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## **Area Law Enforcement Get First Look at New Nonlethal Device, LaGrange One of Ten Demo Sites**

**LaGrange, Ga. May 2, 2018** – Area law enforcement agencies got a first look at a new non-lethal device called the BolaWrap.

This is a nonlethal remote restraint device designed to prevent any unnecessary violent encounters.

BolaWrap representative and retired Los Angeles County Assistant Sheriff Michael Rothans says he picked LaGrange as one of ten communities as a demo site.



*LaGrange Police are among the first law enforcement*

“Chief Lou Dekmar is innovative when it comes to mental health initiatives,” said Rothans.

“We definitely wanted to work with him. The BolaWrap is a restraint device designed to quickly restrain an individual with minimal to no pain.”

Chief Dekmar is currently the IACP, or International Association of Chiefs of Police, President.



*Pine Mountain Police Chief Daniel Ferrone along with other*

“Mental Illness is one of my priorities,” said Dekmar.

“Any innovation that reduces the likelihood of injury to an officer or someone that’s affected by mental illness is an innovation worth piloting.”

LaGrange Police, Troup County Sheriff’s Deputies, Pine Mountain Police, as well as Franklin Police participated in the BoloWrap demonstration.

“We are very honored to be included in this demonstration,” Franklin Police Chief Kevin Hannah said.

“Chief Dekmar has been gracious in including area law enforcement including the Franklin Police Department in the latest innovations. If it weren’t for him, I wouldn’t know anything about the BoloWrap.”

The LaGrange Police Department is still considering whether to possibly use the BoloWrap in the community.

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