

BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY
December 08, 2011
Georgia Bureau of Investigation Crime Lab

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Wayne Abernathy
Mr. Rooney L. Bowen, III
Chief Jon Canada
Mr. Kacy K. Cronan
Sheriff Steven D. Cronic
Chief Louis M. Dekmar-via conference call
Mr. Patrick H. Head
Mr. C. Murray Kight
Sheriff Dane Kirby
Commissioner Brian Owens
Mr. Lester L. Rampy, Jr.
Sheriff H. Cullen Talton
Mr. Ellison G. Wood

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Daniel M. Bryant

OTHERS:

Mr. Joe Drolet, Senior Assistant Attorney General
Ms. Cheryl L. Buie, Board Liaison
Colonel Mark W. McDonough, Commissioner, Department of Public Safety
Lt. Colonel Russell D. Powell, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Public Safety
Major Eddie Grier, Department of Public Safety, Georgia State Patrol
Major Hank Fielding, Department of Public Safety, Georgia State Patrol
Major H. Wayne Beck, Department of Public Safety, MCCD
Captain Allen Marlowe, Department of Public Safety, GSP
SFC Shawn Tucker, Department of Public Safety, GSP
Mr. Joe Hood, Comptroller, Department of Public Safety
Mr. Dan Brown, CIO, Department of Public Safety
Mr. Vernon Keenan, Director, Georgia Bureau of Investigation
Mr. Dan Kirk, Assistant Director, Georgia Bureau of Investigation
Ms. Lisa Urich, Fiscal Officer, Georgia Bureau of Investigation
Mr. Neil Gerstenberger, Assistant Deputy Director-GCIC, Georgia Bureau of Investigation
Mr. Jon Paget, Chief of Facilities, Georgia Bureau of Investigation
Dr. George Herrin, Deputy Director, Georgia Bureau of Investigation Crime Lab
Ms. Natalie Ammons, Georgia Bureau of Investigation
Mr. Tim Bearden, Director, Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Mr. W. H. "Bill" Bryant, Jr., Deputy Director, Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Ms. Patrice Kerner, Deputy Director, Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Mrs. Sharla Shockley, Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Colonel Rueben McGhee, Houston County SO
Deputy Matthew Kirby, Fannin County SO
Mr. Kenneth Mantle, Department of Corrections

Ms. Kendra Mitchell

Mrs. Allison Bowen

Mrs. Rachel Kight

Vice-Chairman Ellis Wood called the December Board of Public Safety meeting to order. Vice-Chairman Wood called on GBI Assistant Director Dan Kirk to give the invocation and prayer. After the invocation, Mr. Kirk led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Dan Kirk welcomed everyone to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation Crime Lab Annex. Mr. Kirk introduced Dr. George Herrin, Deputy Director for the GBI Crime Lab to come forward and give a little background on the Crime Lab Annex. Dr. Herrin began by stating that the GBI moved into the Crime Lab Annex in 2003. Dr. Herrin stated there are four functions in the Crime Lab; the laboratory administration (Dr. Herrin's immediate staff), the medical examiner's headquarters, upstairs on the first floor is the chemistry-drug ID department and then above that is toxicology, where post mortem and DUI toxicology are performed. Dr. Herrin added that the room everyone is in now is the only training room in the state for the GBI. Dr. Herrin stated the GBI has upgraded its video conference capabilities so that the GBI can communicate and train people across the state in the regional labs without having to spend a lot of time driving back and forth. Dr. Herrin added that yesterday there were two separate training sessions in this room using the new equipment. Dr. Herrin offered a quick tour of the building after the BPS meeting.

Vice-Chairman Wood asked everyone present to introduce themselves.

Vice-Chairman Wood called for approval of the November minutes. Mr. Wayne Abernathy made the motion to accept, which was seconded by Sheriff Steve Cronic and voted approved by the Board members.

DIRECT REPORTS

Commissioner Mark W. McDonough, Department of Public Safety began by wishing everyone Merry Christmas. Commissioner McDonough spoke about what the commanding officer of the GSP has been concentrating on which has been vehicle stops over the Thanksgiving holiday. Commissioner McDonough added that there has been a lot in the news about quotas, we have heard a lot in the news about audits and quotas and that is not the direction that DPS will ever take and when we look at what a trooper does and what measures the trooper's performance nothing better points this out than when the trooper is stopping vehicles. Commissioner McDonough stated that Major Grier is a very common sense person so it is a very common sense approach to stop vehicles. Commissioner McDonough added that Major Grier is not telling them to write citations, not telling them to write warnings, as this is at the discretion of the peace officer and the interaction between the officer and citizen.

Commissioner McDonough stated this past Thanksgiving, Troop A troopers stopped over 3,000 vehicles. Commissioner McDonough added there were 15 fatalities and of the 15 fatalities, three of them were pedestrian fatalities, once instance in Burke County was an illegal drag racing where one of the persons that was drag racing, lost control of the vehicle and ran over a 26 and 15 year old bystander

who was watching the drag race. The other pedestrian was someone who decided they were going to cross the interstate on foot and were killed. Four of the fatalities were on motorcycles, but only one of the 15 was actually DUI related. Commissioner McDonough stated this was a difficult weekend but with some of the pedestrian fatalities removed; it was below the average for the last year. Commissioner McDonough advised for the Christmas and New Year's Day holiday, the same thing will occur, troopers have been asked to concentrate on vehicle stops, visibility and DUI enforcement.

Commissioner McDonough advised that the 89th trooper school has moved through the crash investigation phase and cadets will take the final test tomorrow. Usually at each portion of training the instructors get together and wonder how many they think will be lost out of this phase. The conventional wisdom is that they are concerned about a few of them, but for the most part they think the cadets will do fine. Commissioner McDonough advised there are 50 cadets after starting with 58 cadets which is very good considering the past. Commissioner McDonough stated the cadets will move into the next phase on Sunday with driver training which traditionally the department does lose a few cadets during driver training.

Commissioner McDonough stated there are some personnel shifts that are occurring; one being Dan Brown who is moving to the Department of Agriculture and owes a personal thanks to Dan. Commissioner McDonough added that Dan Brown was instrumental in changing DPS from a filing cabinet agency into the computer age, both in the automobiles and in the way the Department does business. Commissioner McDonough personally thanked Dan Brown for his hard work stating that sometimes it takes that extra push and that is what Dan did and got the job done. Commissioner McDonough stated his next personal thank you is for Bill Bryant. Commissioner McDonough told members that most of them are used to seeing Bill Bryant in a blue shirt and today when he said the GPSTC it was very difficult coming off his lips when he said it, it was kind of broken up but he got it out. Commissioner McDonough went on to add that Bill gave 26 years of his professional life to the GSP and he was recruited essentially as a young police officer by Colonel Hitchens. Bill Bryant has been one of those people who gets it done and thinks that the Director of the GPSTC will see he has a man of action that now works for him. Bill is the type of person who will take on more responsibility, he never moves away from it; in fact when he was asked to be the Troop H Commander he asked if he could still be the Commander of SWAT and Colonel Hitchens allowed Bill to maintain both positions as he is a person that has impeccable character and he also works well under stress. Commissioner McDonough told Director Bearden he will find that Bill will not falter when it gets tough. Commissioner McDonough thanked Bill for his many years of service with the GSP and owes him a debt and wishes him the best in the future.

Commissioner McDonough stated that DPS has been in the hiring mode, not only with the radio operators but also weight inspectors and now with what we are doing with trooper schools, this has caused a bottleneck with the polygraphist and thanked Director Keenan and Assistant Director Kirk of the GBI for their willingness to help eliminate that bottleneck in the DPS hiring process.

Commissioner McDonough thanked two Board members, Chief Jon Canada and Mr. Kacy Cronan who have worked behind the scenes in Gainesville to help secure a temporary use agreement and hopefully a final MOU for the use of the hanger facility at the airport.

Mr. Rooney L. Bowen, III reflected on his trip to Tallahassee with Dan Brown when the DPS began talking about the CAD system and looking at the system of the Florida Highway Patrol. Mr. Bowen remarked that the DPS would not be where we are today without Dan Brown and this program and thinks the CAD system is not only a great tool for troopers beside the road but a great tool that we can measure some of the issues that come up as we have data now to measure with.

Director Vernon Keenan, Georgia Bureau of Investigation welcomed the Board members to the GBI Headquarters. Director Keenan stated the morgue where the autopsies are done is a separate free standing facility which is a great improvement over the way it was before 2006 where we would be having a meeting in our headquarters over here and they would be doing autopsies on the decomposed bodies down in the basement directly below us and sometimes the air return system would affect the meeting. Director Keenan stated that the medical examiners perform 3,000 autopsies a year; most of them are performed at this headquarters facility, but also perform autopsies in Savannah, Augusta and Macon. Director Keenan stated he would be having a meeting in his office with big picture windows and there would be a fleet of hearses periodically coming through the parking lot to deliver bodies to the crime lab annex. Director Keenan stated the main facility and the entrance to the headquarters facility has armed security guards as there are people who come into the GBI to argue a point or to check if they are wanted after being told they are and they want to verify that they are wanted so they come in and the GBI runs their criminal history and yes they are wanted and they are then arrested. Director Keenan stated being at GBI can be interesting.

Director Keenan stated he wanted to talk with the BPS members about missing children and at this time the GBI is in the process of working a missing and then murdered child in Canton, GA. Director Keenan stated he wanted the BPS members to understand what is involved when a child is missing and many times it is not clear to law enforcement what the situation is when there is a report of a missing child. Director Keenan stated that most of the time when a parent or care giver reports to police that a child is missing it is a situation where the child has wandered off somewhere or that they did not come home at a specified time. So law enforcement then has a mystery if the child has wandered away, has failed to come back, has run away or are they abducted and in danger. Director Keenan stated law enforcement wished it was clear in the beginning but it is not and law enforcement wrestles with how to handle this. Director Keenan stated there are different programs that law enforcement can use, different tools that can be applied as they try to determine if this is a runaway, missing child endangered or what the situation is. Director Keenan stated that when there is a report of a missing child, a law enforcement agency in Georgia has the availability of employing A Child is Missing which is a non-profit group out of Florida that has the capability of sending out a thousand telephone calls in less than a minute. A police officer on the scene can contact A Child is Missing and tell them the circumstances they are dealing with and A Child is Missing will then help the officer designate the area where the telephone calls need to be placed. Every telephone in that designated area, it may be a 5 block area or a 5 mile area will receive a recorded telephone call something to the effect that this is

the Hall County Sheriff's Department; we are looking for a 5 year old boy who is missing from a particular address. He was last seen wearing blue jeans and red shirt. Please check the out buildings of your residence and your vehicle; if you have any contact with this child contact 911. Director Keenan stated there has been great success with this and many children have been recovered who have wandered off because the child will be two blocks away and a neighbor getting that call will go outside and look around and there will be the child sitting on the curb or underneath the tree crying. Director Keenan stated that a Child is Missing is a successful technique.

Another program that the GBI administers on behalf of the State of Georgia is Levi's Call which is an amber alert system and this is when a child has been abducted and the real value comes in when a tag number is available when a vehicle is involved. When the amber alert is activated it interrupts paid programming on TV and radio and goes out through the emergency alert system. Director Keenan added this is a voluntary program that GBI has with the GA Broadcasters Association. The Broadcasters Association will only interrupt programming after a strict criteria has been followed through by the GBI. When a local agency has an abduction of a child they contact the GBI Communications Center and GBI has a list of questions that are asked to make it necessary for us to make a decision as to whether the criteria is met. The law enforcement agency requesting the Levi's Call/Amber alert, has to enter the child into the NCIC, they have to have a reason to believe there is an abduction and hopefully will have the description of the child and the vehicle tag. If this meets the criteria then the GBI automatically notifies the GA Broadcasters Association and the paid programming is interrupted with the alert. While all of this is happening, the GBI is dispatching an agent to the local law enforcement agency who is making the request to make sure they are prepared to deal with what comes out of this. Director Keenan stated that one of the first amber alerts that was issued was for a child that was abducted out of Oconee County and spoke with the Oconee County Sheriff and he said that he was in the detective's office and knew when the amber alert went out because he is sitting there and simultaneously every telephone in the investigator's office came alive as this is when the public became aware of the alert. Director Keenan stated they have had great success with the amber alert and one of the things that we have learned is that when the public is involved and they are interested they are a tremendous resource. With the exception of one instance, every amber alert that we have activated where there was an actual abduction the child has been recovered due to the public's help. The public has spotted the suspect's vehicle either moving on the road and one instance it was located at a motel parking lot where the abductor had carried the child, they reported it, the law enforcement responded and recovered the child. The only time that we were not able to do this was because the child was already dead.

The third tier program that operates is the one that was used in Canton and it is CART-Child Abduction Response Team. Director Keenan explained that this is a program that was developed out of the state of Florida when there was a missing teenager-15 yr old girl that was reported missing. Law enforcement both local and state mishandled that report and made a lot of mistakes and as it turned out the child had been abducted and murdered. The lesson that the state of Florida learned from this is that when you have a missing child, foul play suspected that you must have a dedicated team that is trained and has gone through practical exercises and you respond with that team as there is much work to be done. The state of Georgia adopted the CART program, modifying it from what other states do. In

Georgia the CART was set-up based around all of the state public safety agencies plus GEMA that have command staff that are trained. When CART in GA responds we bring in key command staff from agencies such as GSP, Pardons and Parole, Department of Corrections, Department of Natural Resources, GEMA and GBI. Each of these state agencies has their own core responsibilities that they do day to day and we bring in these personnel who has their day to day expertise, the command staff has been trained in CART but it is not necessary to train every state trooper in the state on how to do a road check, how to set up a perimeter, how to make a tactical response because they do this every day, just like the GBI, our job is criminal investigations. DNR are experts in doing ground searches and DOC handles probationers every day and they know how to locate and interview sex offenders and conduct searches in residences, the same with Pardons and Parole. Director Keenan explained CART is only activated after local law enforcement calls and says they have a missing child, foul play suspected and they request state resources. By executive order, when the state responds to a request like this, we do it in unified fashion. The state responds with overwhelming force with people who know what they are doing as this is their mission. Director Keenan stated when Canton PD called on Sunday night, that they had a missing child, foul play suspected, the GBI sent agents and supervisors to the scene to find out what is going on and what has been done, after this a determination is made whether to bring in CART. On Monday morning at 0700 hours, 50 plus state officers rolled into the area; GSP, DNR, PAP, GBI, DOC and GEMA. This is 50 plus people who know their jobs and can begin to deploy the resources and when CART hits the ground, in five hours the body is located. The key to this plan is that this is a great resource that the state offers and we have some requirements for CART. Number one is that all the agencies at the local level are going to work together. CART sets up a unified command post where the state agencies and the local police department and sheriff's department command staff and the investigation is controlled through a unified command. We began to collect every piece of information coming in on the critical incident and the key to success is being able to manage the information and know what has and has not been done. Director Keenan stated the CART in Canton was the second time CART had been activated and spoke about the earlier case. Director Keenan stated this is a typical dilemma that local law enforcement agencies face. There was a family that had stopped on the side of the road and they are panning for gold and have a toddler with them, a female 4 or 5 years of age, they turn around and the little girl is gone. Now they wonder if the child has wandered off or has someone come down the road and saw the unattended child and snatched the child into a car. Now the local law enforcement has to decide how to handle the missing child. In this instance, they immediately started a search and could not find the child in the area where the family was at so they asked for CART to be activated and the teams were sent up to the scene and as CART was deploying at the scene, the little girl came walking out of the woods, she had gotten lost and found her way back out of the woods. Director Keenan stated law enforcement has to make a decision very quickly deciding if foul play is involved or strictly a search process, these are not always easy decisions to be made. Mr. Dan Kirk added that while sitting in this meeting, he and Lt. Colonel Powell were receiving messages on their blackberry in regards to a possible CART activation in the state. The message goes out to all the different state agencies simultaneously. Director Keenan related that it appears this incident is of a 10 year old child that has called 911 and said they were at the bus stop and a van pulled up and pulled in a young boy and drove off and that the driver of the van was wearing a mask; this is what the police department has. Director Keenan stated the police department and sheriff's department is responding and going to every school to determine who the missing child

is. This may turn out not to be an abduction but if it is determined to be an abduction CART will be activated. Director Keenan stated when a child is abducted they have a life span of 60-90 minutes so that is why it is so important for law enforcement to respond and bring in every resource available. Mr. Rooney L. Bowen, III asked Director Keenan if this last CART activation was a successful operation which resulted in arresting the suspect through CART, Director Keenan replied that it was successful to this point, as tremendous resources have been deployed by the city and the county, but CART comes in with the training and organization to say that within the next few hours we are going to do certain things. First, we identified every sex offender in the area, in this case there were three that lived in the apartment complex, the PD and the SO had already spoken with the sex offenders, CART goes and insists that they be interviewed again. Director Keenan stated that they ensured that every dumpster has been searched, we are going to ensure everyone in the immediate area of the apartment where the child was last seen, the occupants are identified and they are interviewed. We will ensure that road checks are set up so that everyone that is coming through that particular area is stopped and asked if they have seen anything suspicious. All of this is going on simultaneously and the information being collected is being sent in to a central point to be analyzed. In this instance, a company had come and got a dumpster and was leaving from the scene and the GSP had a road block set up and would not let the dumpster go through until the GBI said they could leave and this is where the body was found. Mr. Wayne Abernathy asked Director Keenan if there is a special fund for CART. Director Keenan advised that the agencies volunteer and believes that Georgia has the right approach in that we do not try to train 50 plus state officers in doing things that they are already trained in and know what to do, the key is having the staff report to the scene. Director Keenan added that when the involved agencies report, they know exactly what they are going to be doing.

Director Tim Bearden, GPSTC began his report by stating his first month had been interesting since taking over the GPSTC but good progress is being made and he is enjoying the job even though it is a challenge; he is looking forward to the challenge. Director Bearden advised the BPS members that the work on the high speed track at the facility has been completed. All the spray fields at the facility are now complete and waiting on EPD for their final inspection. Director Bearden thanked Commissioner Owens for his assistance with the spray fields. In regards to the roof replacement, GPSTC is waiting for the finalization of the contracts to be signed, the company doing the repairs will mobilize in January and work will begin in February, hopefully in the very near future, the roof problem will be taken care and then will work to replace the floors and carpet damaged from the leaking roof.

Director Bearden spoke about the Public Safety Memorial Awards that takes place in May of each year and advised there will be a noticeable difference at the Memorial. Director Bearden stated a major cleanup effort is ongoing, working with a local high school on a landscape design to make this area very nice for upcoming event in May.

Director Bearden reminded the BPS members that on Tuesday, December 13th at 2:15 pm the Governor's Public Safety Awards will be held at the north wing at the Capitol. Director Bearden stated he had extended an invitation to all the resident agencies at the GPSTC to take part in the awards program and wanted everyone to know that all agencies are working together at the GPSTC and appreciates all the help from the agencies on making this happen.

Director Bearden introduced two new employees; Mrs. Sharla Shockley, Executive Assistant, who had previously served in the legislative branch for 16 years. Director Bearden added that on Monday, he accepted the resignation of Dr. Butch Beach and appreciates his service to the community and to the state for all the work he has done for law enforcement and in training. Director Bearden introduced Mr. W. H. "Bill" Bryant, Jr. as the new Deputy Director of Training for GPSTC, who had previously served for 26 years with the GSP, serving as Troop H Commander and SWAT Commander.

Mr. Bryant commented he had a huge learning curve, not the least which is wardrobe. All of his adult life, when getting ready to go to work, he had to decide if he was to wear the blue shirt or the blue shirt; old habits die hard. Mr. Bryant stated that he appreciates the comments of Colonel McDonough and the confidence Director Bearden is showing in him and pledges to be worthy of that confidence.

Director Bearden wished everyone Merry Christmas and a Safe New Year and thanked everyone for helping him out this past month.

DONATIONS

Mr. Joe Hood, Department of Public Safety requested approval of the following donations:

Fuel	\$ 2,240.00	Terrell County Sheriff's Office
Fuel	\$ 2,240.00	Webster County Sheriff's Office
Fuel	\$ 2,240.00	Marion County Sheriff's Office
Fuel	\$ 2,240.00	Schley County Sheriff's Office
Fuel	\$ 2,240.00	Ellaville Police Department
17 Bar Code Readers	\$ 7,293.00	Grady Co. Board of Commissioners
Fuel	\$ 1,200.00	Burke County Sheriff's Office
50 Bayco Flashlights	\$ 2,000.00	GOHS(Governor's Challenge Award)
Fuel	\$ 2,677.50	Macon Police Department
Fuel	\$ 2,100.00	Poulan Police Department
Fuel	\$ 1,232.00	Smithville Police Department
2010 Ford Explorer	\$22,967.00	GA Dept of Defense
Fuel	\$ 2,100.00	Warwick Police Department
1 Stalker DSR2X Radar	\$ 3,000.00	Nashville Police Department

The motion for these donations was made by Sheriff Steve Cronic; seconded by Mr. Lester L. Rampy, Jr. and voted approved by the Board members.

Ms. Lisa Urich, Georgia Bureau of Investigation requested approval of the following donations:

2 Sky Web Premium Hosted Devices	\$ 1,056.00	Albany-Dougherty Drug Unit
2 Sky Web Premium Hosted Pro Seats	\$ 1,692.00	
11 Magnum Tactical x26 Vest Holsters	\$ 621.50	

1 ST820TK Battery Pack	\$ 200.00
3 Canon 70-300mm USM Telephoto Zoom Lens	\$ 1,726.95
3 Sony-DCR-5x85/s 16GB	\$ 892/38
Flash Memory Camcorders	
11 Camcorder Micro DV VEHO-Pro	\$ 1,309.00
2 Vara Com Convert System Pole Mount Video	\$ 6,000.00
1 ST820TK Guardian CDMA Kit Verizon	<u>\$ 2,697.50</u>
Total Donation	\$16,195.33

The motion was made by Sheriff H. Cullen Talton; seconded by Mr. Lester L. Rampy, Jr. and voted approved by the Board members.

Dr. George Herrin, Georgia Bureau of Investigation Crime Lab gave an update on the Crime Lab. Dr. Herrin stated that the Moultrie Lab has reopened with serology, drug chemistry and should be fully functional and will start DNA training with three scientists next spring. Dr. Herrin stated with the funding that the legislature gave the GBI, a drug chemist was hired for the Columbus Lab and is doing cases and are in the final stages of training the other firearms chemist for that laboratory. The back log in the lab is hovering around 8,000 and 8,500 and is primarily due to the training going on at this time. Dr. Herrin stated for the last three days, the lab has been working 18 hour days working on the Canton case.

Dr. Herrin spoke to the BPS members about the state replacing the intoxilyzers that are used by local agencies and GSP for breath alcohol testing. The instrument that is currently being used was approved in 1995 which still works but a little bit like when you have a car and the car gets to where it needs to be replaced. Dr. Herrin stated the GBI has to look at extensive validation tests which will begin next month to look at three new instruments with the price range on the instruments being from \$8,000.00 to \$10,000.00 a piece depending on the options that the GBI looks at. The roll out for the new intoxilyzers will not begin until 2014 and at this time there are about 500 intoxilyzers deployed in the state of Georgia. About 100 of them will have to be replaced in 2014, as they are so old that there are not any replacement parts for them anymore. If any of these agencies break down while we are in the interim while doing the validations and training, we will work with them to see what can be done. By the end of 2015, the GBI hopes to have all the agencies upgraded to the new instrument. Dr. Herrin advised that this would be on the local agency's budget and not GBI instruments. The GBI will be sending out a document detailing to counties and agencies why the GBI is doing this. Mr. Patrick Head asked Dr. Herring if the new instrument would do anything different that what the current instrument does. Dr. Herrin related that the new instrument has some improved quality controls which are challenged in the courts and will have network connectivity which will allow the troopers to connect to the instrument over the internet instead of the troopers having to go around and gather the data, grab the data and actually do a lot better quality assurance inside the lab, which is something that the GBI needs to be doing and there are a lot of things that needs to be done for quality assurance standpoint in the breath testing program which does not invalidate what we are doing but would definitely improve the ability of the prosecutors around the state to present the evidence to the court. Dr. Herrin added that by 2015, the current 5000 instruments will basically be phased out by the end of

2015. Dr. Herrin related there are about 20 instruments at the GPSTC that will have to be replaced and he has spoken to the GOHS and the initial response was not very promising but will continue to work this avenue a little bit to see if there might be a grant program available that will allow agencies to get these instruments as they are needed.

Mr. Rooney L. Bowen III asked Dr. Herrin what type of new training would be proposed for the new instruments. Dr. Herrin stated that the training would be a half day to a whole day and will depend on which instrument is selected as they are evaluating three leased instruments. Dr. Herrin added that Chris Tilson who has been managing this program is doing a very, very detailed document of exactly what we will be looking at on each instrument to see that we choose the best instrument. Dr. Herrin added that during mid 2014 and 2015 some agencies will still have the 5000 instrument that we are currently using and have been for 16 years but it will not really matter as Rule 92-3 the Implied Consent Rule will have to be changed and will do this once an instrument has been chosen.

Mr. Jon Paget, Chief of Facilities and Support Operations for the GBI came before the BPS members with a Resolution to recommend that the State Properties Commission grant a Revocable License to Georgia Power Company (Georgia Power) to install and operate a 115kV Transmission Line at the Coastal Regional Crime Lab, Savannah Regional Drug Office, and the Bomb Truck Garage in Savannah, Georgia (identified by Georgia Power as Parcels 177 and 178), and seek approval from the State of Georgia Legislature to grant a permanent easement to Georgia Power Company in the same areas to operate and maintain this transmission line.

Mr. Rooney L. Bowen, III made a motion for the Board of Public Safety to recommend that the State Properties Commission grant the requested Revocable License to Georgia Power for the installation and operation of the 115kV Transmission Line at the Georgia Bureau of Investigation's Savannah properties on Mohawk Street, and seek approval in the 2012 General Assembly of the Permanent Easement to maintain and operate the line in the same area. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wayne Abernathy and voted approved by the Board members.

Mr. Lee O'Brien, Department of Public Safety came before the BPS members requesting authorization for the Department of Public Safety to seek the transfer of custody of real property known as Building 12 located at 935 East Confederate Avenue, S.E. in the City of Atlanta, which is property in the custody of the Georgia Department of Defense, to the Georgia Department of Public Safety.

Mr. C. Murray Kight made a motion to authorize the Commissioner of Public Safety to request the Governor of the State of Georgia to issue an Executive Order transferring such property known as Building 12 located at 935 East Confederate Avenue, S.E., in the City of Atlanta to the custody and control of the Georgia Department of Public Safety. This motion was seconded by Chief Jon Canada and voted approved by the Board members.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Vice-Chairman Wood called on Mr. Joe Drolet to brief the BPS members on filing their personal financial disclosure statements.

Mr. Drolet referred to the personal Financial Disclosure Statement handout that was presented to the BPS members and told them all the information they needed was included. Mr. Drolet added that people who served on Boards prior to this year had to file a Personal Financial Disclosure Statement and the one for 2010 should have been filed by July 1, 2011. The law changed this year and now Board members will be required to electronically file an annual Affidavit confirming that such individuals have taken no official action which had a material effect on such public officer's private financial or business interests in the previous calendar year and should be submitted before January 31 of each year.

Vice-Chairman Wood asked the Board members to keep Mr. Danny Bryant and Mr. Lester Rampy, Jr. in their thoughts and prayers due to illnesses.

Vice-Chairman Wood thanked Dr. Herrin, Assistant Director Dan Kirk and Director Vernon Keenan for hosting the BPS meeting today.

Vice-Chairman Wood reminded the BPS members that the January 12th, 2012 BPS meeting would be held at the DOC Board Room and thanked DOC Commissioner Owens for all that he does for the BPS and all the other agencies in the state. Vice-Chairman Wood added that Resolutions would be presented at the January meeting.

Vice-Chairman Wood reminded the BPS members of the Governor's Public Safety Awards at the Capitol on Tuesday, December 13th at 2:15 p.m.

Vice-Chairman Wood thanked everyone for their service and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and hopes everyone has a healthy Jesus focused Christmas.

Mr. Wayne Abernathy asked everyone to keep him in their prayers.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Rooney L. Bowen, III
Secretary