BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY
August 14, 2014
The Guardian Centers
Perry, Georgia

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:
Mr. Wayne Abernathy
Chief Danny Bowman
Mr. Daniel M. Bryant
Mr. Kacy K. Cronan
Retired Sheriff Steve D. Cronic
Commissioner Brian Owens
Mr. Lester L. Rampy, Jr.
Chief Mark Revenew
Mr. Brian M. Rickman
Sheriff Joey Terrell
Chief Craig Tully
Mr. Ellison G. Wood

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:
Mr. C. Murray Kight
Sheriff Dane Kirby

OTHERS:
Mr. Joe Drolet, Senior Assistant Attorney General
Ms. Cheryl L. Buie, Board Liaison
Commissioner Mark McDonough, Department of Public Safety
Lt. Colonel Russell Powell, Department of Public Safety
Major Tommy Waldrop, Department of Public Safety/GSP
Major Gene Davis, Department of Public Safety/MCCD
Captain Tommy Waldrop, Department of Public Safety/GSP
Captain Jason Johnson, Department of Public Safety/GSP
Captain Lewis Young, Department of Public Safety/GSP
Captain Mark Hambert, Department of Public Safety/GSP
Captain Chris Wright, Department of Public Safety/GSP
Lt. Rusty Harrelson, Department of Public Safety/GSP
Lt. Ron Warren, Department of Public Safety/GSP
SFC Crystal Zion, Department of Public Safety/GSP
Sgt. Craig Smith, Department of Public Safety/GSP
Mr. Peter Adams, Department of Public Safety
Ms. Christina Calloway, Department of Public Safety
Director Vernon Keenan, Georgia Bureau of Investigation
Mr. Dan Kirk, Assistant Director, Georgia Bureau of Investigation
Director Tim Bearden, Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Mr. Keith Howard, Deputy Director, Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Mrs. Cindy Franklin, Comptroller, Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Mrs. Joan Keenan
Mrs. Louise Rampy
Mrs. Maureen Bryant
Mr. Kenneth Mantel, Department of Corrections
Mr. Jerry Willis, Department of Corrections Board Member
Judge Rooney L. Bowen
Sheriff Terry W. Deese, Peach County

Vice-Chairman Ellis Wood called the August 14th, 2014, Board of Public Safety meeting to order.

Lieutenant Rusty Harrelson gave the invocation and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice-Chairman Wood thanked Captain Chris Wright for his assistance and coordination of the meeting today.

Vice-Chairman Wood asked everyone to stand and introduce themselves.

Vice-Chairman Wood called for approval of the May 8, 2014 minutes, May 19, 2014 minutes and the June 12, 2014 minutes. Chief Danny D. Bowman made the motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by retired Sheriff Steve Cronic and voted approved by the BPS members.

**DIRECTOR REPORTS**
Commissioner Mark McDonough, Department of Public Safety, introduced Major Tommy Waldrop, Commanding Officer of the Georgia State Patrol. Commissioner McDonough stated Major Waldrop attended UGA and received his schooling in veterinary sciences and uses that now as his children pretty much take the state championships in FFA at the state fairgrounds in Perry on a routine basis, and if it is not cattle or pigs, it is horses; Major Waldrop is quite a unique individual. Commissioner McDonough reminded the BPS members when the GSP started the DUI enforcement, Major Waldrop was the post commander at Toccoa and for two years straight, Major Waldrop and seven troopers locked up over 900 drunks and were recognized by the legislature not once, but twice and in one of those years, in the post territory of Toccoa, the DUI fatality rate was decreased by 75% because of their efforts. Commissioner McDonough added it should be no surprise that Major Waldrop is running the patrol and a lot of what he did as a post commander and as a troop commander will be what he brings to the rest of the state. Retired Sheriff Cronic commented that he had known Major Waldrop for years and stated it warmed his heart when he heard Major Waldrop would take the place of retiring Major Grier. Commissioner McDonough introduced Captain Mark Hambert, former Troop C Commander for the past three years who will now be the right hand man with Major Waldrop.

Commissioner McDonough advised trooper school graduation is tomorrow and thanked Commissioner Owens and Mr. Kenneth Mantle for providing a place for former governor and Senator Zell Miller and his wife to stay. Commissioner McDonough stated Governor Deal will give the keynote address and sitting along beside him and Mrs. Deal will be Senator/former Governor Zell Miller and Mrs. Shirley as their grandson will be graduating with this trooper school. Commissioner McDonough stated this would be a unique day, pretty unique graduation with breakfast at 0800 hours, inspection at 0900 hours, and graduation at 1000 hours.
In regards to the Camilla Hangar, Commissioner McDonough advised the DPS is partnering with a private company to bring trauma care to southwest Georgia; the grant process has been completed and are at the point of a letter of intent being awarded to a particular carrier which will be through DCH and the Rural Health Initiative, all moving along very quickly. Commissioner McDonough noted the DPS is working with the City of Camilla to get the hangar retrofitted and to move forward with opening this up in the very near future. Commissioner McDonough acknowledges this will be very unique for the state of Georgia in particularly, for a section of the state that does not have access to trauma care through helicopters. Commissioner McDonough thanked Chief Tully for his assistance with talking the hangar up and getting this done.

Commissioner McDonough shared in the budgetary process at the end of the year, Governor Deal was very gracious to redirect over 3 million dollars in bond funding, specifically to enhance the CAD statewide and by November 1, all of the servers in the communication centers, the work stations, and the radio suite in Troop C Communications will be completely updated and sometime by the first of the year over 574 new Panasonic Toughbook MDTs will be installed statewide. Commissioner McDonough declared this is a huge move forward from where the DPS has been over the past five years and where the DPS needs to be over the next five years. Commissioner McDonough noted this is the type of thing one would expect to do a little at the time, but with the governor’s support we will be able to knock this out in the next 6 months.

Commissioner McDonough shared the DPS would be supporting the Division of Family and Children Services case work support, and after watching the news and listening to the advice of the director of DFACS, the DPS will be supporting the DFACS case work effort across the state. Commissioner McDonough stated this is not something that is an everyday occurrence and noted when he was on the road in a rural area, it was not uncommon for DFACS to call GSP up and ask us to come support them in high risk situations, and noted this occurred last week where a DFACS worker was tasked to go to a place outside her comfort zone, a place she was not too familiar with, and things went bad and her contact with law enforcement or support is something the Department of Corrections, the State Patrol, DNR and GBI are going to assist them of getting them up to speed. Commissioner McDonough stated the GPSTC has been tasked to put together a whole suite of training to provide DFACS workers with little clues on what to do, how to spot suspicious behavior or the circumstance they are going in and how they can contact law enforcement. Commissioner McDonough expressed all of this is happening very quickly this week and if one hears that a ranger or trooper is assisting a DFACS worker, it is all part of this effort, in particularly three counties, Gwinnett, Cobb and Clayton, who have a huge backlog of cases. Commissioner McDonough noted that is why DFACS is bringing in workers from around the state and we will be assisting them in high risk type requests to try to prevent what happened to the case worker last week. Commissioner McDonough stated he could only imagine with that initiative when trying to hire 100 people to do the lord’s work in social work and take care of children, it will be tough times over the next couple of weeks and months for DFACS case workers and all are committed to helping them.

Commissioner McDonough presented a handout of the upcoming Fallen Trooper Memorial Road Dedications for the next couple of months.
Captain Chris Wright introduced Mr. Jon Korsack and Mr. Tim Maloney of The Guardian Centers who gave a brief overview of the capabilities of The Guardian Centers.

Director Vernon Keenan, Georgia Bureau of Investigation began by updating the BPS on two projects the GBI has going on. Director Keenan passed out a notification sheet for a one day training event at the GPSTC on October 21st in regards to abuse in unlicensed personal care homes – investigation and prosecution. Director Keenan advised Governor Deal will be speaking at the training event and the intention of the training is to train 300 plus law enforcement officers and persons that are involved in the unlicensed personal care home investigation and prosecution processes. Director Keenan advised there is no charge for the training and lunch will be provided courtesy of asset forfeiture funds. Director Keenan shared the background as to why the training is so important and why it is needed in the state of Georgia. Director Keenan stated the personal care homes are licensed by the Department of Community Health, who has a unit that goes out and processes registrations, does inspections and handles problems. Director Keenan stated the unit is also charged with investigating the unlicensed personal care homes as there is a problem in the state of Georgia with persons who are operating the unlicensed personal care homes and do this for the sole purpose of stealing the assets from the clients who are in the homes. Director Keenan shared that many of the clients have mental disabilities, but come with a package of benefits, everything from social security, disability, Medicaid, Medicare, food stamps and funding from Behavioral Health on different programs. Director Keenan advised each person who has a mental disability comes with a multitude of benefits and the operators of the unlicensed personal care homes are in the business of stealing the benefits. Director Keenan shared the unlicensed personal care home takes a person, puts them in a facility, many times they are held against their will, deplorable conditions and they steal their benefits, do not receive adequate food, nor medical care, the living conditions are horrendous. Director Keenan advised this is the problem of the unlicensed personal care home and the problem has been that Community Health, when they find an unlicensed personal care home, they have been issuing cease and decease orders to stop operations. Director Keenan emphasized many of the orders are ignored by the operators, because there is so much money involved when stealing from the benefits. Director Keenan acknowledged that recently it was made a crime to operate an unlicensed personal care home in the state of Georgia, but the legislature only made it a misdemeanor and unless there is fraud and/or abuse in the home, which there is most of the time, it then becomes a felony. Director Keenan stated the surveyors who do the investigations of unlicensed personal care homes, and as the state has been tightening up its response to these, they are now running into situations where the operators will not allow them to come into the house or into the facility to check it. Director Keenan added the surveyors are walking into situations where there are deplorable conditions and they need law enforcement support and there is a role here when a community health surveyor goes in and finds a home where there are clients in there that are living in deplorable conditions and are victims of fraud and abuse. Director Keenan stated the surveyors have been instructed to call 911, when they see a situation like this, so they can get law enforcement out there to make an intervention at that time. Director Keenan stated as the state is moving into the area of dealing with the unlicensed personal care homes, it is now necessary to train law enforcement about what the problem is and how to make the appropriate response and also to train prosecutors. Director Keenan stated there have been several working groups at the state level which have been developing a
prosecution manual for district attorneys and have been putting together protocols for law enforcement to respond to, because this is a major problem in the state of Georgia and only know the tip of the iceberg. Director Keenan stated the GBI asked the Community Health Department to give the GBI a list of the worst offenders they had on record for operating unlicensed personal care homes and the GBI received a list of 300. Director Keenan stated the list was narrowed down to 33 that are multiple offenders, those persons who have been cited 8-10 times for operating an unlicensed personal care home, but no action has ever been taken against them. Director Keenan stated the GBI is further defining the list as to how it will be addressed at the state level; which will require a response of all law enforcement in the state as the GBI cannot be the unlicensed personal home care police for the entire state. Director Keenan expressed this is something that needs to be addressed at the community level. Director Keenan noted the agenda for the training, one will see the objective is at the end of the training day, the officers who attend the training have a good understanding of how the nuts and bolts of an unlicensed personal care home case is to be handled. Director Keenan stated the last case the GBI was involved in was in Morvin, GA, in Brooks County, an extremely rural part of the state. Director Keenan stated a Morvin police officer kept responding to neighborhoods in an area where persons with mental disabilities were breaking into homes to steal food, as they did not have enough to eat and were being kept in a house by people who were stealing their benefits and to get food they had to slip out at night and break into a house. Director Keenan added the Morvin police officer called the GBI who got the Public Health involved and started an investigation and found 11 persons being held in deplorable conditions, unfed, no medical care, sleeping on the floor, so bad in the house, that when the clients were removed, none of them were allowed to take any of their clothes with them, as they were all infested with lice and bugs. Director Keenan stated six people went to jail and will be prosecuted for the abuse of elderly, this is what happens in this type situations and in this case, the local law enforcement agency and the officer in particularly intervened, did not ignore it and took steps, did not pass off to Community Health to do an unlicensed check where there are no penalties. Director Keenan reiterated Governor Deal is very interested in this and will speak at the training event. Director Keenan invited those present to attend the Abuse in Unlicensed Personal Care Homes; Investigation and Prosecution.

In regards to the Drug Laboratory Cleanup Program, Director Keenan reminded the BPS members that he spoke with them last year in October, the GBI was notified by the Drug Enforcement Administration, they would no longer pay for the cleanup of methamphetamine labs, or toxic waste found at a meth lab when law enforcement responds to a site. Director Keenan noted prior to last year, the DEA covered all the expenses for this, with contractors all across the US, all the GBI had to do was call the DEA who would in turn send a contractor and would take charge of the toxic waste, and now that money has gone away. Director Keenan advised the DEA gave the GBI a 30 days’ notice that the money was no longer available for cleanup, which meant local law enforcement would have to pick up the costs of disposing the toxic waste which is about $3,000.00 for an average meth lab. Director Keenan advised Governor Deal stepped in and provided CJCC funds to the point of 1.2 million dollars to give the GBI enough breathing room and leeway to set up an offsite container program which has been used in other parts of the country. Director Keenan stated the offsite container program involves having specific locations where there is a particular type of storage device where the toxic chemicals can be transported to, stored and then at some point the DEA will come and pick up the chemicals and
dispose of them. Director Keenan stated they have been working with the Georgia Sheriffs and Georgia Chiefs to set this program up and have had series of meetings and have identified locations around the state of Georgia where law enforcement agencies are now going to be host of the container program. Director Keenan advised MOUs have been signed with the Emanuel County Sheriff’s Office, the Ware County Sheriff’s Office, the Gwinnett County Police Department, the Gilmer County Sheriff’s Office, the Sumter County Sheriff’s Office, the City of Carrollton and the Walker County Sheriff’s Office for the container site locations. Director Keenan stated in the fall, training will begin for persons responsible for maintaining the storage containers, who will have to have special equipment to transport the toxic waste and the officers and investigators who transport the toxic waste have to be trained. Director Keenan stated the DEA will pay for all the equipment associated with managing the storage container program and all the necessary training for the program to go forward and are in the process setting up the training and identifying the investigators and officers who will be trained for the program to go forward. Director Keenan stated the governor has given the GBI enough money in the budget, so the GBI can continue as they are doing now with the state paying for the toxic waste removal until the training is completed. Director Keenan stated if the GBI has done their homework correctly, the money will run out about the time, everyone is trained and the container program is in place.

Vice-Chairman Wood asked Director Keenan if individual agencies would be responsible for transporting the toxic waste to the designated container site. Director Keenan stated there will be partnerships in various areas so for instance the container program in Ware County, if the county next to it has a meth lab, the Sheriff’s Office of Ware County or Waycross PD who has trained investigators would respond and pick up the toxic waste as Brantley County may not have a person certified to do this type of work, but with the partnership, everyone would work together to see that it is handled. Director Keenan stated the GBI would handle the areas that do not have anyone to respond.

Director Tim Bearden, Georgia Public Safety Training Center, began by stating almost three years ago, he began speaking to the BPS that one of the GPSTC’s big goals was to get the training center back to the specialized mainstream as there would be a lot of extra training out of the academy in Forsyth and as of last week, the GPSTC opened up the new basic training facility in Bibb County at Middle Georgia State College at their Health and Awareness Building which is a large facility and the GPSTC is now back to advanced and specialized training at the GPSTC. Director Bearden stated the GPSTC has more room; more classrooms available for advanced and specialized training and the firearms facility will do more advanced and specialized training. Director Bearden advised the new training facility in Columbia County is near completion and will move basic training the week of the 25th to this facility. Director Bearden advised GPSTC spent $300,000.00 bonds on the facility which is nowhere near what Columbia County has spent on the training facility and the new high speed track and cone course project which will begin soon. Director Bearden stated the GPSTC will have another high speed track, cone course, skid pad for doing basic training in that area of the state, which will allow the GPSTC to do more advanced and specialized driving training at the GPSTC. Director Bearden stated there have been too many accidents involving law enforcement officers with too many injuries and too many fatalities and this is our way to start working to get those numbers down. Director Bearden
stated the GPSTC has had a great partnership with Bibb County, Middle Georgia College, Columbia County Sheriff, and Cherokee County.

Director Bearden stated they went and visited the Daniel Defense facility, shot some of their weapons and Daniel Defense plans to donate six weapons to the GPSTC and GPSTC will probably buy six more weapons.

Director Bearden stated they have set up training for situational awareness for DFACS and thanked the GBI, GSP, and DOC for their help with the training.

Director Bearden stated the GPSTC did a crash test with a motorcycle yesterday and reminded the BPS members that a year ago the GPSTC did a crash test with two vehicles. Director Bearden added the test will be on the website in the next day or so and that no one else in the country is doing this and is very proud of the work from the traffic guys at the GPSTC and GSP; the students were very impressed with the training.

Director Bearden advised the active shooter shoot house site has been cleared and hopes to have the bids out on this project soon. Director Bearden stated they had their last meeting on the Fire Protection Lab yesterday and hopefully those bids will go out soon, and the props in the Industrial Fire Complex are out to bid to be replaced and updated. Director Bearden advised the Mock Village is getting prepped for a face lift.

Director Bearden presented criteria changes for the Governor’s Public Safety Awards Program for approval. Director Bearden noted it will be a strictly on line process to submit nominations and will have to have a letter of support from the agency head, state wide association or state wide board and added the nominee should have a minimum of 25 years of service and be someone who has made a significant contribution to the betterment of their profession.

Mr. Danny Bryant made the motion to approve the changes in regards to selection criteria submitted for the Governor’s Public Safety Awards Program. This was seconded by Sheriff Joey Terrell and voted approved by the BPS members.

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

Dining Room Table and Secretary Chair    $898.00    Farmers Furniture Store
Car Cleaning Products    $2,000.00    Pep Boys Distribution Center
One LWRC Patrol Rifle,  One Apple I-phone and One XPR4550 Radio $2,600.00    Braselton Police Department
One Stalker DSR2X Radar  $3,012.50 Canton Police Department

Personal Safety Equipment for State Law Enforcement Personnel  $35,000.00 The Coca-Cola Company

One Kustom Signals Golden Eagle IIEX Radar  $2,559.00 Liberty County Sheriff’s Dept.

Two Kustom Pro Lasers  $4,918.00 Carrollton Police Dept.

One Stalker DSR2X Package Fast Lock Radar  $3,052.62 City of Dahlonega

Re-certification Fees for 46 Troopers to Attend the National Child Passenger Safety Certification Course  $3,910.00 Atlanta Fire Rescue Dept.

The motion to accept these donations was made by Chief Mark Revenew, which was seconded by Sheriff Joey Terrell, and voted approved by the Board members.

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

Canon EF 75-300mm Telephoto  $1,451.80 Lanier County Sheriff’s Dept.
Zoom Lens Kits x 8 and Transcend 32 GB Flash Memory Cards x 10

The motion to accept these donations was made by Retired Sheriff Steve Cronic, which seconded by Mr. Kacy K. Cronan, and voted approved by the Board members.

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

Monetary Donation  $1,000.00 Atlanta Gas Light Charity Fund

The motion to accept this donation was made by Sheriff Joey Terrell, which was seconded by Chief Craig Tully, and voted approved by the Board members.

FISCAL REPORTS
Mr. Peter Adams, Comptroller, Department of Public Safety presented the DPS fiscal report stating the DPS finished the fiscal year with a surplus of $780.31.
Mr. Dan Kirk, Assistant Director, Georgia Bureau of Investigation presented the GBI fiscal report stating the GBI ended the fiscal year with a surplus of $48,554.00, which was 0.05% of the budget remaining.

Mrs. Cindy Franklin, Comptroller, Georgia Public Safety Training Center presented the GPSTC fiscal report stating the GPSTC closed out the fiscal year with a surplus of $15,912.95.

Mr. Dan Kirk, Assistant Director, Georgia Bureau of Investigation presented a Resolution asking the Board of Public Safety to request the State Properties Commission to surplus approximately .21 acre of real property which is a parcel track of the 7.522 acres located in Cleveland, White County, Georgia, known as the Georgia Bureau of Investigation Northeastern Regional Crime Lab.

Mr. Lester Rampy, Jr., made the motion for the Board of Public Safety to approve the surplus of the above real property from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation to the State of Georgia. Furthermore, the Board of Public Safety hereby request that the State Properties Commission prepare and process appropriate documents reflecting the surplus of the property. This motion was seconded by Mr. Kacy K. Cronan and voted approved by the BPS members.

Ms. Christina D. Calloway, Legal Department of the Department of Public Safety presented the Georgia Department of Public Safety Proposed Revisions to Rule 570-1 Rules of General Applicability for initial adoption.

Mr. Lester Rampy, Jr., made the motion to adopt the initial proposed revision of Rule 570-1 Rules of General Applicability, which was seconded by Sheriff Joey Terrell and voted approved by the BPS members.

Ms. Calloway also presented Proposed Revisions to Rule 570-4 Firearms Dealers License for initial adoption.

Mr. Lester Rampy, Jr., made the motion to adopt the initial proposed revisions of Rule 570-4 Firearms Dealers License, which was seconded by Chief Mark Revenew and voted approved by the BPS members.

Chief Craig Tully made a motion to prepare and present retired Major C. E. Grier with a Resolution, thanking him for his service to the state. This was seconded by retired Sheriff Steve Cronic and voted approved by the BPS members.

Mr. Danny Bryant made a motion to adjourn the Board of Public Safety meeting and go into the Georgia Crime Information Center Council, which was seconded by Mr. Kacy K. Cronan and approved by the Board members.
GEORGIA CRIME INFORMATION CENTER COUNCIL

GBI Assistant Director Dan Kirk presented the FY2014 CJIS Security Violations Report for the Georgia Crime Information Center which involves unauthorized access and dissemination of criminal justice information. Mr. Kirk noted there were 15 violations reported during FY2014 and presented the request for approval of actions taken to resolve security policy violations for FY2014 to the BPS members for their approval.

Chief Danny D. Bowman made the motion to accept the GCIC’s recommendation; which was seconded by Sheriff Joey Terrell and voted approved by the Board members.

Mr. Brian Rickman noted with GCIC and the time spent on the accuracy of the criminal history records information and criminal justice reform in particular with the people graduating from accountability courses. Mr. Rickman stated his office spends tons of time looking at expungement requests and restrictions and stated what he is finding is he may spend an hour with an individual who says they were turned down for a job and what he is seeing is that most of the private sector is going through the private databases of private companies who collect the information, so the accuracy of GCIC is good for law enforcement but not for employment. Mr. Rickman stated he spends a lot of time explaining the criminal history record is not from the GBI, but from a private company.

Director Keenan stated the issue is that GCIC updates its records daily and if someone gets a dated GCIC database it is outdated the hour they get it as everything changes and the transgressions are occurring as Mr. Rickman said, it is not within the GCIC records as they are updated hourly. Director Keenan noted the private company can have a database that may be two years old, the GBI has a program within the GBI where the GBI has people whose job it is to go out and look at records where there is an open arrest, there is no disclosure of what the outcome of the case was, go out and do research at courthouses, district attorneys’ offices, pull down the records and update the GCIC system. Director Keenan stated there are many things going on at the same time, the GBI is working with the program, prosecutors are updating the records and an ongoing training program for the last three years to update and have accurate records. Director Keenan declared it is always important to remember the GCIC and the criminal history record system was developed for criminal justice. Director Keenan added the criminal history record system is law enforcement records and prosecutor records and it has only been in the past decade that the importance of having criminal history record checks for licensing purposes and for many private employment areas have come into play. Director Keenan stated this fostered the industry of making money of selling criminal history records for a manner of reasons and when the criminal history record does not come through the state, the records very well are inaccurate. Director Keenan stated he believes the answer to this is probably going to be to have civil penalties for private companies who provide a criminal history record to the detriment of an employee and the record is inaccurate and outdated. Director Keenan added this is an ongoing program, and run into this problem all the time.

Sheriff Joey Terrell stated they have been dealing with House Bill 386, that restricts information for victims of Temporary Protection Orders where they do not have to put the DOB so the clerk enters this information into the GCIC and it is kicked back because without the DOB information it cannot be
inputted. Sheriff Terrell expressed he did not want the Sheriff’s office to be gigged in the GCIC audit because he did not input the proper information in the protective order, the senate passed this law and nobody did their homework to find out what it did to the rest of the system. Sheriff Terrell shared if you run the TPO it does not tell who the victim is as it will not take the victim’s name without the DOB. Director Keenan advised the GBI is working through the issues and will see that the Sheriff’s Office does not get zapped at their GCIC audit. Director Keenan stated this is what happens when the legislature passes a law and does not talk with all the parties who may be affected by it.

Sheriff Joey Terrell made a motion to go back into the Board of Public Safety meeting, which was seconded by retired Sheriff Steve Cronic and voted approved by the Board members.

Vice-Chairman Wood advised the BPS will not have a planned meeting in September unless something comes up, and stated the October BPS meeting will be in Richmond Hill. Vice-Chairman Wood advised those that can attend will meet at the GA Port Authority on Wednesday at noon and have lunch and a tour of the port and then Chief Revenew will host the group at the Mighty Eight Air Force Museum in Pooler for a private tour and then go to the hotel in Richmond Hill. Dinner will be hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Danny Bryant at their restaurant in Richmond Hill. On Thursday, Mr. and Mrs. Bryant will host the BPS at the Richmond Hill High School.

Vice-Chairman Wood thanked former BPS member, Judge Rooney Bowen and former Board member Jerry Willis for their presence today.

Sheriff Joey Terrell thanked Commissioner McDonough for arranging the ALERT Training for the Habersham County Sheriff’s officers. Sheriff Terrell stated the training was done at the high school which was excellent training with excellent instructors, had fun and learned a lot.

Commissioner McDonough advised Major Gene Davis, MCCD will be retiring October 1, 2014 and noted with Major Davis’ leadership, in three years, the MCCD has been completely integrated into the DPS, from firearms instructors, to training, to MFF, to long guns, to ALERT training, for the Honor Guard, their incorporation under Major Davis’ leadership is like nothing that has ever been before. Commissioner McDonough stated in three years’ time, Major Davis has increased MCCD manpower by over 25%, specifically focusing on the coast and what will come up with deepening of the port; he has taken the scale houses from a 30% opening to almost 70% statewide.

Vice-Chairman Wood welcomed Houston County Sheriff Talton.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.