

BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY

February 9, 2012

Department of Corrections Board Room – Atlanta, GA

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Wayne Abernathy
Mr. Rooney L. Bowen, III
Mr. Daniel M. Bryant
Chief Jon Canada
Mr. Kacy K. Cronan
Sheriff Steven D. Cronic
Mr. C. Murray Kight
Chief Bill Myers
Commissioner Brian Owens
Chief J. Irene Pennington
Mr. Lester L. Rampy, Jr.
Mr. Brian M. Rickman
Sheriff Gary C. Vowell
Mr. Ellison G. Wood

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sheriff Dane Kirby

OTHERS:

Mr. Joe Drolet, Senior Assistant Attorney General
Ms. Cheryl L. Buie, Board Liaison
Colonel Mark W. McDonough, 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 Billy Boulware, Department of Public Safety, MCCD
Captain Allen Marlowe, Department of Public Safety, Georgia State Patrol
Sergeant Anthony Hughes, Department of Public Safety
Captain Gene Davis, Department of Public Safety, MCCD
Captain James A. Byrd, Department of Public Safety, MCCD
Sergeant Kevin Thompson, Department of Public Safety, Aviation Unit
Mr. Joe Hood, Comptroller, Department of Public Safety
Mrs. Allison Hodge, Department of Public Safety
Mr. Vernon M. Keenan, Director, Georgia Bureau of Investigation
Mr. Dan Kirk, Assistant Director, Georgia Bureau of Investigation
Mr. Rusty Andrews, Deputy Director, Georgia Bureau of Investigation
Ms. Lisa Urich, Fiscal Officer, Georgia Bureau of Investigation
Ms. Marsha O'Neal, Assistant Deputy Director-GCIC, Georgia Bureau of Investigation
Mr. Tim Bearden, Director, Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Ms. Patrice Kerner, Deputy Director, Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Mrs. Maureen Bryant
Mrs. Louise Rampy
Chief Jack McElfish, Sandy Springs Fire Department
Mr. Frank Rotondo, Executive Director, Georgia Chiefs of Police

Mr. Kenneth Mantle, Department of Corrections

Ms. Kendra Mitchell, Budget Analyst, House of Representatives

Mr. Thomas Worthy, Governor Deal's office

Vice-Chairman Ellis Wood called the February Board of Public Safety meeting to order. Vice-Chairman Wood called on Major Hank Fielding, Headquarters Adjutant of the Department of Public Safety for the invocation and prayer. After the invocation and prayer, Major Fielding led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

With the new membership on the BPS and to make it conform to the state law, Mr. Rooney L. Bowen, III advised that Governor Deal has asked him to take an emeritus position and remain on the BPS in an ex officio capacity.

Vice-Chairman Wood asked everyone present to introduce themselves.

Vice-Chairman Wood welcomed Mr. Thomas Worthy. Mr. Worthy spoke to the BPS and stated he had started back in September as the Governor's Public Safety and Criminal Justice Policy Advisor. Mr. Worthy added that he is a native of Carrollton and practiced law in Birmingham, AL for a year before taking the policy advisor job. Mr. Worthy told those present that if there is anything that one needs from his office, please contact his office.

Mr. Rooney L. Bowen, III read and presented a Resolution to Chief Jack K. McElfish, former BPS member. Chief McElfish thanked the Board members for this great honor and stated he enjoyed his three years on the BPS; it was a great time and hopes the new BPS members enjoy this as much as he did.

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

DIRECT REPORTS

Commissioner Mark W. McDonough, Department of Public Safety began his report by bringing three issues to the attention of the BPS members.

Commissioner McDonough provided a change to the organizational chart structure of DPS and stated the basis for the change is code section 35-2-8 which states that the commissioner shall appoint a comptroller to ensure the proper receipt, accounting and disbursement of funds of the department. Commissioner McDonough added in the existing structure, the appointment has not been made and it is not structured where the comptroller is properly working for the right person. Commissioner McDonough stated this is the commissioner's appointment under law and the requested change is to make that appointment and move the comptroller under the direct supervision of the commissioner and Commissioner McDonough asked the BPS members for their favorable consideration of this change by

the Board. Mr. Danny Bryant made the motion to accept the organizational change where the commissioner will appoint the comptroller and move the comptroller under the supervision of the commissioner of the Department of Public Safety in the organizational chart. This motion was seconded by Mr. Lester L. Rampy, Jr., and voted approved by the Board members.

Commissioner McDonough reminded the BPS members of their support for the structuring and establishment of Post 50. Commissioner McDonough stated on February 1st, the troopers arrived and the scene around the capitol has changed for security purposes in a positive fashion, while the first ten troopers spent the first week pretty much learning where the bathrooms were and learning what the frequently asked questions were going to be and then in the second week the troopers started manning the controlled points in the basement portion of the capitol. Commissioner McDonough added that over time, security will be layered and the implementation of this should be complete by the end of the legislature. The reason for this is that if one gets accustomed to it now and when the legislature convenes again next year, it will not be a shock to them, so we are doing this in a very layered approach and stated when the BPS members arrived this morning they probably saw a visible sign of patrol cars around the capitol and this is done on purpose as they are just not parking, that visibility is designed to be a deterrent and as the weeks move on, the troopers will actually do foot patrols on the exterior and the interior of the capitol and they will also start doing some patrolling around the periphery of the capitol. Commissioner McDonough stated thus far this has been a success and next week, DPS will hold the promotion board to move their supervision into place and then after trooper school graduates on June 1st the next layer of the troopers will report to Post 50 and there will be a total of 22 people.

Commissioner McDonough spoke about the due regard refresher training that has been conducted over the past couple of weeks after it was announced at the last Board meeting. Commissioner McDonough stated for the most part the due regard refresher training is complete except for a handful of people and the response that has been received not only from the DPS but from other departments that have been included in this training has been outstanding. Commissioner McDonough called on Mr. Rooney L. Bowen, III for comments from a personal experience that he has had and to share an idea that Mr. Bowen would like to put forth.

Mr. Bowen stated that he, Sheriff Vowell and Troop H Commander, Capt. Chris Wright took it upon themselves to make contact with different agencies to include volunteer fire departments as there are a lot of volunteer fire departments in their area in south Georgia. Mr. Bowen stated that the volunteers start very young, get a light and a siren and here they go. Mr. Bowen stated as tragic as this situation is and we continue to pray for the family, there has been positive responses to come out of this tragedy. Mr. Bowen stated they have been asked to come and tell the agencies about the due regard refresher training and to please help understand what the liabilities are. Mr. Bowen added that Major Grier has offered to come to Troop H next week and discuss further with the local law enforcement jurisdictions and EMS. Everybody wants the due regard refresher training course and Sheriff Vowell and myself thought this was a good tool for the GSP to reach out to the communities and teach this hour block class. Mr. Bowen added this is something that the BPS can take on as all the Board members are from all parts of the state and when talking to the different entities that need the due regard refresher

training, to please offer the training as Commissioner McDonough will give the contact names of those that will teach the class. Mr. Rooney Bowen added that we have an opportunity to make something good out of a tragic situation where maybe we can keep it from happening again not only within the DPS but other law enforcement agencies too.

Commissioner McDonough added that the DPS has adjunct instructors throughout the state and will communicate to both the Sheriffs Association and the GA Association Chiefs of Police that we will make our instructors available and make the due regard refresher training available for anybody throughout the state that wants it. In that regard, the DPS is going to take a three phase approach from this point on, we will commit to the due regard refresher training throughout the state and are looking at this time for a simulator, stating his background is in aviation and the value of simulators in aviation is something that can easily be applied to driving and to what is required on the road. Commissioner McDonough added that DPS is looking at different simulators and the plan is to purchase one and to specifically use it in basic vehicle operation with due regard refresher training being a large part of this and in the same fashion we will partner with both the Sheriffs Association and the Chiefs and offer that training as well throughout the state. Commissioner McDonough remarked that he spoke to Mr. Jeff Porter last night who is a very dynamic individual and he is committed out of this tragedy to do positive things and last night when we talked about the training issue, Mr. Porter thought that it would be a wonderful idea that its use would be dedicated in the memory of his wife. Commissioner McDonough added that DPS is trying to move forward in a very, very positive way and Mr. Porter is being very supportive. Commissioner McDonough stated the three phase approach would include refresher training, through the use of a trainer and then also implementing in DPS policy when a person is involved in an at fault accident, that person is immediately referred to a driving instructor and there is remedial training that is done specific to that at-fault accident.

DOC Commissioner Brian Owens thanked Commissioner McDonough and his team for their assistance in Walker County where DOC had two inmates escape last Monday evening around 1930 hours, one of the inmates actually had a conviction in Mississippi for killing a state trooper in 1980 and has been in the Georgia prison system for over 30 years. Commissioner Owens added thanks to the troopers in Walker County and local law enforcement, the inmates were contained immediately and captured 17 hours later within three miles of the prison and if DOC had not had that response from state troopers and the local law enforcement, bad things could have happened.

Director Vernon M. Kennan, Georgia Bureau of Investigation began his report by telling the BPS members that on February 8th, the GBI Crime Laboratory turned 60 years old which was created by Governor Talmadge 60 years ago and was the state's second crime laboratory in the United States. Currently the GBI Crime Lab is one of the largest volume labs in the United States and Director Keenan stated he does not know of another laboratory where the cost per service done by the laboratory is any cheaper than what is done in Georgia. Director Keenan stated the GBI and Georgia are extremely fortunate to have such a great Crime Laboratory. Director Keenan gave an update on the status of the laboratory since it is the 60th anniversary and stated that the scientists that were hired one year ago have completed their training and are now entering into the work force and are doing analysis of the different cases of the discipline they are in. Director Keenan added when the scientists hit the

bench and start working then we see a decrease in the backlog of cases and shared in the month of January there was a 1000 drop of cases in the backlog, this is what happens when the scientists go to work. Also in January, Director Keenan stated the GBI had 119 CODIS hits; DNA matches where generally the offender is unknown and the blood sample or whatever the biological fluid is entered into the Crime Lab, analyzed and matched against the DNA data base. One of the CODIS hits was a burglar who had committed 50 burglaries; there were also 52 case to case DNA matches where one case is matched up to another case, generally unknown if they were committed by the same perpetrator. Director Keenan stated that DNA continues to be an extremely valuable tool for GA law enforcement as we are up over 2000 CODIS hits since the DNA data base was created. Director Keenan remarked that all of the firearms examiners are completing their training this month and they will then be assigned to their various labs; some scientists going to Columbus and Savannah. Director Keenan reminded the BPS members that a year ago, the GBI Crime Lab was down to having one firearms scientist in the entire state as we had scientists that had resigned, gone on to other jobs and had scientists who had retired and the backlog skyrocketed and when this happened, we recruited firearms examiners and put them through the training and now they are going to work and will see the backlog decrease.

Director Keenan updated the BPS members on the synthetic drug legislation and passed around a synthetic substance that he was speaking about and what the issue is. The substance is called K4 Diamond Herbal Incense which sells for \$21.00 and on the street it is known as synthetic marijuana and there is vegetation in the packet. Director Keenan stated what happens is that the chemicals are manufactured in China, brought over to the US and then impregnated on some type of vegetation. The drug is then sold as bath salts, incense, and potpourri and it is known on the street that if one smokes it, it is extremely intoxicating. Director Keenan emphasized the problem for law enforcement besides it being a chemical and manufactured and sold this way is that it is extremely toxic, it causes the person who is smoking the drug to have convulsions, go into a coma, they will have seizures, and they will develop psychosis. The substance is so bad that many of the hard core drug users will not touch this drug because it is so toxic and Director Keenan reminded the BPS members as he had explained to the BPS last year, the legislature outlawed the substances that were not contained in the packet that Director Keenan showed to the BPS members, so they changed the formula and put it back out on the street. Director Keenan stated this year the state Crime Laboratory wrote the law for the legislature to go after the underlying compound so they cannot change one part of the molecular structure and be a legal substance. This bill has been introduced into the legislature and it is working its way through the legislative process. Director Keenan stated he is hoping Governor Deal will have a large bill signing ceremony when the legislation is completed so that we can then turn around and start some aggressive law enforcement issues on this. Director Keenan added that he has tasked the GBI Intelligence Unit to research who is bringing this stuff into the state of Georgia so that we can go after the distributors and locate their warehouses and to how they are distributing this stuff out. Director Keenan stated he has worked with Mr. Thomas Worthy on getting the legislation written up and the legislation is moving forward.

Director Kennan stated the other two pieces of legislation that the GBI has been involved with and tracking and has the Governor's blessing to go forward concerns the Sovereign Citizens legislation and

the bill is still being drawn up in legislative counsel at this time. Director Keenan stated there are 27 different statutes that relate to liens and mortgages so they have to research all of this to make sure that the GBI bill does not impact something in the banking industry. Director Keenan added this bill will work its way through and has received tremendous support from law enforcement over this and the bill would make it a crime for someone to file a fraudulent lien against anyone, which is one of the tools that the sovereign citizens use to harass other people.

Concerning the internet café gambling bill, Director Keenan stated the bill is still being drafted and Mr. Worthy and Mr. Joe Drolet has worked on this along with the prosecuting attorneys council. Director Keenan stated that Mr. Drolet has assured him that if the bill is enacted by the legislature it will address the internet café gambling problem. This is something law enforcement does not have the resources to combat and certainly does not have the law to back it up.

Mr. Wayne Abernathy commented that in Dahlonega last week or during the past month, three children were hospitalized after messing with synthetic drugs and asked how they can purchase the synthetic drugs. Director Keenan replied that it is available in any convenience store; generally it is an independent convenience store that is selling the drug for incense, bath salts or whatever. Mr. Abernathy asked if the legislation that the GBI is trying to get passed would prohibit having the drugs out near where the young people can see them, may be have it concealed behind lock doors. Director Keenan replied when the new legislation is enacted, it will make the drug an illegal substance and cannot be sold anywhere in the state of Georgia.

Mr. Brian Rickman stated the synthetic drug was a problem in his circuit and initiated an investigation after reports of several young people going into convulsions and going to the hospital. Mr. Rickman emphasized that his office worked with the GBI Region 8 office on a large scale undercover operation where a lot of the synthetic drugs were purchased and then shut down several convenience stores. Mr. Rickman added that it is largely the financial penalty that will make people take it off the shelves as they filed racketeering forfeiture actions and hit these people for \$50-75 thousand dollars which is not the probation or the jail time, it is the financial penalty. Mr. Rickman stressed what was really remarkable was what the Crime Lab did for them on top of everything else they did. Mr. Rickman stated that he learned more about the chemistry which is fascinating and if you look at the sample that Director Keenan shared with the members, it says it does not contain JWH1873 or 200, these are precisely the compounds that as soon as the GA legislature outlawed them, they made a new product which was JWH250 simply by tinkering with the formula and what the Crime Lab did for us which was amazing is they tested every bit of the drug that the agents bought from the stores and determined that the drugs all contained a chemical that was banned so that when we actually did the raids, they were all settled and plead guilty because we already had crime lab testing in hand which was truly remarkable. The other thing for those in enforcement, Mr. Rickman stated that in Georgia it is a felony to sell a substance even if it is not controlled and it is marketed as having substantially similar effects to a controlled substance and what the clerks will do, they will say on yeah that will mess you up, that will get you high so that is still a felony and Mr. Rickman does not think this problem has been understated at all and it is a serious gathering problem. Mr. Rickman noted another thing after speaking to Colonel McDonough that sent a chill up his spine, say if you have a traffic fatality, when

the compounds are being tinkered with no sooner than the scientists figure out a way to test for it then it is a different compound. Mr. Rickman stated if someone in law enforcement is looking for marijuana, cocaine or alcohol what is going to be found if you are testing and this is what is in someone's blood? Mr. Rickman commended Director Keenan and the Crime Lab on their enforcement as these drugs cannot be found in his circuit now.

Mr. Kacy Cronan asked if there was any idea as to how many distributors there are of these drugs and Director Keenan replied no and shared that he had received a call from the Catoosa County Sheriff's Office who had seized 40,000 units of the drug in a warehouse that had been brought over from Alabama as Alabama had tightened their laws up.

Mr. Bryant asked Director Keenan if the drug is always marketed as K4 and where is the drug that is to be marketed placed in the store and Director Keenan stated there are different names for the drug and it is located up around the cash register.

Vice-Chairman Wood reminded the Board members when the Board met at Ft. Stewart, the Colonel on the Post stated this drug was one of the biggest problems in the military and asked Director Keenan if they have had any continuing dialogue with the military about the GBI efforts and how they may or may not be effected or benefit and Director Keenan replied they are not directly relating to the military, although they recently worked a case were four soldiers were arrested at Ft. Stewart who committed a murder based around some bizarre behavior and firearms.

Sheriff Vowell commented the synthetic marijuana is available on the internet as one can get FedEx to deliver to the residence and Director Keenan stated as the legislation in Georgia is being enacted, the DEA is attempting to do the same thing at the federal level, which will address the internet delivery sales. Director Keenan stated the issue that Sheriff Vowell is pointing out is the same as was for prescription medications as for a long time, one could order any type of oxycontin, hydro condone and everything else over the internet and it took a while for the federal government to tighten up on that and end that practice, and the GBI will be much faster that the federal government.

Director Tim Bearden, Georgia Public Safety Training Center commented that Mr. Thomas Worthy is from Carroll County like himself and he is a great young man and will be a pleasure to work with.

Director Bearden began his report by telling the Board members with the help of Deputy Director Bill Bryant and Deputy Director Patrice Kerner there has been a lot of research on the background of the GPSTC and the regional academies and revealed what the goals are for the GPSTC. Director Bearden stated they are making a very big push towards the regional academies to start taking all of the basic mandate training and the reason why this push is being made is that we have to make sure that Forsyth is being used and utilized for the purpose that it was built for which is for specialized and advanced training. Director Bearden stated at some of the regional academies there were discussions last year about Augusta being shut down and we are technically closing three double wide trailers that we are using for an academy. Director Bearden expressed that the double wide trailers are dated back in the 70s, the trailers are inadequate, defensive tactics are taught in the trailers and it is not a professional

setting. Director Bearden advised that they have been working very closely with Columbia County Sheriff Whittle, Richmond County Sheriff Strength and have formed a partnership where they are going to allow GPSTC to use their facilities when that area has enough people to send to basic mandate training, basically a satellite facility that we will be using. Director Bearden added this will put us in a current modern facility, gives us use of their firing range and all of their equipment and helps us in that region to do the job of our mission which is to train those officers. The training center is also looking at Dalton as we have a problem with a building that was built in 2002 for DOC, with 50 bedrooms, a large facility where approximately 74 officers are trained per year; this is really hurting the budget as we are spending well over \$60,000.00 a year maintaining that building. Director Bearden stated GPSTC is working with Gordon County Sheriff Ralston and will meet with Whitfield County Sheriff Scott Chitwood on Monday. Sheriff Ralston stated he would be happy to host one class and hopes Sheriff Chitwood will be able to host one or two classes and do another satellite facility. This would assist us in reference to the building that was built back in 2002 and Director Bearden stated he had talked with DJJ Director Gale Buckner and stated that she may have an interest in the building for DJJ and if that is the case, the building would be better suited for that and not a police academy since it only serves approximately 74 students a year. Director Bearden stated he has been in talks with Cherokee County Sheriff Garrison and needs to have a strong presence in North Metro. The reason the presence is needed in North Metro, Director Bearden stated they did not know exactly as to what would occur in Dalton, did not know if we could build those partnerships but it looks like we are but we need a facility in Cherokee County. Director Bearden shared that Cherokee County is about to build a very impressive public safety training center at a price of over 5 million dollars. GPSTC will help with some bond money in order to put a facility in for the state of Georgia with offices and classrooms to handle the load that we will have in North Georgia-North Metro. This has been a very positive relationship with Cherokee County and then Director Bearden advised that the budget has cut \$244,000.00 from North Central which takes all the state funding from the last state contract facility that we have. Cherokee County's decision was made based on Dalton, not North Central and Director Bearden stated he would be talking with Sheriff Warren on Tuesday to discuss the impact of the money that will be taken out of that budget but the main goal is to make sure that we are prepared to train the officers as we have over 40,000 local police and sheriffs and 17,000 state officers we are responsible for training and we also have over 32,000 firefighters across the state who require training.

Director Bearden stated that the technical schools are another big issue as he has had conversations with Ron Jackson of the technical schools and advised that the technical schools are getting out of the basic mandate training as they are losing money and Director Bearden stated he could not ask the technical schools to continue with something they are losing money on. Director Bearden stated the technical schools did not have the money in their budget and asked Ron Jackson if they could continue through the fiscal year and Ron Jackson said he could and after that point it will be on the training center to handle the pre service students that will be coming in and since HOPE is no longer taking care of this issue, we have seen a 60% decline in pre-service in January alone so there will be a big hit on that end but if we can keep that 40% participation, the training center will have to take care of this and will do everything we can to make sure every person is trained that comes through the academies.

Director Bearden stated by pushing the basic mandate training back out to the regional academies, it allows us to concentrate more on Forsyth and to his surprise it has been over six years since Advanced EVOC training has been offered in Forsyth and Director Bearden stated this is unacceptable in his view. Director Bearden stated the officers are being taught how to miss a cone in basic EVOC, sending the officers back to their law enforcement department where the officer gets behind a Crown Vic or Dodge Charger and goes 150 mph and they have no clue what their limitations are and have no clue to what the vehicle limitations are. This is a very dangerous combination and we addressed this by going to the Chiefs meeting and the Sheriffs Association meeting and told them that we need to expand basic mandate training for law enforcement, need to include some type of high speed familiarization vehicle dynamics class, may be looking into adding basic intox and basic radar before they leave the academy so that we can deliver a better trained and prepared officer back to the cities and counties. Director Bearden stated they will be working with POST on this issue and added that Frank Rotondo did a white paper that was great in talking about the need for training. Director Bearden stated his wife owns a hair salon and she had to do about 1500 hours of training to cut hair and apply chemicals; we only do 420 hours for basic mandate training and think we have training confused on what we need to be doing.

Director Bearden stated he is working with the Department of Defense, DOT and DOC trying to find another location in the state or a location in Forsyth to put another high speed track in and two reasons for this is that this will give us the ability to take care of the locals more when they want to come down and contract with us to use the track and number 2 it would give the DPS another location and availability to have a high speed track for GSP use. Director Bearden stated he thought it was very important that the high speed track either go in Forsyth as they already have vehicle maintenance at this location or a location close to vehicle maintenance.

Director Bearden stated the Public Safety Memorial Ceremony for Fire and Law Enforcement will be in May, date not yet confirmed. The Public Safety Memorial Board will meet next week and will present the names to be added to the Wall to the BPS members at the March meeting for their approval.

Director Bearden stated the GPSTC is working with Monroe County on the Public Safety Games as Forsyth was named the Public Safety Capitol of Georgia. The training center is working hand in hand with Monroe County, with the GPSTC instructors and our facility to make sure that this event happens, which should be a big event and is looking forward to everyone being able to come out and participate.

Mr. Rooney L Bowen, III commented to Director Bearden stating he thinks he is heading into the right direction and it is very welcoming to see that the GPSTC is going back to the original mission of advanced training for law enforcement officers.

Mr. Danny Bryant asked Director Bearden about the roof repairs. Director Bearden responded that the crew would be mobilizing this coming Monday to start work on the roof and have bonds that will handle the main facility and have another bond request in for fiscal year 2013 that should be voted on

for an additional \$839,000.00 to handle the other 13 facilities on the campus to make sure those roofs are repaired. Hopefully the replacement of the roof will be completed in 4-6 months.

DONATIONS

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

(1) Taser X26	\$ 700.00	Polk County SO
Funds for Post renovations	\$ 50,000.00	Whitfield County Commissioner
(1) Stalker Dual DSR2X Radar	\$ 2,400.00	Dooly County SO
(1) Taser X26 & 3 cartridges	\$ 1,000.00	Union City PD
(3) Pro Laser 4 Speed Det. Devices	\$ 10,644.00	Liberty County SO
(3) DeWalt Impact Drills	\$ 537.00	Liberty County SO
(3) Multi-Piece Tool Sets	\$ 899.97	Liberty County SO
(4) Kustom KA Band Dual Antenna Radar Units and (6) Kustom ProLaser 4 LIDAR Units	\$ 30,716.00	Troup County SO
Window Tinting	\$ 165.00	Oconee Drug Task Force
Lodging and Meals	\$ 2,027.00	Thunder in the Valley Air Show

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

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

Sponsored Lunch for the Human Trafficking Training Program	\$ 3,600.00	Street Grace, Inc.
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The motion for this donation was made by Sheriff Steve Cronic; seconded by Mr. C. Murray Kight and voted approved by the Board members.

Ms. Patrice Kerner, Georgia Public Safety Training Center requested approval of the following donations:

Microwave Oven	\$ 25.00	Pickens County SO
1999 Ford Crown Victoria	\$ 500.00	Cherokee County SO
2002 Ford Crown Victoria	\$ 500.00	Cherokee County SO
2006 Ford Crown Victoria	\$ 500.00	Cherokee County SO
2007 Ford Crown Victoria	\$ 500.00	Cherokee County SO

The motion for these donations was made by Mr. Lester L. Rampy, Jr., seconded by Mr. Wayne Abernathy and voted approved by the Board members.

FISCAL REPORTS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2011

Mr. Joe Hood, Department of Public Safety stated that due to various factors the total percent remaining for the DPS budget is 44.36%. Mr. Hood noted that there are two capital expenditures that will not repeat this fiscal year that account for approximately 6% of all expenses in the first six months and stated the DPS had 5 million dollars in bond funding at the beginning of the year where patrol cars were purchased, a onetime expense that will not occur again. The second expenditure is the Bell 407 helicopter that was purchased through a combination of bond and asset forfeiture funds which was over 2.6 million dollars. These two items added together are approximately 6% and make up the differential that would put the DPS at 50% if these two expenditures are taken into consideration. Mr. Hood stated the state funds percent remaining is at exactly 50% and the DPS is basically on target for the remainder of the year provided that the amended budget that is going through is sufficient.

Mr. Wayne Abernathy asked Mr. Joe Hood if the Post 50 – Capitol Police budget would be reflected through the Capitol Police or the regular patrol. Mr. Hood remarked that his understanding is that any additional revenue that is needed will come through the Capitol Police budget and that has not occurred yet. Mr. Hood stated currently they are replacing the contract labor, Allied Barton labor that is part of this contract for Capitol Police and as we incorporate troopers we are reducing the Allied Barton labor and this will free up some funds. Additionally, DPS had 16 vacant Capitol Police positions, which were very hard to recruit, sworn law enforcement officer that was not a trooper, there is a pay differential and at this time DPS is in good stead but as the Post grows to 22 which is what has been approved, we will need additional funds, especially as we renovate the structure at the Capitol Education Center to add sleeping rooms and other facilities that will make it a post structure. These funds will mostly likely come at the end of the year or in the beginning of the next fiscal year for those expenses and that additional revenue from Capitol Police, it will be an added amount to the Capitol Police contract.

Ms. Lisa Urich, Georgia Bureau of Investigation stated the fiscal report for the GBI shows the GBI report is very close to 50% of budget remaining and everything is on target.

Ms. Patrice Kerner, Georgia Public Safety Training Center stated that the GPSTC budget is at 43% of budget remaining as of December 31, 2011. Ms. Kerner added that the GPSTC has overspent due to state health benefit changes that have already been paid out and the money will be returned in the amended budget cycle. Some of this also has to deal with expense due to the emergency electrical issues and the funds that we were not able to get in cash and hope to generate enough revenue to offset these expenses throughout the remainder of the year. Ms. Kerner stated that GPSTC should be on track within the next few months.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Vice-Chairman Wood declared the floor was open for the nomination for Secretary of the Board of Public Safety. Sheriff Gary Vowell nominated Chief Jon Canada for Secretary of the Board of Public Safety. Mr. Wayne Abernathy seconded the nomination and was voted approved by the Board members. Vice-Chairman Wood congratulated Chief Canada and turned the floor over to Chief Canada.

Chief Canada declared the floor was open for the nomination of Vice-Chairman of the Board of Public Safety. Mr. Danny Bryant nominated Mr. Ellison G. Wood to continue his great work as Vice-Chairman. Mr. Wayne Abernathy seconded the nomination of Mr. Ellison G. Wood and was voted approved by the Board members.

Vice-Chairman Wood stated the BPS members would start working toward committee appointments; the DPS, the GBI and the GPSTC and would have them posted by the March meeting.

Vice-Chairman Wood passed around an acknowledgment letter from the Gillsville Baptist Church for a donation that was made in memory of Mr. Wayne Abernathy's brother.

Sheriff Steve Cronic made a motion to prepare and present Resolutions to former Board members, Mr. Patrick Head, Sheriff Cullen Talton and Chief Lou Dekmar. This motion was seconded by Mr. Wayne Abernathy and voted approved by the Board members.

Vice-Chairman Wood thanked Commissioner Owens for the use of the DOC Board Room.

Vice-Chairman Wood advised that the BPS would meet in Atlanta in the DOC Board Room in March and in April, the meeting will be held in Glennville with the DOC Board and Pardons and Parole Board.

Jon Canada
Secretary