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**Brookhaven Police patrols to hit the street this month**

**Brookhaven, GA, July 9, 2013** – The Brookhaven Police Department will begin patrols and officially launch July 31, marking a historic day in the new city.

Today, Brookhaven Police Chief Gary Yandura announced that the city had completed hiring 54 officers. This includes 39 patrol officers and investigators, nine sergeants, three lieutenants and a deputy chief.

Patrol officers will begin work July 15 for two weeks of training, including physical, weapons tactics, policies and procedures and ethics.

“These officers represent some of the most experienced law enforcement in the state,” Yandura said. “We have assembled a great team and they are excited to begin protecting and serving Brookhaven.”

Officers will begin patrols on July 31, marking the one-year anniversary since DeKalb County residents voted to form the city of Brookhaven. DeKalb County Police, which have been patrolling the city since Brookhaven’s inception on Dec. 17, 2012, will cease patrols July 31.

“This is an important step in our city’s history. The chief and his team have spent the past few months combing through resumes and we are excited to have the best of the best keeping our community safe,” Mayor J. Max Davis said.

Officers will work out of six patrol zones, which are based on natural boundaries, streets, traffic accident numbers, calls for services and crime statistics from DeKalb County Police. However, officers will be deployed based on the needs of the city.

The city received more than 1,200 applications from law enforcement officers and interviewed 156 candidates.

Today, the chief also unveiled new outfitted patrol cars, along with and the department’s patch and badge. The patch and badge were designed with input from police command staff. The cars, Ford Inceptors, were chosen for their gas mileage and adaptability for the future since other patrol vehicles are being discontinued.

For more information, visit [www.brookhavenga.gov](http://www.brookhavenga.gov).

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