

## Public Information Release

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Acworth Police Department has been hard at work facilitating connections between stakeholders in our community who are dedicated to improving the lives of young people. At the beginning of the summer, the department donated \$10,000 of seized drug funds to be utilized to bring the Power of Peace Project (POPP) to student athletes at North Cobb High School. POPP is an organization that helps build students up and inspires student leaders in ways that benefit the entire student population. According to founder, Kit Cummings, "Whether someone is a tough kid from an inner-city school, or a college-prep kid living in the suburbs, it no longer matters – this is not a rich or poor, black, white or Hispanic issue– because believing in the power of peace is a common bond that we all share – and now with POPP, we are collectively putting that belief into action." Today, Chief Wayne Dennard took the next step in bridging the gap between stakeholders, and introduced past president of the Cobb County Chapter of the NAACP, Deane Bonner, and Acworth Mayor Tommy Allegood to Kit Cummings. The group met at the Acworth Police Department to discuss the future of the POPP, and ways in which this valuable program can help benefit young people throughout Cobb County. Chief Dennard stated that, "We all have a vested interest in the future of our young people, and we are dedicated to serving them in the most beneficial way possible. God has given us all the desire to help, and we know that He is working though us to serve this community."

The Acworth Police Department is dedicated to the philosophy of spending time and doing the right thing." The POPP program enables stakeholders in our community to do exactly that, and we are excited to lead the charge in building trust and making connections for our youth.