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Juvenile Justice Commissioner Joins Top Atlanta and state law enforcement officials for counterterrorism training in Israel

Decatur, Georgia- Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice Commissioner Garland R. Hunt and ten Atlanta-based law enforcement officials, returned earlier this month from Israel after taking part in a two-week training program to study counterterrorism, emergency management, and other types of policing strategies from Israeli police.

The 20-member delegation of law enforcement officials received the training through the Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange (GILEE). The exchange program, which was founded in 1992 by Dr. Robert Friedmann in the Georgia State University Department of Criminal Justice, provides senior law enforcement officers with professional training opportunities in policing techniques from peers abroad. This year the delegation included state and local law enforcement officials representing a variety of Georgia communities, as well as the Director of the Capitol Police, Florida Department of Law Enforcement; the Assistant Director of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and the Commissioner of the Ontario, Canada Provincial Police. The delegation also met with former U.S. Secretary of State George Schultz and Home Depot co-founder and CEO, Bernie Marcus, who were in Israel to attend the Israel Democracy Institute International Advisory Council.

GILEE emphasizes a multi-agency comprehensive approach to address terrorism and other threats to public safety. In an era of increasing threats and diminishing resources it is imperative to offer law enforcement leadership resources of best practices. The programs in Israel have proven to be most valuable to GILEE participants, says Friedmann.

This marks the eighteenth delegation of Georgia law enforcement officers to visit Israel through the GILEE exchange program. This year's delegates from Atlanta include: David G. Barnes, Lieutenant, Dunwoody Police Department; Reynolds E. Densmore, III, Chief, Johns Creek Police Department; Jackie E. Dunn, Jr., Lieutenant-Commander, Criminal Investigations, Conyers Police Department; John J. Heinen, Inspector Investigations Division, Georgia Bureau of Investigation; Stewart F. Hicks, Major Communications and HQ Adjutant, Georgia Department of Public Safety; Keith E. Howard, Director-Police Academy Division, Georgia Public Safety Training Center; Garland R. Hunt, Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice; Theodore Jackson, Sheriff, Fulton County; Jeffrey L. Mann, Chief Deputy, DeKalb County Sheriff's Office; Philip K. Peacock, Chief Investigator, Georgia Power; and Khirus E. Williams, Major-Commander, Zone 5, Atlanta Police Department.

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