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# Greater Gwinnett Place Crime Down

Gwinnett Place Community Improvement District reports significant decreases in crime and successes in trash clean-up, code enforcement.

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The Gwinnett Place Community Improvement District (CID) reported significant decreases in crime during 2012 in the area.

This decreases occurred as the GPCID strengthened its working relationship with the Gwinnett Police Department, according to a report issued by the GPCID.

The GPCID additionally led record cleanup efforts in the district, strengthened code enforcement and continued contracts with a private security firm to conduct regular vehicle public safety patrols.

The Gwinnett County Police Department Crime Analysis Unit reported that crime in the Gwinnett Place area decreased 23% over the last year. Gwinnett Police also reported that overall crime incidents in the Gwinnett Place District decreased by nearly half since 2007.

## Percentage Change 2007 vs. 2012

- Robbery: DOWN 52%
- Motor Vehicle Theft: DOWN 65
- Theft: DOWN 48%
- Burglary (Commercial): DOWN 24%
- Overall crime incidents: DOWN 49%

The community also saw a reduction in the number of traffic accidents, down 56% in 2012 from the GPCID baseline year of 2007, the report stated.

"The crime decrease is directly related to a series of successful initiatives taken by the Gwinnett County Police Department and by the Gwinnett Place CID," said Joe Allen, GPCID executive director, in the report. "The Gwinnett Police regularly patrol throughout Gwinnett Place. The GPCID has also taken to heart the "Broken Windows" policy of aggressively carrying out code enforcement to clean up the district."

The Gwinnett Place CID contracts with a private security firm to patrol the district to supplement public safety efforts and enforce codes and standards. Here are the results reported by the GPCID:

- Trash removed from roadways: 23.38 tons of debris
- Signs removed from right-of-way: 1,507

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- An immediate 12% reduction in Part 1 crimes from April to December 2012
- Calls for police services to these apartments were reduced by 22.3%;
- The decisive removal and elimination of potential criminal threats to the area

"We can't offer enough praise and thanks for the solid efforts of the Gwinnett County Police Department," said Allen. "There is no question that their efforts have resulted in these successes."

"The efforts of the Gwinnett Place CID have been a real help to the community and to our public safety efforts in the community," added Major Christa Spradley, commander of the Gwinnett Police Department Central Precinct, which serves the Greater Gwinnett Place area.

"The Gwinnett Place community continues to make strong headway," said Allen. "Our collective efforts are bearing real, tangible results."

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