



FBI Atlanta Citizens Academy Alumni Association 2016 Activity Timeline



January 11th 2015/16 Board Transition Meeting with Division Leadership The January board meeting was attended by both the 2015 and incoming 2016 board of directors in order to transition board responsibilities. Also joining us was the Division's SAC, an ASAC along with our COS. The 2015 board pledged to support the incoming board in any way as the new directors assume their board roles and duties. Chapter members can look forward to what absolutely will be a active, productive, and memorable 2016.

SAMPLE QUIZ QUESTIONS

- Is it safe to download something from the internet by your computer?
 - Only if it is from a trusted source and you have a parent's permission.
 - Yes, everything online is safe and can be trusted.
 - Only if you have seen it somewhere before.
 - Yes, if your friends have downloaded it before.
- What should you do if you think you're being bullied online?
 - Turn off your computer and don't use it for the rest of the day.
 - Ignore the situation and it will go away on its own.
 - Quickly log off and tell your parents or teacher if someone makes you feel uncomfortable.
 - If you are being bullied, bully right back.
- Is it true that what you do online can only be seen by you and no one else?
 - Yes, this is true.
 - No, everything you do online has the potential to be seen by someone else.
 - Yes, but you can choose who you want to see your information.
 - If you tell people not to talk, no one will talk.

The mission of the FBI-SOS Internet Challenge is to promote cyber citizenship among students by engaging them in a fun, age-appropriate, competitive online program where they learn how to safely and responsibly use the Internet.

The FBI-SOS Internet Challenge is presented by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The Internet safety program is implemented each school year with the help of the FBI, teachers and school administrators across the country. FBI-SOS would like to thank the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children for their support in creating this resource.

FBI-SOS
Taking Action to Prevent Crimes Against Children
A free school-based internet safety program

Program Overview
The FBI-SOS (Safe Online Surfing) Internet Challenge is a FREE, educational, fun online program that promotes cyber citizenship and teaches students in 3rd through 8th grades how to recognize and respond to online dangers. Sponsored and managed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the program provides vital Internet safety guidance in an interesting, competitive format.

How it Works
Each month, 3rd through 8th grade students compete to win the FBI-SOS Internet Challenge by playing games, completing activities, and taking web-based quizzes. The activities promote online safety and cyber citizenship. The program runs September through May.

Results and Awards
Schools are categorized by the amount of students participating from each school. Results are ranked on a national level. Schools with the highest score in each category at the end of each month will earn the FBI-SOS national trophy.

The FBI (Safe Online Surfing) Internet Challenge The FBI Atlanta Citizens Academy Alumni Association actively promotes this fun and interactive online safety resource. The FBI SOS Challenge is a free and fun educational program that promotes cyber citizenship while teaching cyber safety. The SOS Challenge teaches students in 3rd through 8th grade how to recognize and respond to various online dangers. Students complete activities by playing games and completing the quizzes. The FBI awards 27 FBI SOS trophies each year to the nations top performing schools. To learn how your school can participate or to learn more about the FBI SOS Challenge visit: sos.fbi.gov



January 25th FBIATLCAA Annual Meeting and Official 2015/16 Board Transition
 Our Annual Meeting was held on January 25, 2016. The evening started off with a mix and mingle period along with the chance to do some shopping at the Division's RA Store. Then Atlanta Division SAC Britt Johnson gave a very interesting and informative presentation on terrorism and counter-terrorism and answered all alumni questions.

The Chapter's 2015 board provided an overview of our 2015 activity timeline along with the 2015 membership and treasures reports. The 2016 board was then introduced completing the board transition process. Many thanks go to alumnus Gene Lucas and Sanofi for providing this evening's meal and beverages; well done, thank you Gene!

FBIATLCAA 2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Membership Chair - **Tom Philpot**

Treasurer - **Scott Baker**

Communications Chair - **Edward Davis**

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Member at Large - **Dominic Stoke**



Feb. 4th - Mar. 19th 2016 Class - We congratulate each of the thirty 2016 graduates and welcome you all as alumni members! This year's class included five class sessions, a SWAT & EOD demo session and concluded with Range Day. We would like to thank each of the class sponsors: The Spot Bar & Grill, Jourdan Accounting Agency, and UPS. We would also like to recognize Sharmin, Chris, Tom, and two alumni sponsors in particular Ryan Johnson (2010) and Tony Flowers (2003) both of whom personally sponsored one of this years class sessions. Thank you to our COS, Teresa Westbrooks, and all the Division staff and board members that assisted with this year's class. Finally, we would like to thank our SAC J. Britt Johnson for all of his time, efforts, and support.



March 23rd Building Bridges Event - More than 120 residents from the South Asian community attended this meet and greet event. Attendees heard from Gwinnett County Chairman, Charlotte Nash; FBI SAC, J. Britt Johnson; FBIATLCAAA Board Member and Managing Partner at MS Global Partners, Farooq Mughal; Gwinnett Community Outreach Program Director, Nicole Hendrickson along with other state and county officials. The FBIATLCAAA along with fifteen county departments and services hosted tables during this events social reception. A special thank you to Farooq and Nicole for all your time and efforts which, created this tremendous opportunity for greater dialog.



April 9th & 30th Habitat for Humanity Build - Employees from Oldcastle and Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, along with alumni from the FBIATLCAAA and special agents and staff from the FBI Atlanta Division all teamed up to build a home for a grateful family. Our volunteers did everything from roofing and siding installation to installing insulation. Volunteers built railings, installed trim, constructed a shed, and did lots and lots of painting. What a great opportunity it was to come together with like-minded individuals and build this home along side the family that will occupy it. There was a pile of materials when we arrived, and a family's home when we left. Thank you to all the volunteers along with the great people at Oldcastle and Habitat For Humanity for giving us the opportunity to participate in such a rewarding and worthy community effort.

April 14th The 2015 Directors Community Leadership Award Presentation



FBI Headquarters Washington, D.C, 56 individuals and organizations all leaders within their communities were recognized by Director James Comey for their extraordinary contributions to education and to the prevention of crime and violence within their communities. Every year since 1990 each FBI field office around the country selects an individual or organization to publicly honor with the DCLA. Each DCLA recipient has gone above and beyond the call to service by tirelessly working to make their own cities and towns a better and safer place for their fellow residents.



The FBI Atlanta Division honors 2016 FBIATLCAAA Board Member and 2015 DCLA recipient Dominic Stokes for his contributions toward gun violence prevention and for providing resources to underprivileged youth in the metropolitan Atlanta area. In 2007, he founded the Community Teen Coalition Inc., a program for children ages 8-18 designed to generate the skills and motivation to complete high school and prepare for college.



April 21st Gwinnett County Prison Tour - The prison tour was an eye opening opportunity for alumni to get a glimpse of how the prison system works. Not many have the opportunity to enter prison, get a behind the scenes tour, meet the Warden and still get to leave that same day. As society changes we learned about how the laws and procedures affect the transgender community as well as sexual assaults in Georgia prisons. It was also interesting how they'll use television to control the inmate population especially, when there is a big sporting event. Thank you to Warden Johnson who graciously allowed us access to tour their facility as well as answer any and all questions we had.



April 26th & 27th Alumni 2016 Washington, D.C. Trip - As usual, the 2016 trip was another fantastic alumni opportunity and experience. The headquarters staff is always so informative and accommodating during our visits. If the chance to hear from FBI leadership, tour the SIOC, the indoor range, walk the museum, and do some shopping in the RA store after lunch at FBI HQ isn't enough to make this trip a must; there is still day two to factor. Quantico! First, thank you to our guide Kurt Crawford, Kurt always adds something to this already tremendous alumni opportunity. Touring the FBI Academy campus is a great privilege, shopping experience, and alumni perk that should not be missed. A fantastic time was had by all 2016 attendees who received some very interesting, eye opening, and informative presentations. We toured Hogan's Alley, visited the Bureau's new covered shooting range and spent some time at the FBI Laboratory.



April 30th Gwinnett County's 2016 Multicultural Festival - The FBIATLCAAA was once again invited to participate in Gwinnett County's 3rd Annual Multicultural Festival. Thank you to board members Alex and Farooq who staffed our table and provided attendees with information on the FBI Safe Online Surfing (SOS) Challenge, kids safety cryptography & coloring sheets, along with cyber safety & fraud awareness booklets.

Over 3,500 county residence attended this years festival including a number of our alumni and their families. During the festival a naturalization ceremony was held welcoming twenty-four fellow Americans as naturalized American citizens which, is always a great ceremony to witness. We really enjoy participating in this festival each year and appreciate the opportunity to meet with such a large and diverse segment of our community while celebrating Gwinnett County's collective heritage.

How Members Can Assist: As a member, there are many ways that you can contribute. It could be as basic as suggesting a tour you would like to attend, or advising the board that your employer offers a tour that you think your fellow alumni would appreciate. Options for more direct involvement include everything from one time event volunteers, to arranging a tour, or assisting with one of a number of on going projects that are being completed overtime by multiple alumni volunteers. These projects have goals not deadlines so volunteers collectively move us forward at their pace whenever they've some time to contribute. It is the investments of time by individual alumni that collectively add to the effectiveness and value that this chapter provides to our Division, our members, and our community. The Atlanta Chapter is always seeking additional board and committee members willing to help advance this chapter toward our potential. Please take the first step and let the board know that you're interested and want to contribute.



May 20th Atlanta's E911 Center "Iron Sky" Alumni Briefing and Tour - Alumni had the opportunity to tour Iron Sky, the largest 911 call center in Georgia and one of the largest facilities of its kind in the southeast. This facility is uniquely equipped and has some advanced support capabilities that are invaluable to APD officers in the field. This facility's 168 member staff handles over one million calls and dispatches a year. Alumni received a tour and presentation along with a folder of briefing material with static information as well as some Iron Sky promotional items. Thank you to Director Barrett, Assistant Director Vincent and your entire staff for both your time and your service.

Communications: We strongly encourage all alumni to spend some time visiting the Chapter's website fbiatlcaa.org. We continue to update and develop this alumni and community resource with safety information, chapter happenings, and gallery photos. To all alumni already on LinkedIn, you should absolutely consider joining the FBIATLCAA alumni LinkedIn group. We are always seeking out our lost alumni to reconnect with. If it ever seems that you've quit hearing from your chapter then please, let us hear from you!



June 23rd Marta Police Alumni Presentations - Atlanta alumni had the opportunity to meet with the MARTA Police Department at their headquarters. There we learned about the make up of their department from a number of sworn officers and civilian personnel along with the specialized units within the department. Overall we left with a positive perspective of this great city's transit authority and the men and woman who protect it. Thank you to all of the department staff and officers who serve our city's residents.

Some interesting facts: MARTA is the 9th largest transit system in the United States. Similar to Air Marshals for the airline industry, they have Bus Marshals on their buses. In addition to the FBI and state law enforcement, Marta Police work with over 25 local law enforcement agency jurisdictions throughout the Atlanta metropolitan area.



June 27th FBI Family Day 2016 - As usual this was a tremendous opportunity for our alumni to support and participate in such a fun and great event. This year the chapter provided attendees with over 200 Italian Ice's from a cart staffed by the Community Teen Coalition. We always appreciate the chance to support the Atlanta Division's Family Day event, and alumni families always enjoy experiencing all this event and day has to offer.



June 30th GISAC Alumni Briefing and Tour - The Georgia Information Sharing & Analysis Center “Atlanta’s Fusion Center” hosted a briefing and tour for alumni. This was a rare opportunity to learn how the center operates and meet the staff that serve the citizens of Georgia. GISAC helps to insure that leads and tips are shared and reach the appropriate local, state, or federal law enforcement organization in a timely manner. Thank you to all the GBI and GISAC staff that participated in hosting our members.



July 12th-15th GGIA 2016 Conference - President Alex Gutierrez and Board Member Dominic Stokes (one of this years speakers) attended the Georgia Gang Investigators Association conference in Augusta, Georgia. Dominic spoke to gang investigators from Georgia, Alabama, Florida, and North Carolina. Other speakers included staff from the National Gang Intelligence Center and the FBI Cryptanalysis & Racketeering Records Unit. Dominic also brought along former gang member, Mr. Hugo Rocha "Little Bear". Both Dominic and Hugo stressed just how imperative it is for communities and law enforcement to work together. The Atlanta Chapter had the opportunity to host a table at the conference and provide law enforcement from across the southeast with information on the FBI SOS Challenge and the FBI Child I.D. smart phone app which, is available for free in both the Apple & Android app stores. Finally, thank you to all the 2016 GGIA attendees for the vitally important work you do to protect and better your community!



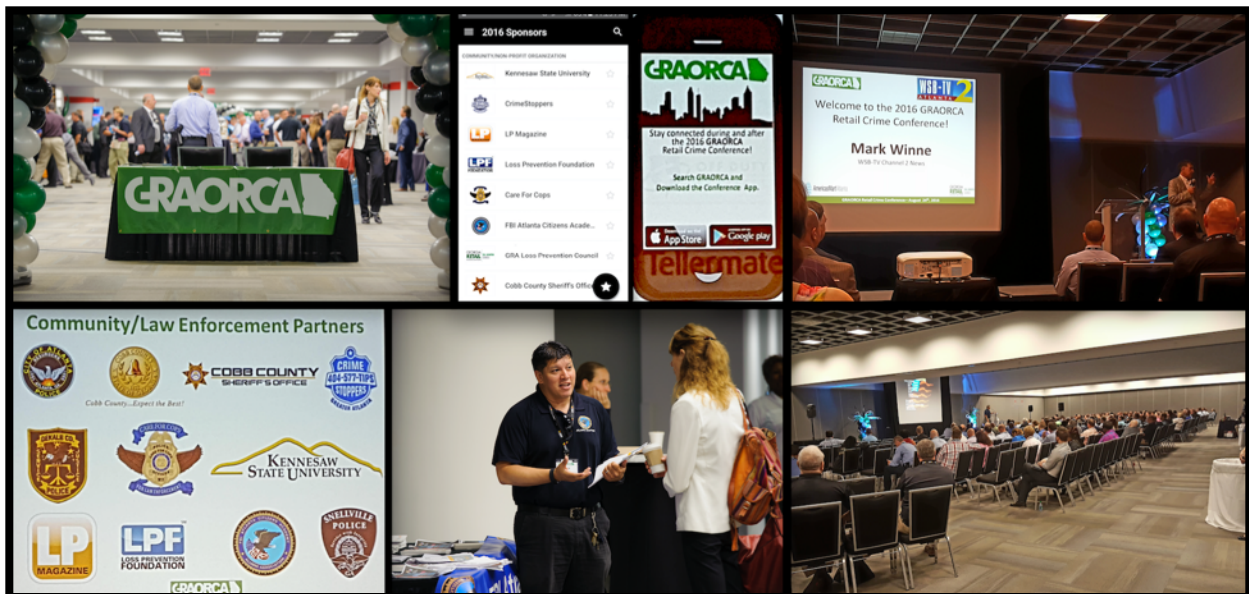
July 27th Georgia Bureau of Investigation HQ Alumni Presentation and Tour
 Chapter members had the opportunity to tour GBI headquarters. Attendees received an escorted tour of the facility and a glimpse of their different work spaces; where we saw 3 tons of marijuana that had been confiscated a couple of days prior. They explained how it is tested, weighed and disposed of without harm to the environment. We learned about the various types of crime the GBI investigate. Finally, we had an opportunity to tour the GBI's museum. It was reassuring to see all of the resources that the state of Georgia has invested into fighting crime & solving cases. Thank you to the GBI's Deputy Director for the Office of Public Affairs, the two GBI Agents that took the time to answer questions, and to the entire GBI workforce who serve and protect the people of Georgia.



August 2nd & 9th National Night Out 2016 {TWO LOCATIONS: ATLANTA & CLAYTON CO.}
 On Tuesday the 2nd, FBIATLCAA members joined Atlanta Division staff, local police and other first responders for the National Night Out celebration at Atlantic Station. On August 9th, we also participated in the Clayton County Police Department's National Night Out event. During both of these events we provided safety information packets, activity books, and Child ID app brochures. National Night Out is an annual nationwide event that promotes community policing partnerships. Communities can make their neighborhoods safer simply by establishing a community-police dialog that fosters interaction. We are always looking for more communities throughout the metro area to support and partner with. So far this year the Association has participated in outreach events in Gwinnett, Fulton, Cobb, Clayton, the City of Augusta and the City of Atlanta.



August 6th FBI Atlanta 2016 Youth Leadership Academy - Thank you to Atlanta Chapter members Amy and Dominic who assisted the FBI Atlanta Division in hosting the FBI Youth Leadership Academy for high school students. Attendees participated in both classroom and hands-on activities. Topics included social networking & internet safety, behavioral & crime scene analysis, and a firearm safety discussion. Academy attendees also experienced a polygraph demonstration and tour of the Atlanta Division's gun vault.



August 24th GRAORCA 2016 Conference - The FBIATLCAAA had an opportunity to support this private sector conference which focused on loss prevention. We provided attendees with information about the FBI's ongoing awareness initiatives here in Atlanta. WSB-TV's Mark Winne opened up the conference with his unique take on metro Atlanta and the current news and event that impact both loss prevention and law enforcement professionals. This was a great chance to interact with the Atlanta business community.



August 24th Convoy of Care - Thank you to all of you who donated assisting those impacted by the floods in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Right after Mark Winne, Investigative Reporter for WSB-TV kicked off the GRAORCA Conference, he left for Louisiana to deliver the [Convoy of Care](#) donations. This was five truck loads of needed items collected by law enforcement and [Channel 2](#) expedited across three states with a full police escort in donated semi. This is law enforcement at its core, responding intent on assisting. The Atlanta Chapter was eager to play a part in this law enforcement, trucking industry, and community effort which, prompted this response from one of our Baton Rouge alumni... "Atlanta is AWESOME!!!! We really appreciate all your support. My only word to describe this is "overwhelming"! Thank you again and God Bless ATLANTA!!"



August 25th Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta Alumni Presentation and Tour Members received a presentation and tour of the Atlanta Federal Reserve. No cameras or cell phones were allowed during the tour. Words cannot really describe what we saw but, there was cash and lots of it. Many thanks to the Atlanta Federal Reserve Police.



August 27th Chasing The Dragon Screening - Opioid Awareness Event

The FBIATLCAAA participated in this Chasing the Dragon event at the Cobb Galleria. As part of the ongoing commitment to eradicate the illegal use of drugs; the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Georgia, along with the FBI, DEA, and the Heroin Working Group hosted this community forum featuring a screening of "Chasing the Dragon," a short film produced by the FBI and DEA addressing the spread of opioid abuse. The film chronicles how drug abuse devastates lives drawing attention to the growing heroin & prescription drug epidemics. Following the film, WSB-TV's Mark Winne moderated a panel discussion with the U.S. Attorney, DEA Special Agent in Charge, and representatives from the treatment, law enforcement, prevention, and medical fields, as well as a former addict who shared her journey to recovery. For those who did not make it out to the screening you can click [here](#) to view the event. Addressing the growing trend of opioid abuse here in the U.S. has become a real priority for the FBI.

September 15th-17th FBINCAAA 10th Annual National Leadership Conference

The 2016 National Leadership Conference was held in Birmingham, Alabama. We had eight alumni registered of which, six made it setting an attendance record for Atlanta. Chapter President, Alex Gutierrez gave a five minute presentation on "Building Bridges" a very productive outreach event that we participated in earlier, in March of this year.

Attendees were in the presence of history, sitting in the 16th Street Baptist Church on the 53rd anniversary of the bombing listening to former U.S. Attorney G. Douglas Jones and former Alabama Attorney General & former Lt. Governor William Joseph Baxley II recount their prosecution of the individuals who bombed this church claiming the lives of four little girls exactly 53 years ago. Whether you've read books on this tragic event or seen a documentary. Short of having lived it, sitting in this church on the anniversary of the bombing listening to the prosecuting attorneys who tried these cases truly was, a unique privilege. We then crossed the street for an evening tour of the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute hosted by Ahmad Ward, BCRI Vice President of Education & Exhibitions.

Alex Gutierrez, Kevin Fletcher, Kevin Thaxton, Melissa Hardaway, Ryan Johnson and Scott Baker were all present to accept the Chapter of Excellence Award on behalf of the Atlanta Chapter. Out of 60 chapters nationwide, Atlanta was one of 12 chapters to receive this recognition. Overall it was a great conference offering chapter leadership the opportunity to socialize and network. The relevant programs, best practices, templates, tools, resources, and ideas shared here will create additional award winning chapters.



September 15th-17th FBINCAA 10th Annual National Leadership Conference

This years conference featured a number of fantastic keynote speakers including SAC George Piro who, as a Special Agent conducted the interrogation of Saddam Hussein. It was interesting to see how methodical and patient he was to gain the trust of this past dictator in order to get him to open-up. Additionally, we heard from Donna Gregory, Unit Chief of the Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3); Special Agent Tim Brown, case agent for the Boston Marathon bombing investigation who gave a very comprehensive case presentation; Sasha O' Connell, FBI Chief Policy Advisor for Science and Technology; and Steve Conlon, FBI Criminal Investigation Instructor who is always very interesting.



Sep. 29th - Oct. 1st Atlanta Airport {3 DAYS OF ALUMNI TOURS} Day-1: FAA Tower - A very interesting and exclusive opportunity to get an insiders look in the tower of the busiest airport on the face of the earth. Day-2: E-Tower, Airfield, Fire Operations, and an overall airport operations briefing. Day-3: U.S. Custom & Border Protection presentation and behind the scenes CBP tour. Thank you to each of our hosts for making this happen!



October 4th 2016 Alumni Fall Social - We had great food, a good turn out, and time to get to know each other. Usually when we all get together it's to listen with little time to interact with each other. We recognized recently retired SAC Britt Johnson (who joined us) for both his service to the bureau and for all the support he provided to our chapter.



October 8th 2016 Gwinnett County Public Safety Fall Festival - This is the Atlanta Chapters fifth year participating in this fantastic festival. Over 8,000 residence always attend the festival to learn about safety initiatives and view and tour law enforcement and first responder vehicles & equipment. There's a car show, rock wall, demonstrations, a P.D. vs. F.D. softball game, and a lot of giveaways and relevant safety information. Thank you to Chief Ayers, the FBI Special Agent, and all the alumni that came out to support the chapters efforts and enjoy all that this great [annual festival](#) has to offer.



October 26th FBI Cyber Security Presentation/ Alumni Cyber Safety Month Event
 Chapter members enjoyed this FBI Atlanta Division Cyber Crimes Task Force presentation focusing on Business Email Compromise. October is Cyber Safety Month and this was a great chance to consider both our business and personal cyber security best practices. Thank you to the Special Agent that gave your time to meet with our alumni.



October 27th - 2016 FBI Steak Out (Atlanta Division - law enforcement luncheon)
 The FBI Atlanta Division hosted law enforcement professionals from across the state of Georgia. The FBI Steak Out is a tremendous chance for federal, state, county, and local law enforcement to enjoy a great lunch and networking opportunity. Attendees heard from some very interesting speakers including the Atlanta Division's new SAC David LeValley. Alumni appreciate the chance to support and attend the Division's Steak Out.



November 12th New Georgia DOT HQ Alumni Presentation and Tour - Chapter members had the opportunity to get a behind the scenes tour of Georgia's Department of Transportation new HQ. It was very interesting to receive a logistical perspective of just what all is involved in keeping Atlanta moving. These are the personal and resource that help insure that Atlanta is mobile and moving 24/7/365 no matter the weather or event.



December 7th FBIATLCAA 2016 Annual Meeting - The Atlanta Chapter had a good turnout for the annual meeting; attendees welcome both our new SAC David LeValley and 2017 Board of Directors. This was a great opportunity to socialize with fellow alumni and hear from our new SAC. The 2016 board provided committee reports along with an overview of the chapters 2016 activities, programs and accomplishments. The chapter also awarded book scholarships to two deserving local college students. The door prizes were incredible with three alumni leaving with Keurig packages. Many thanks to Amanda Ford and Olive Garden (Smyrna) for providing us with a truly fantastic meal.



December 25th Sprit of Giving Covenant House Christmas Breakfast - Once again the Atlanta Chapter participated in the Spirit of Giving by providing a helping hand to prepare and serve Christmas Breakfast to homeless and rescued teens at the Covenant House Atlanta. Alumni donated over \$500 in gift cards, one alumni donated thirty dozen eggs, and others brought, cooked and served Christmas breakfast to teens who find themselves separated from family this Christmas. Think back to a time when you needed a little assistance and how overwhelmingly grateful you felt toward the individual who assisted you in that time of need. Thank you to the Covenant House staff and the Community Teen Coalition for all your community efforts. A special thank you to alumni Bryant Isaacs, David Epps, Kevin Fletcher, and the families of Cindy Jones, Dominic Stokes, and Scott Baker. These donors and volunteers gave more than time, food, and gift cards, they valued and assisted people they don't know and gave Christmas itself!

December 31st - 2016 Bags of Hope Collection Ends - Our 2016 Bags of Hope collection campaign draws to a close. We can't thank each and every alumni who supported the 2016 collect effort enough! The donations and materials you provided will help recovered victims in the very first stage of regaining their life and independence. In 2017 the Atlanta Chapter intends to build on the success of this initiative which, directly supports victims that the Atlanta Division rescues, recovers, or encounters. Most often when a trafficking victim is recovered they have little to no personal possessions and typically, have only the cloths they're wearing. These Bags of Hope contain the basics, bath and hygiene products, a change of cloths, 3 pairs of socks and underwear, a plush blanket, a stuffed animal, snacks, and a gift card. Most importantly, these bags contain hope. Each bag opened provides its recipient some comfort during the initial recovery period and every bag opened, starts a new chapter in its owners life... offering hope.

2016 Additional Outreach Efforts - Throughout 2016 the Atlanta Chapter also hosted a table at a number of the Cobb County Board of Commissioners public meetings. Thank you to Edward Davis and all alumni who participated in providing Cobb residents with public safety information at these county meetings. Each of these meetings was a great opportunity to introduce Cobb residents to our Association and meet with other active and civically engaged residents and organizations. Chapter representatives provided attendees with information on the FBI SOS Challenge, the FBI Child ID App, fraud, and other safety initiatives that are relevant to the work of the FBI Atlanta Division.



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