

BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY

February 14, 2013

Department of Corrections Board Room, Atlanta, Georgia

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chief Danny D. Bowman
Mr. Danny Bryant
Mr. Kacy K. Cronan
Mr. C. Murray Kight
Sheriff Dane Kirby
Chief Bill Myers, IV
Commissioner Brian Owens
Chief Irene Pennington
Mr. Lester L. Rampy, Jr.
Mr. Brian M. Rickman
Sheriff Joey Terrell
Mr. Ellison G. Wood

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Wayne Abernathy
Retired Sheriff Steve Cronic

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 Eddie Grier, Department of Public Safety/GSP
Major Hank Fielding, Department of Public Safety/GSP
Capt. Allen Marlowe, Department of Public Safety/GSP
Capt. Kirk McGlamery, Department of Public Safety/GSP
Lt. Andy Carrier, Department of Public Safety/GSP
Major Gene Davis, Department of Public Safety/MCCD
Capt. Johnny Jones, Department of Public Safety/MCCD
Sgt. Anthony Hughes, Department of Public Safety
Mr. Peter Adams, Comptroller, Department of Public Safety
Mr. Lee O'Brien, Department of Public Safety
Director Vernon Keenan, Georgia Bureau of Investigation
Mrs. Terry Gibbons, Deputy Director, Georgia Bureau of Investigation
Mrs. Connie Buck, Fiscal Officer and Treasurer, 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
Mr. Joe Hood, Office of Planning and Budget
Mr. Seth Taylor, Office of Planning and Budget
Mrs. Louise Rampy
Mrs. Maureen Bryant
Mr. Kenneth Mantle, Department of Corrections

Ms. Lauren Armour, Deputy Director, Governor's Office of Highway Safety

Mr. Harris Blackwood, Director, Governor's Office of Highway Safety

Mr. Taz Smith, Georgia Farm Bureau

Mr. Brian Groom, House Budget Office

Senator Jack Hill

Representative Allen Powell

Vice-Chairman Wood called the February 14th, 2013, Board of Public Safety meeting to order.

Sergeant Anthony Hughes, Department of Public Safety gave the invocation and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice-Chairman Wood called on GOHS Director Harris Blackwood for recognition of GSP Troop F. Director Blackwood began by saying there is no greater partner for GOHS than the Georgia State Patrol and thanked Colonel McDonough and Lt. Colonel Powell and all of the representatives of the GSP agency for their partnership. Director Blackwood stated GSP is a vital part of what GOHS does and the state is on the verge of having the seventh straight year with reduced fatalities on the roads of Georgia, which is coming down from a high of almost 1750, down to below 1200, which is over 550 plus people who gets to spend another day in this world. Director Blackwood added this is the only bench mark where GOHS can measure their success in injuries and the number of crashes and this is due in a large part to our partnerships with other law enforcement agencies. Director Blackwood congratulated and thanked Sheriff Joey Terrell as the Habersham County Sheriff's Department won the top national award at the IACP challenge and this is one of those great examples of the partnership with Sheriff's offices who work closely with GOHS. Director Blackwood stated that two of Sheriff Terrell's officers would be joining him in Augusta, GA for an afternoon announcement. Director Blackwood recognized Troop F of the Georgia State Patrol which serves the great southeast Georgia area who has won the top Troop Award in the Governor's Challenge for two years in row. Director Blackwood stated the Governor's Challenge has become a great benchmark of public service and law enforcement excellence and took the opportunity to recognize Capt. Kirk McGlamery and Troop F. Director Blackwood stated that to win this award two years in a row is unusual and congratulated Capt. McGlamery on the accomplishment. Director Blackwood stated there is great cooperation and shared that after 6:00 at night, half of the people who are killed on Georgia roads are fatalities that come from being unbelted and Colonel McDonough has embraced this statistic and has made it a point that there will be ample numbers of nighttime seat belt enforcement and again this is an indication of the cooperation we have with law enforcement agencies. Director Blackwood stated he appreciated the relationship that GOHS has with the BPS. Director Blackwood added that anytime they have been in the Statesboro area, Capt. McGlamery has been very gracious to GOHS and when GOHS has an event in the Statesboro area, they know they will have a good turnout of state troopers which comes from Capt. McGlamery's leadership.

Vice-Chairman Wood expressed that Capt. McGlamery was one of his close friends and that Capt. McGlamery's family has a tremendous heritage in public safety which goes way back and thanked Capt. McGlamery and his family for their service to the state of Georgia.

Director Tim Bearden, Georgia Public Safety Training Center stated when he was elected to the House of Representatives in 2005, Chairman Allen Powell reached out and took him under his wing and taught him the legislative process and the most important process that Chairman Powell taught him was the budget process and appropriations, making sure where he knew to look in the appropriations bill, to make sure the money was being spent properly, the way the tax payers money should be spent and make sure that everything was on the up and up. Director Bearden stated he greatly appreciated that training back then and appreciates the training now. Director Bearden introduced Public Safety and Homeland Security Chairman Allen Powell. Chairman Powell stated on behalf of the Public Safety Committee, he wanted to reach out to everyone and let them know they have a pretty strong committee, with a lot of retired public safety professionals; a good solid committee. Chairman Powell added there are a few committee members that will take a little educating over the years, but not many. Chairman Powell stated the committee looks forward to working with everyone and the policy of inclusiveness that he has tried to develop so far with the committee, he wants them to learn about all aspects of public safety and homeland security, which will make them better legislators and make them more acclimated to get along with people when they are approached with certain issues of legislation or policy that deals with public safety and homeland security. With this being said, Chairman Powell wanted everyone to feel free to contact any member of the committee if they have something to share with them and educate them. Chairman Powell declared half of the members of the General Assembly have been replaced in the last two election cycles, so it is necessary to start building some historical knowledge in the committee. Chairman Powell thanked the BPS for allowing him to come over and speak before the BPS members.

Vice-Chairman Wood welcomed Senator Jack Hill and Senator Hill stated he appreciated the invitation to come by and visit. Senator Hill stated the job that the BPS is responsible for is one of the core missions of the state of Georgia, and if we fail at that, we fail at the constitution that we are sworn too. Senator Hill stressed that he understands how important this duty is and pledges their support as the Senate goes to work today on the amended budget. Senator Hill stated the state does face some challenges, as the economy has not recovered the way that we would like for it to and why they are making progress they have continuous holes they are trying fill; Medicaid, the state health benefit plan, the retirement plan, all these things that we really have to do and have no choice about it. Senator Hill stated the problem is that we are taking money from things they want to do a better job of, like public safety, taking cuts in those areas and taking that money and putting in places where they do not have much choice that has to be funded. Senator Hill stated everyone continues to hope and pray that the state's economy continues to improve, and do see some encouraging signs. Senator Hill thanked the BPS members for their devotion to duty and pledges their efforts to help with this task.

Mr. Brian Rickman introduced new Board member Sheriff Joey Terrell and began by stating in 1995, when he was a very young law enforcement officer and was introduced to the new jailer, Joey Terrell, they were both very young, very idealistic and still are, and talked about how to solve all the world's problems and never thought to fast forward to now and he would be the Sheriff of Habersham County and Mr. Rickman would be the DA for his circuit. Mr. Rickman stated the governor could not have picked a better person to serve on the BPS. Mr. Rickman shared that he and Sheriff Terrell has worked

on situations together involving anything one could think of, to include homicides, traffic fatalities, our own employees making significant mistakes, arresting law enforcement officers and the highest compliment that Mr. Rickman paid to Sheriff Terrell is the only question that has ever been asked when they had to work together and navigate difficult waters is what is the right thing to do and how do we do that. Mr. Rickman stated when something bad happens there is a phone call and it is either from Sheriff Terrell to him asking where I am at, are you busy, can you come by or it is from him to Sheriff Terrell asking if he is in the courthouse and can he come by the DA's office; they have had plenty of those phone calls. Mr. Rickman pointed out that Sheriff Terrell started out as a jailer and is now the sheriff and when you work with someone whose concerns has nothing to do with politics or anything else, but is what is the right thing and what can I do to help you get the right thing done, means the world and Mr. Rickman stated he could not be more proud to say that they work in the same county. Mr. Rickman added that if you are ever in a foxhole, you want Sheriff Terrell beside you as there is some deterrent value to having someone 6'8" beside you.

Sheriff Terrell said that it was his distinct honor to be here and serve on the BPS with everyone and that he is humbled.

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

Vice-Chairman Wood called for approval of the January Board minutes. Chief Irene Pennington made the motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Mr. Murray Kight and voted approval by the Board members.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Danny Bryant advised that the nominating committee had unanimously selected Mr. Ellis Wood to continue to serve as Vice-Chairman and for Mr. Brian Rickman to continue to serve as the Secretary. Nominations were closed and all BPS members voted approval for Mr. Wood to serve as Vice-Chairman and Mr. Rickman to serve as secretary.

DIRECTOR REPORTS

Commissioner Mark McDonough led the group in signing Happy Birthday to Vice-Chairman Wood.

Commissioner McDonough presented Ms. Cheryl Buie with her 30 year faithful service award and pin.

Commissioner McDonough welcomed Mr. Taz Smith, lobbyist for the Georgia Farm Bureau. Commissioner McDonough stated he asked Mr. Smith here today because last year when the governor moved certain portions of the Public Service Commission underneath the control of the DPS, instead of the PSC having the authority to do particular things, it now rests solely with the DPS Commissioner. Commissioner McDonough reminded the BPS members of MAP-21 which is the federal government's phrase for all of the federal regulations that come down, that the states have to comply with, it is important with this compliance because the DPS receives federal funds to help enforce these things

and keep our roadways safe. Commissioner McDonough advised that one thing that has come down is the designation of what is called a covered farm vehicle, a farm vehicle that officially comes under MAP-21 and is used for farm purposes. Commissioner McDonough reminded many people present today live in a farm community and have people or friends they know that are in agriculture. In other states any farm vehicle they have out there is actually registered as a farm vehicle, has a tag that is a farm vehicle which is not the case in Georgia and the law has been very lenient on our farmers and in Commissioner McDonough's opinion should be as the farmers do the peoples work, God's work in growing the things we eat. Commissioner McDonough noted agriculture is huge in this state and one of the requirements of MAP-21 is for us to do a designation and instead of going the route of a registration or a tag, they looked with the help of Farm Bureau at what has already been accepted in the state of Idaho, which involves an on-line registration self-reporting process where a farmer goes in and registers their automobile and carries that certificate within the vehicle. Commissioner McDonough stated DPS will mirror the same thing Idaho has and do this at no cost to the farmers. Commissioner McDonough stressed this will be a self-reporting and mandatory compliance issue so that when an officer stops a vehicle that is in the business of doing farm work, pulling implements, going from field to field and there is a question as to whether this is a farm vehicle, the farmer will have had to go on line and pull up this registration and have it printed off and put in the vehicle just like he carries insurance. Commissioner McDonough emphasized a standard thing that a deputy, police officer or trooper asks for is license, registration, proof of insurance and then if it is a farm vehicle situation, that is what is going to be required to have in the vehicle. Commissioner McDonough reiterated this is a very simple way to record this and meet the compliance of the law at no costs to the farmers.

Mr. Kacy Cronan asked if the radius of mileage for the covered farm vehicle will be any different and Commissioner McDonough responded the law will remain the same, still 150 miles from the base of the farmer's operation. Commissioner McDonough reaffirmed most peace officers in this state have been very lenient to this, but will still have to comply with the Georgia state law. Commissioner McDonough added as DPS goes along with this, this will be publicized, will do an education process to the farmers, will ask the Farm Bureau to put out to their members and other farm organizations and there will be a grace period just like when we implement a law, we will be very gracious if we come across those things for a period of time and then it will be a compliance issue that will be mandatory. Commissioner McDonough noted this is designed to be a very simplistic thing that the farmers can do at no cost.

Commissioner McDonough advised the past month had been a very active month for the DPS as GSP had their 26th trooper involved shooting on Thursday, January 31st, 2013, on Fulton Industrial Blvd. Commissioner McDonough thanked Director Keenan for the direct response of his agents to the scene. This is an ongoing issue and Commissioner McDonough reminded the BPS members they have heard Director Keenan and himself continually hammer home the environment in which peace officers operate this day. Commissioner McDonough declared it is not getting better, it is getting worse and so a lot of the policies that the BPS members have heard about that DPS follows, such as the mandatory vest wearing policy, doing the below 100 program, there is a method to this madness; the DPS is trying to do everything that can be done to ensure the environment in which the DPS employees work, matches the reality of where they are. Commissioner McDonough advised last year in the amount of

officers killed in the line of duty in the country, 20% of those killed were state troopers; the job that DPS men and women do is a very difficult and dangerous job and the shooting on the 31st is a perfect example of where the DPS is.

Commissioner McDonough spoke about an accident that occurred on I-16 on Wednesday, February 6, 2013, which involved 27 vehicles with four fatalities; nine commercial motor vehicles were within the accident scene, but only 7 of the 9 were involved as far as contact and damage was concerned. Commissioner McDonough advised one of the big questions was the weather and smoke, which will be part of the investigation and are looking to the National Weather Service for their expertise. Commissioner McDonough added at the Dublin airfield, which is a short distance from the scene, at 0755 hours, they reported a half mile visibility and at 0815 hours, they reported a quarter mile visibility. This was a day that Commissioner McDonough called a fog event but there are issues with controlled burns that will be looked at to ensure the component of potential smoke from the controlled burns is looked at very closely as to the causation factor of the accident. Due to the ongoing investigation of the accident, Commissioner McDonough advised he would not be able to entertain any questions.

Commissioner McDonough stated Mr. Lee O'Brien would be presenting a Resolution for the establishment of GSP Post 51, which will be in Gwinnett County, part of an agreement with DOT in placing troopers in the I-85 corridor to work accidents. Commissioner McDonough noted the establishment of this post is historical and reminded the BPS members that Post 37- Lawrenceville used to be in Gwinnett County and moved to Forsyth County, so will be re-establishing a post territory and that is one of the reasons DPS will be using the formal issuance of a resolution to do so, because it is an addition to the DPS structure. Commissioner McDonough asked the BPS to please bear with DPS because the flexibility needs to be here because right now there is not a permanent home, normally when a post is named, it is named for the city for which it is in and right now there is a temporary location, so it will essentially be known temporarily as GSP Post 51 Gwinnett County and once it has a permanent home with a permanent mailing address, the Post will be renamed appropriately within the structure.

Commissioner McDonough advised the 91st trooper school graduation will be on Friday, March 22, 2013 and there will be no breakfast associated with the graduation. The graduation will be held at the capitol at 0900 hours with the class inspection being held on the north steps inside the capitol and then will stage a photograph with the class and the constitutional officers. Commissioner McDonough noted the class stands at 17 and will probably be the smallest graduating class that DPS has ever had, but it is a good group of cadets. Commissioner McDonough stated the Department is trying to bring the graduation to a special place at a special time while the legislature is going on at the capitol; we celebrate small. Commissioner McDonough reminded the BPS members during the Olympics the commercials about the celebration of small; the DPS did not want the size of the class to diminish the celebration of their graduation in any way. Commissioner McDonough advised the graduation exercise will occur at 1000 hours in the auditorium at Post 50, which is a 298 seat auditorium.

Mr. Brian Rickman, on behalf of the Judicial Qualifications Commission stated he was in South Georgia assisting with an investigation; both GBI and GSP personnel were helpful by providing locations to work out of and assisted the group and thanked Commissioner McDonough and Director Keenan for the professionalism of their employees.

Sheriff Joey Terrell thanked Commissioner McDonough for the five day active shooter class in Habersham County that was held at the North Georgia Technical Institute.

Director Vernon Kennan, Georgia Bureau of Investigation shared last Friday, in the House and the Senate, there were resolutions passed that recognized the Republic of Georgia National Police, the GBI and the State Department for a program the GBI has had through the State Department for the last three years. Director Keenan advised GBI agents take their vacation time and go over to the Republic of Georgia and train their counterparts over there in various aspects of policing in a democracy. Director Keenan stated the Republic of Georgia is a former part of the Soviet Union; they are now a democracy, and are a very vital ally to the United States, they are very pro-American and they are trying to learn how to enforce the law in a democracy. Director Keenan acknowledged the average police official has five years of experience; the GBI agents are going over and sharing with them how we do business in our state and have a very strong partnership. Director Kennan stated they taught them to serve a search warrant, as the Russian way was to kick in the door and toss in hand grenades, but you do not do that in a democracy. Director Keenan affirmed the GBI agents enjoy very much going to the Republic of Georgia and the State Department pays for this; it was very gratifying for both the House and the Senate to recognize this great partnership.

In regards to a case that the GBI worked yesterday, Director Keenan advised the GSP SWAT executed a high risk search warrant for the GBI on a child sex trafficking case. Director Keenan stated it was nice to see when the GBI has a strategy when training is put into place and it all comes together and is successful. In this case, Director Keenan advised there was a 14 year old girl that had been picked up by Clayton County Police Dept., had a pick up order for being a deprived child. Director Keenan shared the child went into the custody of the state in the social services setting and when the child was talking with her social worker she told about her history of being a victim of child sex trafficking. Director Keenan acknowledged the social worker had been through the training the GBI had put on in this area, picked up the phone and called the agents who work child sex trafficking and then we started an investigation. Director Keenan stated the child and another 16 year old were being sold for sex in an apartment in Clayton County by a lady who was 27 years old with an extensive criminal record. Director Keenan added the trafficker had firearms and had said that she would shoot the first person who came through the door; hence the GBI went to the GSP SWAT. Director Keenan stated the warrant was executed and later that afternoon, the trafficker was arrested and is now in custody of Clayton County. Director Keenan stated all the pieces fell together; the social worker was attuned to what the crime was about and knew who to call when there is something that needed to be followed up with. Director Keenan shared that last month there was an incident where a GSP trooper and a Greene County deputy sheriff made a traffic stop for speeding and in the vehicle was a 27 year old man and a 16 year girl. Director Keenan stated in the spring, training was held for 350 law enforcement officers in Georgia, training them in how to recognize the child sex trafficking victim and the Greene County

deputy had been to the training; he looked at the situation beyond the traffic ticket, read the behaviors of the child and knew there was something wrong. Director Keenan stated the deputy called the sex trafficking unit and they responded to the scene, talked with the trooper, the deputy and the child. Director Keenan stated the child had been given away when she was 12 years old by her mother and had been passed around in four different states as a victim; she had escaped from the man and had gone to Alabama, the man tracked her down, kidnapped her and was carrying her to another state when his bad luck ran out when he was stopped for speeding by GSP and the deputy. Director Keenan advised the man is now in federal custody and will be facing a minimum of forty years. Director Keenan advised the GBI has been asked to go to Washington and meet with some of the Vice-President's staff over this child sex trafficking issue. They want to know what we are seeing in Georgia and what we are doing about it, as our state is very pro-active in engaging, investigating and prosecuting these type cases. Director Keenan stated the GBI has consented to go to Washington and tell them the way we see things that occur in the state of Georgia.

Director Keenan stated yesterday, Governor Deal called for a bill which had been passed through the legislature relating to wiretapping. Director Keenan stressed this was an extremely important piece of legislation and Governor Deal called for it as soon as it passed so that he could sign it into law. Director Keenan added the State Supreme Court had issued a ruling which said that a judge when he issues a wiretap, that intercept cannot occur outside the circuit where the judge issued the order. Director Keenan affirmed this is not the way business is done in the electronic surveillance world, that the wire intercepts that the GBI, the federal government, and the local law enforcement agencies participate in are done out of a wiretap center at HIDTA. Director Keenan advised they have dozens of wire taps ongoing constantly and are intercepting the drug dealers' communications all over the state at a central location because that is the way the technology works. Director Keenan declared this came to a standstill when the supreme court decision came out, the wiretaps had to be turned off immediately, so the Mexican drug gangs had a field day for the last couple of months until the law came into effect and Director Keenan was very much appreciative that Governor Deal signed the bill immediately, because as soon as he did, the wiretaps got updated and went back into the business of tracking down the Mexican drug cartel.

Director Tim Bearden, Georgia Public Safety Training Center asked Deputy Director Bill Bryant who will be retiring April 1, 2013 to speak before the BPS.

Deputy Director Bill Bryant, Georgia Public Safety Training Center shared that it had been a great 30 years with the state of Georgia. Mr. Bryant thanked Director Bearden for the opportunity to cap off his career at the GPSTC, working with a group of fine, professional and dedicated employees. Mr. Bryant stated that not every country boy from South Georgia can say they spent a career in the company of governors, presidents and distinguished Board members. Mr. Bryant stated he appreciates the friendships that have been developed with everyone.

Director Bearden thanked Commissioner McDonough and his employees at the GPSTC as with the help of the GSP and SCRT, the GPSTC put on the first live crash test, probably of any training center in the nation. Director Bearden added that normally if one wants to do a live crash test you would

have to call a consultant, usually costs \$10,000.00 and they come out and crash vehicles. Director Bearden stated with the help of the GSP, the GPSTC employees in the traffic investigation unit and employees at the vehicle maintenance, the GPSTC was able to come up with a system where they used one car as a push car to get up to a certain speed, used an airplane remote control device and a piston on the brakes which was controlled by the remote control device and after releasing the vehicle, they would hit the remote control, put the vehicle into a skid and strike the other vehicle in a T-bone type crash. Director Bearden shared this was observed by 30 officers from around the state, was an absolute unique thing to see from the air, as Director Bearden was in a helicopter taping the test. Director Bearden stated the information that can come from this type of training is unlimited, the GPSTC can start looking at doing test crashes with pedestrians, motor cycles, and give it a real life scenario to the officers.

Director Bearden shared he just returned from a weeklong trip to the Republic of Georgia working with their Director of Training, which is a newly appointed official from the Ministry of Internal Affairs. Director Bearden acknowledged the Republic of Georgia law enforcement is very much about openness and treating their citizens' right and added the law enforcement from the Republic of Georgia flew back to the US with Director Bearden and spent some time at the GPSTC and other agencies around the state. Director Bearden stated the GPSTC is working with them to make sure they have curriculum involving instructor training and field training officers. Director Bearden stated in regards to the Republic of Georgia search warrant officers, their felony stops consisted of putting the suspect's head between the door frame and the door, and if the suspect gave them any problems, then they would immediately shut the door onto the head and also pull the head down. Director Bearden stated the Republic of Georgia law enforcement has no training in between hand to hand, working with suspects and firearms, so GPSTC is looking at different types of baton, OC spray, and Tazer to make sure they do things safely. Director Bearden stated the GPSTC is looking forward to this partnership and the Republic of Georgia is on the right track as to what they want to do for their citizens.

Director Bearden stated Firefighter Recognition Day was last week at the capitol and it was a great event with a great turnout.

Director Bearden shared him and Chief Pennington just wrapped up the Chiefs Training in Athens; he listened to what the Chiefs had to offer to improve training and to get more training out to the regional academies.

Director Bearden stated while the General Assembly is in session, they have been very busy working with the legislators answering questions, especially the new legislators and working with them to make sure they get the information they need.

DONATIONS

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

(16) LWRC M6-G Semi Auto 5.56 mm rifles, 16 shotgun racks, 16 protective vests	\$ 44,974.52	Tunnel Hill Police Department
(1) Genesis II-Select Radar	\$ 2,205.00	Brooks Co. Board of Commissioners
Interdiction Training and Travel Expenses	\$ 647.99	Dooly Co. Sheriff's Department
Window Tint	\$ 150.00	Office of State Administrative Hearings
(1) Havis K-9 Kennel Insert	\$ 5,057.06	Morgan Co. Sheriff's Department
(1) Dell 15" Laptop Computer	\$ 400.00	Douglasville Police Department
Post Critical Incident Seminar	\$ 5,000.00	The J. D. Paugh Memorial Foundation
Post Critical Incident Seminar	\$ 1,500.00	Executive Marketing Services
Post Critical Incident Seminar	\$ 250.00	Dr. Laura Malloy

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

FISCAL REPORTS

Mr. Peter Adams, Comptroller, Department of Public Safety presented the DPS fiscal report ending December 31, 2012, stating the Department should be at 50.00% remaining for the fiscal year, but the report shows 41.57% remaining in the overall budget. Mr. Adams stated the reason for the 8.43% overage is due to prepayment on leases and the purchase of a helicopter this year. Mr. Adams added there had been quite a few retirements and the Department had to payout the annual leave payout and the retirement payout on the retirees.

Mrs. Connie Buck, Fiscal Officer and Treasurer, Georgia Bureau of Investigation presented the GBI fiscal report ending December 31, 2012, and stated the GBI has 45% remaining for the fiscal year and the GBI has also had a few retirements that required a payout of retirement and annual leave to employees. Mrs. Buck added that the GBI will hold vacancies to ensure that the GBI meets its budget. Mrs. Buck pointed out that the Federal ARRA Stimulus Funds are largely spent and this represents that the GBI has one final ARRA grant that will be expiring in March, which is in the Internet Crimes against Children Unit and the GBI is on target to spend 100% of the ARRA Funds before they expire in March.

Mr. Michael Parkerson, Deputy Director, Georgia Public Safety Training Center presented the GPSTC fiscal report ending December 31, 2012, and stated the State General Funds has 55% of the budget remaining, which does not include the 3% reduction that the GPSTC is expecting to take for the current fiscal year. Mr. Parkerson stated the Federal Funds have 79% remaining and stated that 79% is

a little bit high as all federal funds are on a different fiscal year and also pointed out that Other Funds has 57% remaining for the fiscal year.

Mr. Parkerson thanked Mr. Bill Bryant for his friendship and leadership at the GPSTC and added it has been a pleasure to work with him and wished Mr. Bryant the best in his retirement.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Lee O'Brien, Deputy Director of Legal Services, Department of Public Safety presented proposed revisions for the final adoption to the Georgia Department of Public Safety Rule 570-9 Off-Duty Police Employment, proposed revisions for the final adoption to the Georgia Department of Public Safety Rule 570-10 Bicycle Safety, proposed revisions for the final adoption to the Georgia Department of Public Safety Rule 570-22 Safety Glazing Material and Window Tinting Manufacturer and Installer Requirements.

Mr. Lester L. Rampy, Jr., made a motion to accept the proposed changes for final adoption to Department of Public Safety Rule 570-9, Rule 570-10 and Rule 570-22. This was seconded by Mr. Brian M. Rickman and voted approved by the Board members.

Mr. Lee O'Brien, Deputy Director of Legal Services, Department of Public Safety presented a Resolution which would authorize the Department of Public Safety to establish Georgia State Patrol Post 51 and provide Headquarters in Gwinnett County including comfortable barracks and quarters for troopers of such Post.

Chief Bill Myers made a motion that the members of the Georgia Board of Public Safety authorize the Commissioner of Public Safety to establish a new division of the Georgia State Patrol to be known as Post 51 to be located in Gwinnett County, or in such proximity to Gwinnett County as will provide the appropriate capability of enforcement in the geographical area, on such property as may be acquired by appropriate legal instrument for use as Headquarters and Barracks for said Post 51. This was seconded by Mr. Kacy K. Cronan and voted approved by the Board members.

Commissioner McDonough added preliminary results in Cobb County shows the response time to accidents for this program has gone from 8 minutes to 5 minutes, which is a 45% reduction in response time and already the clearance time average has been decreased by 3 minutes, which means time is money and we know what time can do to traffic, so this is already proving its worth and told Chief Myers they can't wait to start in Gwinnett County.

Vice-Chairman Wood stated that the BPS acknowledges, recognizes and congratulates Commissioner McDonough for receiving the Rabun Legacy Award at the 2nd Annual Rabun Awards Banquet.

Vice-Chairman Wood shared a YouTube video of former President Ronald Reagan with those in attendance.

Vice-Chairman Wood asked everyone to remember Sergeant Anthony Hughes and his family as his uncle passed away last month.

Vice-Chairman Wood congratulated Ms. Jacqueline Bunn, Legal Services with the Department of Public Safety, as she was elected President of the Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys.

Vice-Chairman Wood shared a story of Mr. Michael Guido.

Vice-Chairman Wood thanked Commissioner Owens for the use of the DOC Board room and reminded the BPS members that the BPS would meet in the DOC Board room again on March 14th, 2013.

Vice-Chairman Wood asked everyone to remember Mr. Wayne Abernathy as he is recovering from foot surgery.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Brian M. Rickman
Secretary