

**Capt. Andre Niles named Georgia's Code Enforcement Officer of the Year**

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Capt. Andre Niles with the Hall County Marshal's Office has been selected as Keep Georgia Beautiful's Code Enforcement Officer of the Year for 2013. Niles was honored at the 35th Anniversary Keep Georgia Beautiful Luncheon in Atlanta on Wednesday.

Capt. Niles was recognized during the ceremony for dedicating his time and energy toward creating a safe and clean environment for the citizens and visitors of Hall County.

Among his many accolades, Niles was instrumental in facilitating Hall County's participation in Shore Sweep, a massive clean-up effort focused on removing litter and debris from the shores of Lake Lanier. He was also instrumental in the formation of a foreclosure registry in Hall County, allowing code enforcement officers to quickly find those responsible for cleaning up foreclosed and vacant properties, which not only beautifies the landscape of Hall County but also keeps property values high. And although not directly related to litter control, Capt. Niles was also commended for taking a gunman into custody following a fatal shooting during a soccer game at Tadmore Park this summer.

In addition to Capt. Niles, Hall County's Resource Recovery Division was also recognized during Keep Georgia Beautiful's annual awards ceremony. Its staff received second place in the Waste Reduction Category and was recognized for its single-stream recycling system and its recycling partnership with the Hall County School System among other initiatives.

Keep Georgia Beautiful is a state organization that "honors those whose ongoing efforts in community improvement, waste reduction and/or litter prevention exemplify leadership in protecting Georgia's environment.'