

## [Mantracker 2023 Public Safety Training Conference](#)

The Mantracker Training event originally began in 1991, when Duke Blackburn with the Georgia Department of Corrections, began training with the K-9 handlers, conducting searches and tracking of escaped fugitives, which is where the title of “Mantracker” originated from. In 2000, Sheriff Mike Yeager of the Coweta County Sheriff’s Office, teamed up with Blackburn to incorporate their training expertise together. At that time, they were training with approximately 20 - 25 participants in a one full day of training.

On January 15, 2019, Sheriff Mike Yeager was officially appointed as the United States Marshal for the Northern District of Georgia by President Donald J. Trump. Upon Sheriff Yeager’s retirement as Coweta County’s Sheriff, Mantracker had incorporated a multifaceted training event for all actively employed public safety personnel, including law enforcement, fire, emergency communications, and emergency medical. While some classes were closed to all except law enforcement, a great deal of training had always been available for every discipline. Mantracker, being one of the largest public safety training events in the southeast, has several hundred officers from local, state, and federal agencies participating in these training events. In addition, Sheriff Mike had always made sure that all of these specialized training events were offered annually, “**FREE**” of charge (*for all actively employed public safety participants that preregister*). Most of the training events placed officers in realistic style scenarios to give them valuable practical field training (*other than just all classroom settings*).

Upon Sheriff Mike Yeager’s retirement, he confidently turned over his leadership to his very reliable Chief Deputy, Colonel Lenn Wood. On March 1, 2019, Chief Deputy, Colonel Lenn Wood was sworn in as the Interim Sheriff of Coweta County. The special election was held on June 18, 2019, and he was officially voted in as the Sheriff of Coweta County. Sheriff Lenn Wood continues to offer this FREE specialized training event to all actively employed public safety participants. Mantracker has grown to attract over 800 officers each year.

This year, the Mantracker 2023 Public Safety Training Conference will be a four (4) day training event that again will be held at the Coweta County Rec Center located at 39 Hospital Rd Newnan, Georgia 30263. This training event will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and will continue training through Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. We are excited to once again announce that the Georgia Public Safety Training Center will again be teaming up with us to offer two (2) of the Georgia POST Council’s **Mandatory Training** classes this year, numerous other training topics!

On Thursday evening from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm we will be having a dedicated LEO Vendor Product Show. We will also be giving away door prizes during this time. You must be present to WIN. Immediately following the Vendor Show, we would like to invite you to join us for comradery with your instructors and colleagues. We will have a guest speaker (TBA) while we enjoy a “**FREE**” dinner from one of Atlanta’s Original’s, “The Varsity!” Of course, there is always some type of training demonstration that everyone seems to always enjoy watching afterwards!

We encourage all your officers and/or staff members to attend this training “**FREE**” of charge. All Georgia POST Certified Officers will receive Georgia POST credit hours for all training attended.

We hope to see you all at the Mantracker 2023 Public Safety Training Conference!!!

Registration for the Mantracker 2023 Public Safety Training Conference event is scheduled to open on **March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023**. To register for this training event, scan the QR code.



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