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Online and mobile resources provided by local law enforcement are helping to create a safer community

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Whether you are in the City of Statesboro or traveling out of town, the Statesboro Police Department and Georgia Southern's Office of Public Safety are working to ensure the safety of the University community through various resources, including house watching and property registration, available to students, faculty and staff.

In January, the Statesboro Police Department, with the help of Capstone Technology Solutions, launched a new website, StatesboroPD.com, in order to offer faster, more convenient services to the residents and visitors of Statesboro.

The easy-to-navigate website enables community members to act in a number of ways from reporting non-emergency incidents, and paying a ticket online to searching for an incident, or viewing the crime map. All services currently available on the site are:

- **Online Report** – This online service is for reporting non-emergency incidents that occurred within the City limits
- **House Watch** – Vacation watch is provided as a service to the citizens of Statesboro
- **Crime Map** – CrimeReports is the nation's largest collection of law enforcement agencies
- **Submit a Tip** – TipSofts online platform is used to securely and anonymously submit tips to law enforcement agencies
- **Most Wanted** – Up-to-date listing of the most wanted criminals in Statesboro
- **Pay a Ticket** – Pay tickets quickly and easily with the online ticket payment service
- **Accident Report Search** – Locate an accident report with the online search form
- **Daily Bulletin** – Follow the Statesboro Police Department's Daily Bulletin
- **Recruitment** – Join the Statesboro Police Department
- **Event Search** – Search for an incident or accident by case number, date, or name
- **Register Your Property** – ReportIt allows for secure storage of serial numbers, item descriptions, pictures and scans of receipts
- **Community Calendar**

Through the website, residents may request a house or crime watch, for which officers on patrol will check homes and apartments while residents are on vacation or if they have been the victim of a crime. After requesting the service, residents will receive an email on the status of the request. It may take up to three days for requests to be reviewed and processed before the watch begins. House watches can take place for a maximum of 14 days. Additionally, crime watches are available (with a police report) for a maximum of 30 days. For more information on these watches, click here.

The new website also has an integrated crime map, enabling residents, visitors and future residents to see what types of incidents have occurred throughout the city up to six months prior. The crime map has a customizable filter that can change the date range and incident types that show on the map.

Another useful feature is "ReportIt," a free online system that keeps track of personal property. "ReportIt" allows users to record serial numbers and upload images of valuables. Should those items ever be stolen, this will help the Statesboro Police Department in solving the case. "ReportIt" is a part of LeadsOnline, which is an investigative tool already being utilized by the Statesboro Police Department.

There are several ways to contact the Statesboro Police Department through the new website. The "Contact Us" tool allows for a message to be sent to the appropriate personnel for a quick response. However, anyone can submit a tip if they want to remain anonymous. These are for non-emergency situations only. For emergencies, 911 should always be used.

Last August, Georgia Southern launched the free LiveSafe app, a smartphone safety app, enabling University Police to more quickly receive notification of and respond to incidents. With a single touch, any LiveSafe user in the campus community can share GPS-tagged information with the University's Office of Public Safety for a range of safety concerns. University Police monitor submitted information 24/7. Through the app, the campus community is able to efficiently receive campus and community safety information, notify police and receive assistance, and help others by sending anonymous tips to police. For more information on the LiveSafe app, click here.

As the City of Statesboro and the University continue to make the safety of the Georgia Southern community a top priority, the variety of online resources, personal services and monitoring tools are helping to provide additional peace of mind for students, faculty and staff.