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Brookhaven officials to train on stopping sex trafficking

Brookhaven, GA, Jan. 5, 2014 – Brookhaven’s mayor and city council will become some of the first city leaders in Georgia to be trained how to recognize signs of child sex trafficking.

The training, scheduled for Jan. 14 and 15, is part of the city’s “Not Buying It” pledge.

In November, Brookhaven became the first city in Georgia to pledge to work to stop child sex trafficking by becoming part of the Georgia Task Force on the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children. As part of the pledge, Brookhaven officials committed to not support businesses or activities that perpetuate child sex trafficking, to raise awareness on the problem, and to foster an environment that protects children from exploitation.

The training will be attended by Brookhaven Mayor J. Max Davis, Councilwoman Rebecca Chase Williams, Councilman Joe Gebbia, Councilman Bates Mattison, Councilman John Park and various city employees.

“In addition to city council, representatives from all city departments will attend the training,” City Manager Marie Garrett said. “It’s important that members from all areas of city government – from our police and code enforcement officers, to our public works crews and court staff – know how to recognize the signs of child sex trafficking to help stop this terrible epidemic.”

The “Not Buying It” program, developed by the Governor’s Office for Children and Families Statewide Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children Task Force, is designed to educate Georgia about the dangers of child sex trafficking.

The training is scheduled for Jan. 14 and 15 from 10 a.m. to noon in the city council chambers at Brookhaven City Hall.

For more information, visit www.notbuyingit.org and www.brookhavenga.gov.

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