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Atlanta Police beef up social media presence

By: Collin Kelley

In the wake of this week's pledge by city and law officials to [crack down on an uptick in crime](#), the Atlanta Police Department is beefing up its social media presence and encouraging resident to connect. APD recently joined Periscope and live streams special events which are later added to the department's YouTube Channel.

"We want to make sure that our citizens have multiple opportunities to engage with us," said Chief George Turner. "Social media is an ideal platform to increase our community outreach and share how Atlanta officers are fighting crime."

Additionally, Smokey, a horse with the Mounted Patrol Unit, joined Twitter. Citizens are encouraged to follow Smokey ([@APDSmokey](#)) and hear from the horse's mouth about patrolling beats and participating in special details, such as festivals, parades and other community events.

To follow the Atlanta Police Department on social media, click on the links below.

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11 Alive

Increased police presence seen in Midtown

By: Staff Writer

ATLANTA – Residents in Midtown are on alert for increased police presence after recent reports of crime in the area.

In heated [town hall meeting Tuesday night](#), Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed promised he'd deliver help. Residents said they've seen increases in burglaries, armed robberies and assaults both day and night.

Martin Kemp, a resident and business owner who started a Facebook page on the Midtown crime issue, said Wednesday he felt hopeful about things.

“We have seen stepped up patrols,” Kemp said. “Before we would see one or two patrol cars throughout the day; now we're seeing six, seven, eight -- plus the mounted patrols coming through.”

On Wednesday, 35 additional officers from three different tactical units fanned out after a public roll call in Piedmont Park. Atlanta Police Maj. Paul Guerrucci said that every zone was still staffed with normal personnel and the beefed up patrols came from "discretionary units."

Residents are closely watching to see if the initial show of force continues. They also know, police presence isn't the only way to stop the crime. A meeting Wednesday planned to sign up members up a neighborhood watch.

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The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

Atlanta police department unveils open data crime portal

By: Dionne Kinch

As a part of the Atlanta Police Department's commitment to President Barack Obama's 21st Century Police Initiatives, the new open crime data portal has been launched. This searchable database will provide access to the most commonly requested Part 1 crime statistics, according to officials. As new datasets become available, they will be added to the portal.

"We are certain this will add another layer of transparency that already exists between the Atlanta Police Department and our community," said Chief George Turner. "It is important that we provide our citizens with accurate and timely information whenever possible.

Currently, data is available for the present day, the last 24 hours and beyond. On the historical page users can query historical crime statistics and download it in a commonly used CSV file. Users can search by month or year and by crime type for city wide, neighborhood, NPU, police zone or beat. Users can also create a radius search around a specific address.

Crime data will be updated at least once a week.

Information: opendata.atlantapd.org

[http://www.ajc.com/news/news/local/atlanta-police-department-unveils-open-data-crime-
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The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

Woman rear-ended — then carjacked — near Midtown; 6 arrests made

By: Tyler Estep

A female driver was rear-ended by a stolen vehicle near Midtown on Sunday — and then carjacked by one of its passengers, Atlanta police said.

The incident, and six subsequent arrests, come amid growing crime concerns among Midtown residents.

According to the police incident report, the victim was driving on Avery Drive NE preparing to turn onto Beverly Road when she was rear-ended by a silver Jeep Liberty with four men inside. The victim got out of her car and attempted to speak with the driver of the Liberty, but he did not roll down his window.

The driver-side passenger then got out and “jumped into” the victim’s Ford Escape, police said. Both vehicles drove off.

The victim’s purse, iPhone and iPad were inside the car, which has not been recovered. The Jeep Liberty was discovered to be stolen, police said.

Atlanta police Sgt. Warren Pickard confirmed Wednesday that six arrests had been made in connection with the case, but could not provide further details. It was unclear how all six suspects were tied to the incident.

On Tuesday night, Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed [hosted a townhall meeting](#) in Midtown, giving the neighborhood’s residents a chance to express their frustration over the carjackings, robberies and break-ins that many said had become routine.

At the meeting, Reed laid out a multi-pronged plan to battle the increase in crime — a plan that includes deploying supervisors to increase the number of officers on the street, as well as a special detail to conduct sweeps around Piedmont Park.

That special detail was expected to announce its presence in the park by conducting two “public roll calls” on Wednesday.

“We want our citizens to know that we are actively engaged in fighting crime in our city, and are aggressively exploring new strategies,” APD spokeswoman Beth Espy said in an email announcing the roll calls.

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