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(Photo: Sandy Springs Police Department)

DULUTH, Ga. -- Area police have started their version of preparing for the holiday season by adding addition mall patrols.

While your mind is on your holiday shopping list, you can bet that somebody's making a list of ways to rip people off.

"During the holiday season because we have more people here we are adding more people in," explained Executive Director Joe Allen.

Kenny Matthews is one of the extra patrolmen the Gwinnett Place CID has assigned to shopping areas this holiday season.

"I'll be looking for that person who is not paying attention," Matthews said.

We rode with Matthews as he looked for the warning signs. He identified shoppers turned targets by crooks because they're distracted by texting, talking on the phone or even when juggling too many bags.

Law enforcement agencies believe patrols like this are needed now, a week before the busy season, to make their presence known early.