

BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY

December 13, 2012

Georgia State Patrol-DPS Hangar, Atlanta, Georgia

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Wayne Abernathy
Chief Danny D. Bowman
Mr. Daniel M. Bryant
Mr. Kacy K. Cronan
Sheriff Steve D. Cronic
Sheriff Dane Kirby
Chief Irene Pennington
Mr. Lester L. Rampy, Jr.
Mr. Brian M. Rickman
Mr. Ellison G. Wood

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. C. Murray Kight
Chief Bill Myers, IV
Commissioner Brian Owens
Sheriff Gary C. Vowell

OTHERS:

Mr. Joe Drolet, Senior Assistant Attorney General
Ms. Cheryl L. Buie, Board Liaison
Commissioner M. W. McDonough, Department of Public Safety
Lt. Colonel R. D. Powell, Department of Public Safety
Major Eddie Grier, Department of Public Safety/GSP
Major Hank Fielding, Department of Public Safety/GSP
Major Gene Davis, Department of Public Safety/MCCD
Capt. Johnny Jones, Department of Public Safety/MCCD
Lt. Les Wilburn, Department of Public Safety/GSP
Capt. Mark Hambert, Department of Public Safety/GSP
Capt. Allen Marlowe, Department of Public Safety/GSP
Sergeant Kevin Thompson, Department of Public Safety/Aviation
Mr. Peter Adams, Comptroller, Department of Public Safety
Mrs. Allison Hodge, Department of Public Safety
Mr. Lee O'Brien, Department of Public Safety
Ms. Jacqueline Bunn, Department of Public Safety
Director Vernon Keenan, Georgia Bureau of Investigation
Assistant Director Dan Kirk, Georgia Bureau of Investigation
Mr. Rusty Andrews, Deputy Director, Georgia Bureau of Investigation
Director Tim Bearden, Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Mr. Bill Bryant, Deputy Director, Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Mr. Michael Parkerson, Deputy Director, Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Ms. Tara Hill, Office of Planning and Budget
Mrs. Maureen Bryant
Mr. Frank Pennington
Mr. Chad Black

Vice-Chairman Wood called the December 13th, 2012, Board of Public Safety meeting to order.

Commissioner Mark W. McDonough shared a Bible verse with the group and was followed by Capt. Mark Lambert who led the group in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice-Chairman Wood asked those in attendance to stand and introduce their selves.

Vice-Chairman Wood called for approval of the November Board minutes. Sheriff Steve Cronic made the motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Chief Irene Pennington and voted approval by the Board members.

DIRECTOR REPORTS

Commissioner Mark W. McDonough, Department of Public Safety began his report by advising that the 92nd Trooper School began on November 25, 2012 with 64 cadets and as of today there are 36 cadets remaining. Commissioner McDonough advised December 28th, 2012 is the application deadline for the 93rd Trooper School.

Commissioner McDonough noted on December 1, 2012, a MOU with the Department of Transportation for Post 9 troopers was signed with troopers patrolling I-75 in Cobb County.

Commissioner McDonough shared there would be troopers patrolling on foot with long guns at the Capitol. Commissioner McDonough added that the DPS has been working with the Georgia Building Authority in regards to security for the 100 tenants in the Capitol area.

Commissioner McDonough advised that the Special Operations Center began operation 6 months ago which houses DPS operations to include Troop C Command, Post 9, Post 48, Aviation, SCRT, CIU, and SWAT, along with GAA and the DNR. Commissioner McDonough spoke about Captain Steve Bone over SWAT who has saved the state \$58,000.00 since the Special Operations Center opened.

Commissioner McDonough presented the DPS Organizational Charts to the BPS members and advised Internal Affairs has been restructured to be the Office of Professional Standards. Commissioner McDonough stated for the past two years the GBI has assisted with polygraphing candidates for employment and with the restructure to Office of Professional Standards, each investigative team of three will have a polygrapher on each team and believes this will make this office more efficient.

Commissioner McDonough introduced Lt. Andy Carrier who will serve as the Safety and Wellness Officer. Commissioner McDonough shared that Lt. Carrier will be instrumental with the program Below 100, an initiative that aims to reduce the line of duty deaths to below 100. Commissioner McDonough added that 42% of law enforcement officers do not wear their seatbelt.

Commissioner McDonough advised that the ribbon cutting for the Gainesville Hangar will be Friday, January 4th, 2013, at 1400 hours.

Chief Irene Pennington complimented Commissioner McDonough and the DPS on their initiative for the Below 100 program.

Director Vernon Keenan began his report by thanking Board member Brian Rickman for his assistance with the SAC graduation, sharing that Mr. Rickman addressed the group at the banquet the night before graduation and assisted with handing out the graduates' credentials and diplomas.

Director Keenan spoke about the Sex Offender Registry and reminded the BPS members that it was outdated and the GBI had received funds to update the registry. Director Keenan advised the SOR update was completed last month which took one year. Director Keenan stated the Sex Offender Review Board evaluators take the background of the sex offenders and classify the offenders into three tiers and then do an investigation and background on the offenders. Director Keenan reminded the BPS members that prior to July 1, 2012, the Dept. of Human Resources oversaw the Sex Offender Review Board and when the SOR Board was transferred over to the GBI there were nearly 6,000 cases to be classified and the GBI has made great progress on this project.

Director Keenan shared with the BPS three pieces of legislation the GBI will present in 2013. The first legislation is to clean up the pornography and child pornography bill to make electronic pornography illegal. Director Keenan also advised they needed a law for an adult enticing a child for sexual purposes. The last piece of legislation that the GBI will present concerns eliminating abandoned boats from the GBI and moving this over to the DNR.

Director Keenan spoke about the Secondary Metal Recycling Database where information is collected and submitted to a database and added this is not a priority for the GBI which would require money. Working with those involved, Director Keenan stated there are 4 scenarios that are being considered involving the database; the database could be done in house, private industry of database, do not want property information going out of state or model after the state of Alabama, where AL developed their own, for which GA could model after.

Director Tim Bearden, Georgia Public Safety Training Center began his report by sharing that the PIT road and the motorcycle track has been completed and law enforcement agencies are already signing up to use the tracks. Director Bearden added that the Department of Transportation continues to be a great partner helping with the PIT road and motorcycle track.

Director Bearden advised that the pool is operational and people are signing up for dive training.

Director Bearden declared there would be some changes in basic training in regards to the immigration bill, HB87 and added it would be up to the local police to enforce the law.

Director Bearden shared with the BPS members that the GPSTC is working with a school in the university system to help deliver training to fire and public safety personnel and to streamline the training to a degree program. Director Bearden added this training would be on the cutting edge, with

cost savings and more efficient, which the GPSTC is very excited about. Director Bearden stated that Mr. Michael Parkerson was to be commended on this effort.

Director Bearden wished everyone a Merry Christmas and asked all too please keep the families of service members in their thoughts.

Sheriff Steve Cronic thanked Director Bearden and his staff for the 911 training center.

Vice-Chairman Wood thanked Director Bearden and the GPSTC staff for hosting the Department of Public Safety 75th Anniversary Celebration.

DONATIONS

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

(13) LWRC Patrol Rifles	\$ 22,020.79	Tift County Sheriff's Dept.
(1) Decatur Genesis Select II Radar	\$ 2,000.00	Wrightsville Police Dept.
(6) Decatur Genesis Select II Radars	\$ 10,577.00	Troup County Sheriff's Dept.
(2) Truspeed LIDAR Units	\$ 2,590.00	Piedmont Traffic Enforcement Network.
(1) 10'x10' chain link dog kennel	\$ 725.00	Lookout Mountain Judicial DTF
(1) K-9 Cruise Eze Transport kennel	\$ 2,000.00	Dade County Sheriff's Dept.
(1) Tactical K-9 Heat Alert System	\$ 750.00	Dade County Sheriff's Dept.
(13) LWRC Patrol Rifles	\$ 22,020.79	Rockdale County Sheriff's Dept.
(1) 2005 Chev. Silverado K150 P/U	\$ 15,000.00	Troup County Sheriff's Dept.
(1) 2005 GMC 2500 HD P/U	\$ 16,000.00	Troup County Sheriff's Dept.
(2) Pairs Hercules Vehicle Ramps	\$ 4,776.00	Troup County Sheriff's Dept.
(6) Pelican Cases 1520	\$ 959.94	Butts County Sheriff's Dept.
(5) HP S5-1214 BURST Computers	\$ 2,149.95	Butts County Sheriff's Dept.
(10) ACER S200HL Monitors	\$ 899.90	Butts County Sheriff's Dept.

(6) Canon EOS Rebel T3i	\$ 3,599.94	Butts County Sheriff's Dept.
(6) Canon Speedlite 430EX II	\$ 1,529.94	Butts County Sheriff's Dept.
(2) Stalker DSR 2X Radar Units	\$ 6,149.00	Troup County Sheriff's Dept.
(1) Stalker Dual Radar	\$ 1,700.00	Berrien County Sheriff's Dept.
(2) Kustom Pro Laser III Units	\$ 6,400.00	Troup County Sheriff's Dept.

The motion to accept these donations was made by Mr. Danny Bryant, seconded by Mr. Wayne Abernathy and voted approved by the Board members.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Lee O'Brien, Deputy Director of Legal Services, Department of Public Safety came before the BPS members with a Resolution asking them to declare as surplus that certain real property located at 541 John T. Lane Road NW, Thomson, Georgia containing a hangar formerly used by the Georgia State Patrol Aviation Division.

Mr. Kacy K. Cronan made a motion that the members of the Georgia Board of Public Safety declare said property surplus and of no useful value to the Department of Public Safety for any authorized purpose and authorized the Commissioner of Public Safety to take such action, including the execution of any documents for and on behalf of the Board of Public Safety, as may be necessary to remove said property from the inventory of the Department of Public Safety and effect such transfer as may be authorized by the State of Georgia. This motion was seconded by Sheriff Steve D. Cronic and voted approved by the Board members.

Ms. Jacqueline Bunn, Deputy Director of Legal Services, Department of Public Safety presented proposed revisions for final adoption to the Georgia Department of Public Safety Rule 570-1 Rules of General Applicability, proposed revisions for final adoption to the Georgia Department of Public Safety Rule 570-4 Firearms Dealers License, proposed revisions for the final adoption to the Georgia Department of Public Safety Rule 570-11 Flashing and Revolving Lights on Motor Vehicles, proposed revisions for the final adoption to the Georgia Department of Public Safety Rule 570-14 Motorcycle Headlights and Rear Lights.

Chief Danny D. Bowman made a motion to accept the proposed changes for final adoption to Department of Public Safety Rule 570-1, Rule 570-4, Rule 570-11 and Rule 570-14. This was seconded by Mr. Lester L. Rampy, Jr. and voted approved by the Board members.

Board Attorney Joe Drolet reminded the BPS members to file their Personal Financial Disclosure Statement by January 31, 2013.

Vice-Chairman Wood thanked retiring Sheriff Steve Cronic and retiring Sheriff Gary Vowell for their service to the State of Georgia and the Board of Public Safety.

Vice-Chairman Wood thanked the DPS for hosting the meeting today.

Vice-Chairman Wood reminded the BPS members that the January, February and March BPS meetings would be held at the Twin Towers-Downtown Atlanta and to think about the election of officers at the January meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Brian M. Rickman
Secretary