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## **LaGrange Police Investigator Named Western Regional Gang Investigator of the Year**

**LaGrange, Ga. July 19, 2018** – LaGrange Police Investigator Jarred Anderson is named Western Regional Gang Investigator of the Year.

Anderson was honored at the annual GGIA, or the Georgia Gang Investigator’s Association conference over the weekend.



*Figure 1 Pictured from left to right: LPD Investigator Jarred Anderson and GGIA Board Member Ryan Foles*

He competed against officers and investigators from the Western Region which includes 39 counties.

The Georgia Gang Investigators Association was founded in 1998, as the organization to combat the uprising of gang violence in Georgia.

The purpose of the GGIA is to promote a free exchange of intelligence and information among investigators, with the goal of effectively impacting on the level of gang-related violence perpetrated by criminal groups, whose actions affect and

constitute a threat to public order.

LPD Sgt. Mark Cavender says he nominated Anderson for the work he has done for LaGrange, Troup County, West Point, Hogansville and other agencies representing the Western Region of Georgia.

“To be selected as the recipient of this award is a great feat when you take into consideration he was competing with investigators and officers from thirty-nine counties,” said Cavender.

“Aside from his daily duties as being an exceptional investigator with LPD, Jarred is also actively involved in teaching other investigators across the state how to be more effective. We are proud of his accomplishments.”

Also during this conference, Jarred, along with LPD Investigator Matthew Fowler, Officer William Norris, and Gang Analyst Andrew Foy successfully obtained their intermediate Gang Investigator Certification through the State of Georgia POST.

For more information on the GGIA go to [www.ggia.net](http://www.ggia.net).

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