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An Active Shooters Workplace Training is Implemented by Clayton County Board of Commissioners in Collaboration with the Clayton County Police Department

Jonesboro, Georgia—On Friday, March 1, 2013 at 9:00 am, the Clayton County Board of Commissioners with the assistance of the Clayton County Police Department will implement the first rapid response-active shooter training for all departments of the Clayton County Government. The training class will take place at 112 Smith Street in Jonesboro and will prepare all county departments to be aware of any possible dangers in their environment. A live active shooter demonstration will follow at 11:00 am.

“The board and I place a top priority on the safety and welfare of our employees. Therefore, it is imperative that they are properly trained to react to hostile situations that could be life threatening.”- Chairman Jeff Turner

As a lesson of the 2008 Missouri City Council shooting and the 2010 Panama City, Florida School Board shooting, one cannot wait on the arrival of a SWAT team in these circumstances. The county employees have to quickly develop a plan and deal with any threats. The initiative is an effort to create awareness and to develop a plan for each individual department in case of an unforeseen situation.

The Active Shooters Training was developed by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and prepares law enforcement officers to respond to and effectively deal with what is essentially a nightmare scenario... an armed gunman intent on hurting others in the workplace. The training will be led by veteran Clayton County Police Officers. Chairman Jeff Turner and Police Chief Gregory Porter will be in attendance.

For more information, please contact Lt. Andre Jackson at (678) 222-8028.

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