



Georgia Association of Women in Public Safety

April 24- 27, 2023

Courtyard By Marriott
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Decatur, GA 30030

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Conference Agenda

Monday April 24, 2023

8:00 am – 12:00 pm	Registration Open
8:00 am – 12:00 pm	Sponsor Registration and Setup Main Ballroom
1:00pm – 5:00pm	Sponsor/Exhibitor Booths Open
1:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Welcome and Opening Ceremony GPS Honor Guard <i>Remembrance of the Fallen</i> <i>Reading of the Names – 1SG Charlotte Banks, US Army Retired</i> <i>Laying of the Wreath – Jonathan Jones & Lt. Crystal Zion</i>
1:30 pm -2:00 pm	Opening Session Keynote Speaker: <i>Dekalb County Sheriff Melody M. Maddox</i>
2:00 pm – 2:15 pm	Sponsor Networking Break (Registration Open)
2:15 pm – 3:15 pm	Crime Victim’s Rights Week Ceremony Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Special Guest Speaker: Janet Paulsen
3:15 pm – 3:30 pm	Sponsor Networking Break (Registration Open)



3:30 pm – 4:45 pm	<p>Forensic Genetic Genealogy: Investigative Tool and Identification of Unidentified Descendants <i>Program Director Amy Hutsell</i> Sexual Assault, Child Abuse and Human Trafficking Unit Criminal Justice Coordinating Council</p>
4:45pm – 5:00 pm	<p>Closing Day Remarks/Announcements Martin/Zion</p>
5:00 pm -7:00 PM	Dinner on your own
6:00 pm – 6:45 pm	Wellness Session TBA
7:30pm-10:00pm	<p>BINGO BASH Main Ballroom</p>
Tuesday April 25, 2023	
8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Sponsor/Exhibitor Booths Open
8:00am-8:30am	<p>Morning Announcements Team Building Exercises Martin/Zion</p>
8:30am – 10:00am All Session	<p>Resiliency <i>Teena Gooding</i> Co-Owner Fortis Tactical Systems</p>
10:00am – 10:30	Sponsor Networking Break
10:30am – 11:30 Breakout Session	<p>The Power of Vulnerability and The Importance of Knowing Who YOU Are! <i>Elizabeth Pehrson</i> Main Ballroom</p>
10:30am – 11:30 Breakout Session	<p>Courtroom Testimony for 911 First Responders <i>Robbie McCormick</i> Cobb County 911 Deputy Director Swanton Amphitheater</p>
11:30am – 1:00pm	Lunch On Your Own
1:00pm – 2:30pm All Session	<p>Interrogating a Dictator <i>George Piro</i> Former Senior Executive at Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)</p>
2:30pm – 2:45pm	Sponsor Networking Break
2:45pm – 4:45pm All Session	<p>Leading Through Crisis <i>George Piro</i> Former Senior Executive at Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)</p>



4:45pm – 5:00pm	<p>Closing Day Remarks Leader Board Update Martin/Zion</p>
	Dinner on Your Own
Wednesday April 26, 2023	
6:45-7:30AM	Wellness Session - TBA Compound Fitness
8:00 am – 8:45am 9:00 am – 10:00 am	<p>Taking Action Against Cancer in Fire Service & Public Safety <i>Michele Ice & Warrior Survivors</i> Georgia State Director Firefighter Cancer Support Network Main Ballroom</p>
8:00 am – 8:45 am	<p>Are You Ready to Lead? – Preparing for Promotion <i>Cheri Akselsen, Crystal Zion & Dana Martin</i> Swanton Amphitheater</p>
9:00 am – 10:00 am	<p>We're Stressed Out! Learn to Take Charge of your Nervous System <i>Marnie Grodzin – Social Worker, Certified Prevention Specialist</i> Swanton Amphitheater</p>
10:00am – 10:30am	Sponsor Networking Break
10:30am – 12:00pm	<p>Discussing the Foundations of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Activating Our Allyship <i>United in Service – Women in Fire</i> <i>Gary Menard, Captain– Decatur Fire</i> <i>Anaré Holmes Firefighter/EMT Equity Leader – City of Atlanta</i> Main Ballroom</p>
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Lunch on Your Own
1:00pm-2:30pm	<p>Trafficking 101 <i>Renea Green</i> Assistant Special Agent in Charge Child Exploitation and Computer Crimes Unit (CEACC) Georgia Bureau of Investigation</p>
2:30pm – 3:00pm	Sponsor Networking Break
3:00pm	Sponsor/Exhibitors Break Down



3:00pm – 5:00pm	Conflict Management: What is Your Style? <i>Dr. Michele Ramsey</i> Main Ballroom
5:00 pm	Dinner on Your Own
5:30 pm – 6:15pm	Humble Warrior Yoga Location TBA
8:30pm – 11:00pm	80's/90's DISCO & KARAOKE PARTY
Thursday April 27, 2023	
7:00 am – 7:45 am	Humble Warrior Yoga Location TBA
8:30am – 9:30am	Annual Business Meeting Nomination of Board Members Vote for Open Board Position: GAWPS Members Only
9:30am – 10:00am	Mid-morning Break and Check Out
9:30am - 10:00am	GAWPS Board of Directors Executive Session Elect Executive Board of Directors GAWPS Board of Directors ONLY
10:00am – 10:30am	Awards Presentation Cobb County 911 Exemplary Service Recognition Board of Director Awards
10:30am – 10:45am	GAWPS Outgoing President (Akselsen) Message Announce New GAWPS Board of Directors and Swearing in of the new GAWPS Board of Directors - Akselsen
11:00-11:45	Closing Session Keynote Speaker Recipe for Strategic Change! <i>Raquel Durden</i> Chairwoman & Co-Founder, Humble Warrior Wellness & Yoga, Inc Main Ballroom
11:45 - 12:00	Raffle Winners Announced Zion/Martin Closing Remarks – GAWPS Executive Director Courtney Gale

THANK YOU