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Charleston County's Counter Threat Project Coordinator Participates in Georgia Terrorism Intelligence Project



Counter Threat Project Coordinator Lauren Knapp was invited to present at the Georgia Threat Integration Program (GTIP) conference in Athens, Georgia last month. The event included intelligence analysts and officers from Georgia's largest law enforcement agencies, as well as public safety officials from across the country. Knapp spoke during a session called *The Changing Nexus of Crime, Extremism, and Terrorism*. She talked about the Public Safety Information Sharing HUB project, which provides support for Charleston County's Consolidated Dispatch Center and public safety agencies across the County, and gave a briefing on the 2017 Dylan Roof case.

"It was a huge honor for Lauren to be asked to speak as a panelist during the Terrorism Intelligence Project," said Deputy County Administrator of Public Safety Eric Watson. "This opportunity to work with fellow law enforcement allows us to learn best practices and be better prepared to handle a range of threats as they arise. Lauren brings a unique skill set to the Department of Public Safety for Charleston County Government, a first of its kind in this State from a local government perspective. And with her expertise, she will help continue our whole of government approach to public safety."

The National Counter-Terrorism Center, FBI, DHS, the Institute for Intergovernmental Research, U.S. Department of Justice/State and Local Anti-Terrorism Training Program, George Washington University and Georgetown University also provided training on related topics at the GTIP.

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