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New Police Office in Downtown Gastonia

Gastonia Police have opened a new police office in downtown Gastonia. The vintage-style police office is located at 193 W. Main Ave., in the Commercial Building.

“We are pleased to be able to have this downtown office,” said Gastonia Police Chief Tim Adams. “The Main Avenue office will help us facilitate a presence downtown, and provide a base of police operations for downtown events.”

The façade of the Main Avenue police office combines exterior lamp lighting with black and gold lettering in the office’s building sign. The exterior lights are reproductions of Baltimore Police station globes. Interior design consists of a cherry wood desk, and poured concrete flooring, which is coated for a showroom finish. The walls are painted antique white, and furnishings, when completed, will display 1920’s to 1950’s styles.

In addition to the new office, Officer Mark Peeler will have a downtown focus along with other duties in the city’s Central District. “Officer Peeler will work with a growing number of businesses downtown and address quality of life issues as needed,” said Capt. Ed Turas, commander of the city’s Central District.

Since the new office will be used as a base for police operations for downtown events and at other times as needed, the office will not have office hours.

The police office building’s front windows are decorated with artwork from students at the Piedmont Charter School. Various displays are planned such as historical police memorabilia, digital photo presentations, and displays of items from the Gastonia Police store that may be purchased at the police headquarters building at 200 E. Long Avenue.

Participants in the office development include the Downtown Pioneers, U.S. Representative Sue Myrick, Dixie Glass, Franklin Signs, Gunn’s Flooring, Racetorations, Rainbow Paints, and Specialty Office Furnishings. Contributing City personnel include

Joe Hooper, Mike Warlick, Sgt. Mike Smith, Sgt. Vic Yager, Officer Jamie Prather, and Officer Mark Peeler.

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