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Atlanta Metropolitan State College To Partner with APD Training Academy
AMSC to provide Temporary Training Facility

ATLANTA, GA - Atlanta Metropolitan State College, in an effort to support and connect with the community that the institution serves and to assist in fostering trust with Law Enforcement and the Citizens of Atlanta, has partnered with the Atlanta Police Department to provide temporary training facilities for its Police Academy. AMSC Places a high priority on developing strong partnerships that will benefit not only the college but the community as a whole. This partnership will strengthen ties with APD, the city of Atlanta, and other potential city and state partners to provide Criminal Justice courses and academic training opportunities to their employees throughout the greater Atlanta area. As part of the agreement, APD Officers that successfully complete their training will have the opportunity to earn college credit towards their associate degree. The Division of Academic Affairs is actively working with APD to offer classes to the new recruits and opportunities for a large number of their in-service personnel to obtain college degrees. AMSC currently offers continuing education programs for APD Leadership & Command Staff and hosts Law Enforcement groups from the metro area for training conferences and meetings in the Easley Pavilion & Conference Center, located on its campus.

Agreements such as this relating to criminal justice, police and law enforcement training are not uncommon on USG Campuses throughout the state and the Technical College System. Dr. Georj Lewis, President of Atlanta Metropolitan State College states " This partnership with the Atlanta Police Department, provides yet another way of supporting our mission through access to education and community engagement. It creates a gateway for their officers to receive a college degree and offers several strategic options for APD personal to obtain their degree.

The academy is due to begin utilizing the facilities on the AMSC campus in August, 2021.

Atlanta Metropolitan State College, an access institution of the University System of Georgia, educates students from diverse backgrounds by providing affordable, career-focused bachelor's and associate degree programs. The College offers

student-centered instruction, civic/community engagement, and quality services that lead to the success of its inter-generational 21st century graduates.

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