledged by the 13 stars, which represent the original colonies.

The badge in the upper right-hand corner of the shield is typically associated with municipal police departments.

Opposite this is a seven-pointed star, symbolic of county sheriffs' departments. Both municipal police departments and county sheriffs' departments are major sponsors of Law Enforcement Explorer posts. Each is set on a field of white divided by horizontal and vertical lines. Each division represents the individual department that together forms the backbone of law and order in our society.

The lower right-hand corner of the shield contains a torch in a dark background connected to three stars in a light background. The torch is symbolic of the guiding light shown on the profession through the aid of the sponsor. This light illuminates the stars of truth, knowledge,

and integrity—three qualities that all Explorers should strive for in the law enforcement profession.

Finally, the "Big E," which symbolizes unity of purpose under the Exploring program, connects the four quadrants in the shield.

The first National Youth Chairman (now known as National Youth Representative) for Law Enforcement Exploring, Kent A. Jefferies, designed the seal for the National Association of Law Enforcement Exploring (NALEE). NALEE functioned as the principal organization for Law Enforcement Exploring until the formation of the National Law Enforcement Exploring Committee in 1976. It was presented before the delegates of the association's first business meeting held in conjunction with the 1974 National Explorer Presidents' Congress and was adopted as the association's official seal. With the dissolution of the association in 1981, the outer border was modified to its present form. Having received the approval of the national Exploring Committee, the seal was given publicity and produced in mass quantities. It is available through your local Learning for Life representative.

2010 National Law Enforcement Exploring Conference Leadership and Staff

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