



# OFFICE OF THE CITY SOLICITOR

## FY 18 – 1st Quarter Update

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## Diversion Program and Code Enforcement Updates– FY18 Q1 Update

### ➤ Diversion Program Accomplishments:

- As of September 30, 2017, the program enrolled 10,000+ participants; \$1.8M participation fees were assessed. Compared to the same period in FY17, this is a 10% increase in participation and a 21% increase in fee assessments.
- Launched the PTIT website to inform citizens and visitors about the program and allow e-Enrollment. As of September 30, the site had 12,000+ visitors.
- Launched PTIT e-Payment option. At the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, more than 2800 participants were afforded the convenience of paying their participation fees without incurring transaction fees. More than \$512,000 in program participation fees were paid using this option.
- Launched a public service announcement about the PreTrial Intervention for Traffic (PTIT) Program on Channel 26.
- Began offering an in-house Safe Driving Education Course. The course provides greater opportunity for defendants to successfully meet their program requirements.

### ➤ Code Enforcement Accomplishments:

- The Disabled, Elderly and Veterans Program (DEV) received a \$150,000 allocation from Department of Housing through CDBG funding to repair/replace roofs for eligible participants.



## Community Prosecution Implementation– FY18 Q1 Update

Community prosecution is a broadened mission of prosecution. This proactive approach involves tasking prosecutor offices with generating, cultivating, and amplifying community involvement to identify problems, address issues and concerns and develop solutions in a manner that best serves the community.

With the assistance of **DHR**, the Office of the City Solicitor has been able to accomplish this goal by providing skilled and dedicated staff who will serve and empower community stakeholders. These goals will be accomplished through strategic enforcement and creative problem-solving techniques to improve the quality of life, increase public safety and strengthen the community.

### **Strategies employed:**

- Conduct “Fight Against Blight” educational symposiums to educate the community on code violations, home ownership responsibilities, public awareness, and provide information to assist citizens to address their concerns.
- Launched the Student Outreach and Resource Program (S.O.A.R.). This program is designed to cultivate life skills for students attending elementary, middle, and high school through age-appropriate education, career exposure, and opportunities within their prospective interests.
  - ✓ Partnering with the Atlanta Police Foundation and Chris180 to expand the Suspension Intervention Program to have a judicial interaction component. This initiative is being accomplished through a collaboration with the Department of Corrections and Atlanta Fire and Rescue.
  - ✓ Conducted a workshop with students at the At Promise Center about the importance of community relationships with law enforcement and the role that teens and young adults play in improving their communities.
- Kicked-off our College Safe Driving and Awareness Tour. We visited Spelman College, Morehouse College, and Oglethorpe University. The tours promote safe driving responsibilities to young drivers.



# Community Prosecution At-Work – FY18 Q1

## Safe Driving College Tour

Morehouse College, Spelman College, & Oglethorpe University



## PreTrial Intervention for Traffic Cases (PTIT)

Safe Driving & Awareness Course



## Fight Against Blight (F.A.B.)

Zone 1 (Councilmember Ivory Young) & Zone 4 (Councilmember Cleta Winslow)



## Student Outreach and Resources (S.O.A.R.)

