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LaGrange Police Department, Troup County Sheriff's Department & Area Agencies Assist Hundreds at Criminal Record Restriction Day

LaGrange, Ga. March 29, 2019 – The LaGrange Police Department, the Troup County Sheriff's Department along with other area agencies recently hosted a Criminal Record Restriction Day. The agencies were able to assist 213 people by restricting their criminal records.



Hundreds of people participated in the Criminal Record Restriction Day in LaGrange 3/26

Record restriction means **eligible** records on a person's official criminal history report are restricted from public view and are only accessible to law enforcement for criminal justice purposes.

The event helped to streamline the process by effectively removing barriers for **qualified** people so that they may obtain meaningful employment or just receive a clean slate.

Participating agencies included the LaGrange Police Department, Troup County Clerk of Court, Troup County Sheriff's Office, Troup County District Attorney's Office, Troup County Solicitor, Troup County State Court, Coweta Judicial Superior Court, City of LaGrange, and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation.

"We had some people cry with joy after going through the process. For some, it's a personal thing and a matter of pride that will open up a world of job opportunities," said LPD Sgt. Marshall McCoy. "We had several agencies working together in partnership to give better opportunities to our community members. We are a stronger community when everyone has an opportunity."

This free event also included a job fair and health screenings. There were nearly twenty companies participating in the job fair.

Your criminal record may be restricted if:

- You were arrested by LaGrange Police or Troup County Sheriff's Office
- You were ***NOT*** convicted at trial/pled nolo contendere, certain misdemeanors while under the age of 21, or completed a pre-trial intervention (PTI)/diversion program
- You completed first offender case sealed
- Your case has been: dead docketed, declined to prosecute, dismissed, pre-trial intervention (PTI), no billed, nolle prossed, not guilty verdict, or pardoned

If you missed this event and would like to participate in the record restriction process please contact LPD Sgt. Marshall McCoy at mmccoy@lagrangegea.org or (706) 883-2642.

Applications are available at the LaGrange Police Department, Troup County Jail, or online at <https://gbi.georgia.gov/georgia-criminal-history-record-restrictions> or http://www.lagrangepd.org/applications/criminal_record_restriction.

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