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Sheriff Patrick "Pat" Labat Hosts *Faith in the County*

Atlanta, GA – Fulton County Sheriff Patrick "Pat" Labat convened a successful gathering of 150 faith leaders from diverse religious communities for "Faith in the County" recently at Atlanta's Friendship Baptist Church. This special event served as an opportunity for him to share updates on the progress made within the Fulton County jail system to reduce occupancy while increasing the quality of services offered to detainees, their families, Fulton County Sheriff's Office team members, and the community-at-large.

Sheriff Labat engaged with attendees by answering their questions and receiving valuable feedback from them about jail conditions, inmate welfare programming, and the state of the Fulton County Sheriff's Office. When Sheriff Labat took office on January 1, 2021, the population at the Rice Street Jail was at an all-time high, at 3,600 with over 600 people sleeping on the floor on portable sleeping devices. In December 2023, that number has decreased from over 600 to zero and has remained at the level until today. That was due to Sheriff Labat's ongoing team coordination and leadership with criminal justice system partners. The reduction in the jail population is also due to strategic outsourcing of inmates to other jurisdictions that made available space to house the Fulton detainees.

"My vision for the sheriff's office is deeply rooted in Micah 6:8, acting justly and to love mercifully and to walk humbly with God," says Sheriff Labat. "With your support, we will continue to make a difference and move towards a brighter and safer Fulton County."

All were invited to join the Fulton County Sheriff's Office Chaplaincy Program, collaborate on community engagement efforts, and participate in inmate services.

For more information about Fulton County Sheriff's Office initiatives about its faith-based collaborations and ways to volunteer and assist with initiatives, please email FCSO.CommunityEngagement@fultoncountyga.gov.

ABOUT THE FULTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE: The mission of the Fulton County Sheriff's Office is Service; through laser-focused efforts to protect the citizens of Fulton County with coordinated law enforcement operations, special strategic teams, and community outreach methods. The Sheriff's Office is constitutionally responsible for the security of all courtrooms, executing arrest warrants, and serving civil papers. In addition, the Sheriff's Office is responsible for the administration and operation of the Fulton County Jail.

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