



TYRONE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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The Tyrone Police Department Joins National Police Data Initiative

Tyrone, Ga. – Building upon its commitment to transparency, the Tyrone Police Department has joined other progressive U.S. law enforcement agencies as part of the Police Data Initiative (PDI), a national network designed to enhance understanding of crime statistics, public safety operations, and accountability between law enforcement and the community through open data.

The TPD has shared monthly crime stats, information about its traffic enforcement efforts, and an annual report on its website and through social media for many years and they will now share even more insight as part of their membership in the PDI.

According to Chief Brandon Perkins, “we will initially add agency demographics, community engagement, complaints, and response to resistance data to our available data sets and I am in the process of looking at what data other PDI agencies are sharing in order to determine what we can put out in the future. I’ve always been a strong supporter of maintaining good statistics and sharing that information with the public whenever possible. Given the changes in the public’s perception of law enforcement over the past few years, this kind of initiative can go a long way towards building trust and that, I hope, will lead to better relationships and a safer environment for officers. ”

The PDI is a collaboration of The DOJ/COPS Office, The Police Foundation, and The International Association of Chiefs of Police. The initiative boasts more than 130 members across the U.S. Only two of those agencies are from Georgia: Atlanta PD and Tyrone PD.

Citizens can access Tyrone’s Open Data Portal online at www.tyronepd.org/stats and you can learn more about the PDI at www.policedatainitiative.org.

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