

**Zone 4 Apartment Managers'
Crime Prevention Luncheon:
*Creating Seamless Relationships***

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Cascade Glen Apartments
3901 Campbellton Road, Southwest
Atlanta, Georgia 30331**

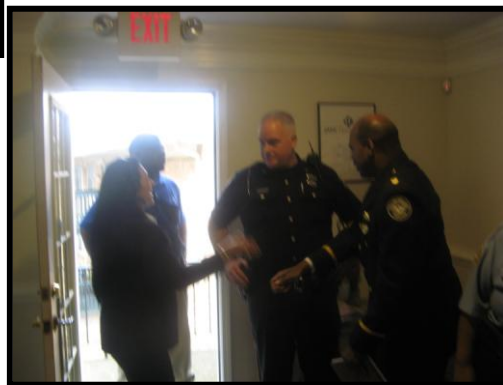


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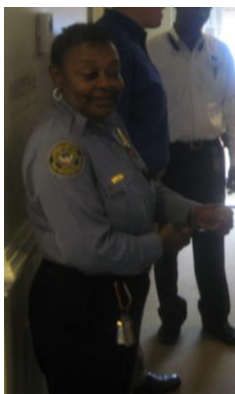
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"I thought that I would at least have an opportunity to eat first," chuckled Major Vincent Moore. "However, Inspector Mayes told me to come on up and start talking," he went on to say. With these words, the audience laughed along with him as they relaxed. However, we all could definitely relate to what he was saying. Senior Crime Prevention Inspector Gladys Mayes had spoken. Now, let's get down to business!

Just who is this tall man in that dark colored uniform? Meet Major Vincent Moore, Zone 4 Commanding Officer! He

replaces newly appointed Deputy Chief Rodney Bryant who would have been here had he still been at the precinct. However, we're not complaining. We all congratulate both gentlemen on their well deserved promotions!

Major Moore is so happy to be a part of the Zone 4 Family. In his words, "I'm excited about being with Beautiful People, both males and females." Police Chief George Turner asked Major Moore to leave his position as his Chief of Staff to work with us in the communities. He has been in law enforcement since 1988 and brings with him a wealth of experience. This Commander had a lot to say! Let me add, I thought my days were over of taking notes and doing weekly lesson plans since I retired from teaching in the public schools. Was I wrong! This new Commander is going to put ALL of Us to work! Are you Curious? Please keep reading...

"If you don't know your Beat Officer, make sure you take the time to do so," encouraged Major Moore. With these words, he introduced Officer Al Hogan to the group. He is responsible for the 412 Beat for the apartments. He began his career in 1987 with the Fayette County Sheriff Department. "If you see him, please stop and wave as you say Hello!" encouraged Major Moore. Both men stressed that if you see something that doesn't look right, please call, give a description, and they will come on out.

"I want people to feel safe and secure where they live. If I walk outside and down the street, I should not have to worry about getting hit by a car, robbed, or beaten," he explained. Just what does he expect?

The way to get anything done is through Communities and Relationships. If we don't have this, then we don't have anything, according to Major Moore. What can we do?

- ✚ Relate with the Beat officer.
- ✚ Beat Officers have to do a weekly Plan of Action for their Beats. This is the first time this is being required in Zone 4.
- ✚ Residents are Resources and should be utilized. For example, if you know there is not enough lighting, let us know, as well as, other concerns. He pointed out Chris Shaw from Georgia Power Company who had been asked to join the meeting. All were asked to give Inspector Mayes their contact information so that the department can



keep everyone informed by sending Crime Reports. So, if you believe things are happening, let them know and they will follow-up.

- ✚ Communities are being asked to write up plans as well, so that they can be combined with the departments.
 - All parties must sign off on them, too.
 - Don't just put down General things either.
 - Please put what every person will be responsible for so that there will be no misunderstanding.
 - At the end of 28 days, the plan will be looked at. If no gains are made, then everyone will have to come back and revise the plans.
- ✚ You may have issues that are not crime related; for example, kids playing in the streets. Just ask them to please move out the way and they should.

Well, after hearing this, you can imagine what I'm thinking. Hold on, Sir! I'm retired! I'm not in school anymore either! So, why are you going to make me do Lesson Plans? Sorry... I was having a Senior Moment. Anyway, this is Getting Good! This man Means business and not in a threatening manner either.

I'm here for you. This is my job. If there is something that I'm not doing, please let me know. I want Seamless Relationships. It has to be Teamwork. We're in this together. How can I assist you in making things better? How can we manage effectively? (Major Vincent Moore) Oh, well, I guess school won't be so bad. Learning is a Lifelong Process. So, let me stop complaining.

It seems that United States Attorney General Eric Holder had visited Atlanta and looked at Zone 4. He liked what he saw and is going to use this model across the United States. Someone asked, "Is there a way to get our Crime Stats now?" "Of course," replied Major Moore. "You will have them before you leave." He also reminded everyone to provide their email addresses so that they could continue to receive them.

Let's Hear from the Audience...



- QLS wanted to praise Inspector Gladys Mayes and Inspector Wellington Clarke for all that they do in supporting them. They attend monthly meetings to share tips and just to spend time with them. They can also be reached anytime she calls. An invitation was extended to Major Moore for him to stop by, as well.
- NPU 2 Chairman was present and indicated that he knows Major Moore quite well. He preference it by saying that he wasn't getting paid to say what he was about to say. He went on to say that if Major Moore says that he will do something, then he will and that he is a Good Man who wants to get things done. "If you're not at the table, then you're on the menu," he quoted. Keeping the lines of communication open by attending meetings on behalf of Councilwoman Mary Norwood keeps this gentleman busy. However, he is willing to do his part. "I'll pick up my check after the meeting," he added.

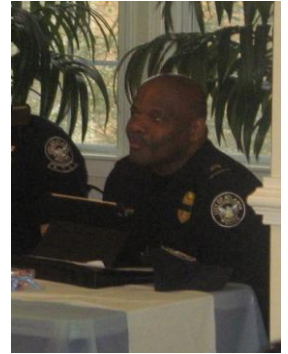


- “Just don’t hit me with too many zeros,” replied the Major very jokingly as the audience laughed.

Did you know there’s a Citizens Police Academy? Well, there is! “In fact, applications are being taken now for the next session,”

according to Sgt. Hester. Classes meet on Wednesday evenings 6:00P.M. – 9:00P.M. for 8-9 weeks. Please call (404) 546-5650 to sign up **before the April 1st deadline.**

Why would you want to sign up? “Well, you will have an opportunity to get *On the Job Training* as you *Ride Along with Officers*; and no, not the movie,” clarified Major Moore.



“How can I work with the apartments?” asked Major Moore. “What is the vision you foresee for your apartments as managers?”

- Many feel that they have been cheated by the police, especially on Campbellton Road. There are a lot of break-ins, too. If they see you in your uniform, then maybe this will make a difference were the sentiments of several.
 - ✚ Resources have been put over on Myrtle Drive for now. When this phase has finished, then they will be moved to other areas. The department realizes that many have issues, but the ones who bring it to their attention will be addressed.
- Since the challenge seems to be with our young people, what do you have that you may want to put in place for them? They don’t seem to respect authority for whatever reason. What can we do to let them know that they can trust us?

✚ Major Keith Meadows is over the School Detectives shared Major Moore. He had spoken with him prior to the meeting to see what could be done to assist the apartments. (I hope I have this right.)

- Larry Bacon’s Basketball Camp is offered to the youth, both males and females. If you identify any youth that could benefit, then they will come and pick them up.
- There’s also the Police Athletic League. They are proud to say that they have produced some of the best boxers, baseball, and basketball players in the country. This also includes cheerleaders! Basketball is played at Adams Park and Hightower, I believe.
- Fulton County Sheriffs also promote a *Scared Strait Program* at the Jail.

- Mr. James Ziegler from Shamrock Gardens wanted to applaud Cascade Glen for doing a Super Job in keeping the property clean! He had looked around prior to the meeting starting and was quite impressed! He shared that he does a lot of CT’s but has been having difficulty getting them



processed. (Who? What? Check this out!) **CT's** stand for **Criminal Trespass**. (I don't



know about you, but I remember from our last meeting that we should not be on Shamrock Gardens' property unless we had a valid reason. It seems that those who are trespassing should also know this.)

✚ Major Moore explained:

- Put your business Address at the Heading for starters.
- When an officer comes out and takes the report, make sure you get all of the

information, too. Why, if another officer follows up, then the more information you can share will be helpful.

- Ask for a Complaint Number for your records and to assist others in being able to reference it. It also helps with prosecuting.



- "We are looking at creating a Roundtable Discussion soon, voiced Carrie Williams, Communications Director of Legacy Homes. Dialogue is provided at the luncheons which is a starting point. However, more needs to be done. Footage is taken for documentation and is looked at to see what all is being done. The audience was asked that if someone did not want to be filmed to please let her know. With this being said, everyone was invited to attend and participate in an:

Apartment Managers and Community Leaders

Roundtable and Luncheon

March 27, 2015

12:00 Noon – 2:00P.M.

Old Fellowship Hall at Baptist Towers

1881 Myrtle Drive, Southwest

Atlanta, Georgia 30311

- "How do we patrol our young men and help with their demeanor towards law enforcement?" asked Mrs. Williams. What should they do? If we could perhaps come up with some type of forum or training, perhaps this will help.
- ✚ "A forum was just held at Ben Hill United Methodist Church for our youth," shared the Major. "Police should treat everyone the same way regardless of whether the person is White, Black, Young, Old, etc." Another forum is being planned soon. He added that if there is something that needed to be sent out, please let them know. The department communicates through *Neighbor Next Door*.
- ✚ "Tell the youth not to argue with the police," was stressed. "If anyone feels that they are being mistreated, please ask for a supervisor to come out." While some people react over actions, it works both ways.
- ✚ "It's not always about arresting people because some may just need to be talked to," stressed Major Moore. "When we do arrest, then we want to know what we're doing."
- ✚ **There is no law that says you must have an ID on you. It would be great, though, to have some.**

- ✚ Sgt. Eric Teague is the Zone 4 Day Watch Commander. As an Atlanta native, he grew up in Perry Homes. Sgt. Teague is **“Onboard with Major Moore!”**

Seamless Relationships

If our relationship is not seamless, then we fail. We should take time to learn from each other. In Major Moore’s own words:

- ✚ When I first started, I was moving quickly.
- ✚ I had to learn that I’m no better than anyone.
- ✚ I can get beat up just as quickly as the person I may be trying to beat up.
- ✚ I had to grow up.
- ✚ I asked myself, what was important? Is it necessary to get in someone’s face?
- ✚ It comes with maturity.
- ✚ I now understand the BIGGER Picture.
- ✚ I do realize that Senior officers will spend time with you before the Younger officers.
- ✚ So, I’m making an effort to work on this with both groups.



“What can we do to help?”

- ✚ Tell me more about your industry so that I can learn more about it.
- ✚ Communicate with us and tell us when you have issues as they arise. We have more Committed Officers in Zone 4 than anywhere else.
- ✚ Officer Watkins and Officer Smith are a part of the Team. Please call them.
- ✚ When we provide you with Stats, please take them and use them.
- ✚ Come by for Roll Call, introduce yourself, and share your expectations. You can call or email if you are interested in attending.
- ✚ Show that you Care by saying, “Thank You!”
- ✚ **Write down your issue, Call Him, and Come Up with a Plan.**



On that note, Major Moore ended with these memorable words:

*I can tell you about every crime that has taken place within the past 30 days. This is a big Zone, too! **I’m holding everybody accountable.** (Major V. Moore, 2015)*

Did you hear that? I certainly did. So, anyone who has plans of setting up shop in Zone 4 to do “Bad Business”, then perhaps you should rethink this. This also goes for those who are already here. You should pack your bags and move on

out! ***There is a New Commander in the Communities!*** He’s Major Vincent Moore and he has plans of putting ALL of Us to work as we Take Our Communities Back!



“It’s been my pleasure meeting each of you at this very important meeting!” smiled Major Moore. He ended by passing out those Crime Stats someone had asked for at the beginning of the meeting.

Mrs. Williams thanked everyone for coming. Representatives would be on hand from Ignite Energy at the end.

The Luncheon was Sponsored by PDQ.





Major Moore was finally able to sit down and eat... so he thought. He was still available to meet and greet anyone who wanted to talk, including me.

Yes, I thought my days of doing required work and lesson plans were over. Was I incorrect in my assumptions? Most definitely if I bought into what Major Moore said. Am I Onboard? Most definitely! **It's** going to take **EVERYONE** taking an active role as we

Create Seamless Relationships...

Major Vincent Moore's Style!



Please contact Major Moore at (404) 756-1903 or VMoore@AtlantaGa.Gov when you are ready to learn more about **Seamless Relationships** as we continue to work towards *Keeping our Communities Safe!*



Welcome to Zone 4, Major Vincent Moore!

I'm Getting Started on My Homework!!!

Singing Off Until Next Time...

Dr. Brenda J. Stanford