

BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY

April 17th, 2014

National Guard Armory-Glenngville, Georgia

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Wayne Abernathy
Chief Danny D. Bowman
Mr. Danny Bryant
Mr. Kacy K. Cronan
Mr. C. Murray Kight
Commissioner Brian Owens
Mr. Lester L. Rampy, Jr.
Chief Mark Revenew
Sheriff Joey Terrell
Chief Craig Tully
Mr. Ellison G. Wood

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Steve D. Cronic
Sheriff Dane Kirby
Mr. Brian M. Rickman

OTHERS:

Mr. Joe Drolet, Senior Assistant Attorney General
Ms. Rebecca Dobras, Attorney General's Office
Ms. Cheryl L. Buie, Board Liaison
Commissioner Mark McDonough, Department of Public Safety
Lt. Colonel Russell Powell, Department of Public Safety
Major Eddie Grier, Department of Public Safety/GSP
Major Gene Davis, Department of Public Safety/MCCD
Major Billy Boulware, Department of Public Safety/MCCD
Capt. Johnny Jones, Department of Public Safety/MCCD
Capt. Jason Johnson, Department of Public Safety/GSP
Capt. Buddy Johnson, Department of Public Safety/GSP
Capt. Derick Durden, Department of Public Safety/GSP
Capt. Lewis Young, Department of Public Safety/GSP
Capt. James Byrd, Department of Public Safety/MCCD
Capt. Kenny Nobles, Department of Public Safety/MCCD
Lt. Andy Carrier, Department of Public Safety/GSP
Lt. Sammy Young, Department of Public Safety/GSP
Lt. Ken DeLoach, Department of Public Safety/GSP
Lt. Marcus DeLoach, Department of Public Safety/MCCD
Lt. Wayne Mobley, Department of Public Safety/MCCD
Lt. Blair Hanton, Department of Public Safety/MCCD
SFC Berry Strickland, Department of Public Safety/MCCD
SFC Clint Durrence, Department of Public Safety/MCCD
SFC Ryan Vicars, Department of Public Safety/MCCD
Sgt. Jamie Peralta, Department of Public Safety/MCCD
Sgt. Neil DeLoach, Department of Public Safety/MCCD

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Sgt. Anthony Hughes, Department of Public Safety
Sgt. Kevin Thompson, Department of Public Safety/GSP
Mrs. Melissa Rodgers, Legal Director, Department of Public Safety
Mr. Peter Adams, Comptroller, Department of Public Safety
Mrs. Amy Stancil, Assistant Comptroller, Department of Public Safety
Mr. Doug Mangum, Department of Public Safety
Ms. Olivia Duke, Department of Public Safety
Ms. Franka Young, Department of Public Safety
Mr. Joe Hood, Office of Planning and Budget
Ms. Zerlynda Fleming, Office of Planning and Budget
Director Vernon M. Keenan, Georgia Bureau of Investigation
Mr. Dan Kirk, Assistant Director, Georgia Bureau of Investigation
Mr. Keith Howard, Deputy Director, Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Mrs. Cindy Franklin, Comptroller, Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Mrs. Louise Rampy
Mrs. Rachel Kight
Mrs. Maureen Bryant
GA Dept. of Corrections Board members and employees
Pardon and Parole Board members and employees
Director Harris Blackwood, Governor's Office of Highway Safety
SFC Ritchie Howard, GSP Honor Guard
Sgt. Lisa Bowen, GSP Honor Guard
Cpl. Rena Wooten, GSP Honor Guard
TFC2 Nathan Truitt, GSP Honor Guard
TFC Robert Thompson, GSP Honor Guard
Mr. Dan Bray, GSP Honor Guard Bagpiper/ Dept. of Corrections

Vice-Chairman Ellis Wood called the April 17th, 2014 Board of Public Safety meeting to order. Vice-Chairman Wood thanked Mr. Wayne Dasher, DOC Commissioner Brian Owens and the DOC staff for their help with the event today.

Vice-Chairman Wood asked the BPS members to stand and state their name.

DOC Commissioner Brian Owens and the BPS presented Mr. Dan Bray, Bagpiper for the Georgia State Patrol Honor Guard with a Resolution.

Department of Public Safety

Commissioner Mark McDonough, Department of Public Safety began by sharing that his mother passed away on March 14th, and Mr. Ellis Wood, the legend he his, was with him when his mother passed away and thanked Mr. Ellis Wood.

Commissioner McDonough stated recruitment for the 96th Trooper School has been completed and out of 1100 applicants, 65 were found worthy of the job and added the school will start July 13th.

Commissioner McDonough reminded the BPS members the 95th Trooper School is in session at this time and out of the 94 that started, there are 46 cadets remaining who will graduate on August 15th, 2014.

Commissioner McDonough stated the DPS had the privileged of hosting the Southeastern Colonels Conference in Atlanta, with 8 redneck colonels from North Carolina to Texas. Commissioner McDonough stated one would think the colonels would spend most of their time talking about traffic safety, but the greater percentage of their time was talking about the well-being of their officers.

Commissioner McDonough shared this past year HB 872 was passed and asked Lt. Andy Carrier to stand. Commissioner McDonough stated the importance of this bill is that the DPS started a PEER Support Team three years ago and in law enforcement from corrections to probation, the officers endure an incredible amount of stress in their lives, which can lead to substance abuse, divorce, alcoholism and suicide. Commissioner McDonough stressed because of this, we have not done a very good job in our profession of taking care of our own and this is the reason for the support team. Commissioner McDonough noted there are very few states that have protected language for peace officers to be able to speak to trained counselors. Commissioner McDonough stated they felt there was no way one could get HB 872 passed because the lawyers under the dome would not allow it and noted Lt. Carrier threatened all of them and only had three no votes. Commissioner McDonough advised at the Law Enforcement Supper tonight, Governor Deal will sign HB 872 and Commissioner McDonough told Lt. Andy Carrier a job well done.

Commissioner McDonough explained to the group that Mr. Peter Adams, Comptroller for DPS would be asking for approval of donations the DPS receives. Commissioner McDonough shared the DPS is a support agency to local law enforcement and depends heavily on the local law enforcement support. Commissioner McDonough noted Sheriff Roger Garrison recently donated ten long guns to the Jasper patrol post in support of the active shooter program. Commissioner McDonough stated the BPS is required to review and approve the donations.

Donations

Mr. Peter Adams, Comptroller, Department of Public Safety requested approval of the following donations:

Three Stalker SDR 2X Radar Units	\$ 9,165.00	Upson County Board of Commissioners
One Golden Eagle 2 Radar Unit	\$ 1,225.00	Toombs County Sheriff's Dept.
One Aviation Flight Helmet	\$ 2,700.00	Camden County Sheriff's Dept.
Aviation Life Support Equipment	\$ 900.00	Charlton County Sheriff's Dept.
One Aviation Flight Helmet	\$ 2,628.00	Tift County Sheriff's Dept.

One X26 Taser with Holster	\$ 985.00	Darien Police Dept.
Ten KDH Active Shooter Kits	\$ 3,794.00	Trenton Police Department
Withdrawal of Donations		
One SMS 4000 Mobile Communication System to include Heavy Duty 3/4Ton Pick-up Truck	\$ 267,000.00	Bibb County Sheriff's Dept.
One German Shepherd Canine	\$ 500.00	Mr. Phillip Hanners

The motion to accept these donations was made by Mr. Lester L. Rampy, Jr., which was seconded by Chief Danny Bowman and voted approved by the Board members.

Commissioner McDonough noted the MCCD of the Department of Public Safety has partnered with the Long County Sheriff's Department for the 3rd Annual Fishin' for A Cure to be held on May 17th, a pan fish tournament, where all proceeds will be donated to help families with children who have cancer.

General Obligation Bond Resolution

Mr. Peter Adams, Comptroller, Department of Public Safety came before the BPS members presenting a General Obligation Bond Resolution for four bonds totaling \$17,270,000.00. Mr. Adams shared the money will be for patrol ready vehicles for GSP and MCCD, money for major maintenance and repair, and for dual mission law enforcement trauma care in Camilla, GA.

Chief Craig Tully made the motion to adopt the Bond Resolution for the DPS, which was seconded by Chief Mark Revenew, and voted approved by the BPS members.

Georgia Bureau of Investigation

Director Vernon M. Kennan, Georgia Bureau of Investigation began his report by stating the GBI, working with local and federal law enforcement last month, conducted a child predator investigation based in DeKalb County. Director Keenan added this is called a traveler investigation where undercover officers and agents go on the web posing as a child or as a caregiver who is offering up their child for sex. Director Keenan stated the investigation required 70 local and state law enforcement officers to pull this off and many agencies are present today who participated in the investigation. Director Keenan acknowledged the investigation resulted in the arrest of 15 men who traveled for the purpose of having sex with a young child. Director Keenan noted one of those arrested was an elementary school principal who traveled 60 miles to have sex with what he thought was a 13 year old child, and another one was an adult who traveled to have sex with what he thought was a young girl who was a deaf mute and when he was arrested he made a statement saying he wanted to have sex with a child who could not talk so they could not tell on him. Director Keenan stated they have a very aggressive unit working on this and could not do the work without local law enforcement

who participates in a task force. Director Keenan noted Cherokee County Sheriff Roger Garrison is one of the major players.

Director Keenan advised on April 29, April 30, and May 1st, the GBI is hosting with the US Department of Homeland Security and the FBI, a child sex trafficking national event at the Georgia Tech Conference Center. Director Keenan noted the GBI was getting requests from across the US from law enforcement agencies who wanted to send investigators to work with the GBI to learn how to investigate child sex trafficking cases. Director Keenan stated he went to the FBI and the US Department of Homeland Security and told them the GBI is an investigative unit, and cannot be a national training unit. Director Keenan stated he advised the FBI and the US Department of Homeland Security they needed to put on a training session for law enforcement where they could send investigators to go through the training session and at the end of the session they will have the tools on how to work child sex trafficking.

Director Keenan stated last month the Urban Institute released the report they had been commissioned to do by the US Dept. of Justice, a survey on the illicit sexual industry economic impact in eight cities across the US. In the survey, Director Keenan stated Atlanta came out number one in the amount of the economic impact of illicit sex industry. Here again, Director Keenan noted this has been another adverse media attention given to not only the City of Atlanta, but also the state of Georgia. Director Keenan shared he had a meeting with five top CEOs of the hotel industry in Atlanta who are very alarmed about the report, as they should be. Director Keenan advised the hotel industry has offered to partner with the GBI and local law enforcement to set up a publicity campaign in a training session to train the men and women who work in the hotel and lodging industry on how to recognize child sex trafficking. Director Keenan advised more will be heard about this as the GBI brings in the local partners to work with the GBI and educate the hotel industry on how to recognize victims and bring them to the GBI's attention so the GBI can work the cases.

Donations

Mr. Dan Kirk, Assistant Director, Georgia Bureau of Investigation requested approval of the following GBI donations:

Infrared Thermometer, Alternate Light Source (x2), IR Filters (x2) Magnifier (x2)	\$ 14,022.20	Brunswick Judicial Circuit
Two Nikon D600 Camera Bodies Converted For Full Spectrum Use	\$ 5,050.00	Brunswick Judicial Circuit
DWS Downflow Fingerprinting Hood	\$ 2,648.00	Brunswick Judicial Circuit
Forensic Filter (x6), Fuming Wand (x2) Single Band ALS Light (x2), Bosch Laser Distance Measurer (x2), Miscellaneous Crime	\$ 4,242.00	Brunswick Judicial Circuit

Scene Supplies

Photography Equipment (D800 camera, 24-85mm Lens, 28-300mm Lens, 50mm Lens, 105mm Lens, 20mm Lens, 14-24 mm Lens, and Miscellaneous small items) x2	\$ 19,850.74	Brunswick Judicial Circuit
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The motion to accept these donations was made by Mr. Danny Bryant, which was seconded by Sheriff Joey Terrell and voted approved by the Board members.

General Obligation Bond Resolution

Mr. Dan Kirk, Assistant Director, Georgia Bureau of Investigation came before the BPS members presenting a General Obligation Bond Resolution in the amount of \$2,365,000.00; \$350,000.00 for statewide facility repair and sustainment, \$1,180,000.00 for replacement of lab instrumentation equipment, and \$835,000.00 for replacing twenty investigative vehicles.

Mr. C. Murray Kight made the motion to adopt the Bond Resolution for the GBI, which was seconded by Sheriff Joey Terrell and voted approved by the Board members.

Vice-Chairman Wood noted the BPS was saddened by the passing of Commissioner McDonough's mother since the last meeting and delighted by the return of Mr. Wayne Abernathy and grateful Mr. Abernathy was able to make the trip today. Vice-Chairman Wood stated Director Bearden of GPSTC was not present today due to the illness of his father and asked everyone to continue to pray for Director Bearden and his family.

Georgia Public Safety Training Center

Deputy Director Keith Howard, Georgia Public Safety Training Center began his report by stating three years ago, the GPSTC averaged about 700 students a day at the eight academies in the state and looked at the numbers this week which showed an average of 2400 students a day, and with that Deputy Director Howard stated build it and they will come and now are trying to figure out how to pay for this.

Deputy Director Howard advised the carpet is being installed at this time at the GPSTC and also have a new front gate for added security.

Deputy Director Howard advised GPSTC has begun ten mandate courses throughout the state with 260 officers as well as a firefighter mandate course with the attendance of 26 firefighters.

Deputy Director Howard advised the GPSTC receives a grant from the GOHS for Drug Recognition Courses and has extended the grant to another \$110,000.00 for additional training and will try to get 300 additional drug recognition experts trained in Georgia with this money.

Deputy Director Howard stated on Monday, April 21st at 1:00 pm, there will be a ground breaking at the GPSTC for the George Lanier Fire Protection Lab on the Forsyth campus and on Monday, May 19th, the Public Safety Memorial will be held at 9:00 am where 52 fallen officers will be honored.

Donation

Mrs. Cindy Franklin, Comptroller, Georgia Public Safety Training Center requested approval of the following donation:

Arson Donation	\$ 1,000.00	AGL Resources
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Chief Craig Tully made the motion to approve the donation, which was seconded by Mr. Lester L. Rampy, Jr., and voted approved by the BPS members.

General Obligation Bond Resolution

Mrs. Cindy Franklin, Comptroller, Georgia Public Safety Training Center came before the BPS members presenting a General Obligation Bond Resolution in the amount of \$4,120,000.00; \$890,000.00 for the industrial fire training complex, \$1,715,000.00 for major repairs and renovations to include repaving the EVOC course, the high speed course, and repairing the mock village, \$245,000.00 to repair the roof and replace the HVAC system at the Athens Regional Academy, and \$1,270,000.00 for an active shooter school house.

Chief Mark Renew made the motion to adopt the Bond Resolution for the GPSTC, which was seconded by Sheriff Joey Terrell and voted approved by the Board members.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Vice-Chairman Wood reminded the BPS members the May 8th, 2014 BPS meeting would be at the DOC Board Room in Atlanta, GA.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Brian M. Rickman
Secretary