

**BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

November 09<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Georgia Public Safety Training Center-Forsyth, Georgia

**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  
Chief Louis M. Dekmar  
Mr. Patrick H. Head  
Mr. C. Murray Kight  
Commissioner Brian Owens  
Mr. Lester L. Rampy, Jr.  
Sheriff H. Cullen Talton  
Mr. Ellison G. Wood

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Sheriff Dane Kirby

**OTHERS:**

Ms. Cheryl Buie, Board Liaison  
Colonel Mark W. McDonough, Commissioner, Department of Public Safety  
Major C. E. Grier, Department of Public Safety, Georgia State Patrol  
Major Hank Fielding, Department of Public Safety, Georgia State Patrol  
Major Wayne Beck, Department of Public Safety, MCCD  
Captain A. W. Marlowe, Department of Public Safety, Georgia State Patrol  
Sergeant Kevin Thompson, Department of Public Safety Aviation  
Comptroller Joseph W. Hood, Department of Public Safety  
Director Vernon Keenan, Georgia Bureau of Investigation  
Assistant Director Dan Kirk, Georgia Bureau of Investigation  
Deputy Director Terry Gibbons, Georgia Bureau of Investigation  
Director Tim Bearden, Georgia Public Safety Training Center  
Deputy Director Patrice Kerner, Georgia Public Safety Training Center  
Deputy Director Dr. Butch Beach, Georgia Public Safety Training Center  
Ms. Cindy Franklin, Georgia Public Safety Training Center  
Ms. Vonnie B. Stewart, Georgia Public Safety Training Center  
Mr. Keith Howard, Georgia Public Safety Training Center  
Ms. Cheryl Greathouse, Georgia Public Safety Training Center  
Mr. Ray Saxon, Georgia Public Safety Training Center  
Mr. David Wall, Georgia Public Safety Training Center  
Mr. Eddie Lovett, Georgia Public Safety Training Center  
Mr. Gary Horton, Georgia Public Safety Training Center  
Colonel Rueben McGhee, Houston County SO

Mr. Kenneth Mantle, Department of Corrections

Mrs. Rachael Kight

Mrs. Louise Rampy

Mrs. Maureen Bryant

Vice-Chairman Ellis Wood called the November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Board of Public Safety meeting to order and thanked the GPSTC staff for hosting the meeting. Vice-Chairman Wood called on Dr. Rick Lankford for the devotion. Vice-Chairman Wood led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice-Chairman Wood asked everyone present to introduce themselves.

Vice-Chairman Wood called for approval of the October 13<sup>th</sup> and October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Board minutes. Mr. Rooney L. Bowen, III made the motion, seconded by Mr. C. Murray Kight and voted approval by the Board members.

### **DIRECT REPORTS**

Commissioner Mark McDonough, Department of Public Safety began by telling the Board members that DPS presented the Department's budget presentation to Governor Deal and his staff today. Commissioner McDonough stated he presented how DPS would come up with a 2% reduction for this fiscal year and the next fiscal year and stated the Department's offer would be furloughs of employees. Commissioner McDonough stated because of the grant funding that the Department receives for the troopers, we are essentially handcuffed as far as what can be done and the Department cannot draw down people and use attrition to meet the budget requirements as we cannot replace those funds with the grant funding that we receive from the federal government. Commissioner McDonough again stated that if the Department is required to make the 2% reduction, the Department will do it through furloughs. Commissioner McDonough added that for some folks, furlough is a bad word, but went on to add that during the promotion board interviews, the interviewers asked some of the interviewees what they would do and the interviewees would always state they would rather take the sacrifice as a group and take furloughs, endure the personal hardship than actually lose another trooper on the roadway. Commissioner McDonough stated that it is nice when the Department sees this type of support from the troopers and the troopers are prepared if the furloughs occur.

Commissioner McDonough stated the fuel and the vehicle situation was also discussed; particularly HB253 was discussed in the budget presentation with Governor Deal and his staff. Commissioner McDonough reminded the Board members that DPS was pushing to have a vehicle sales program and this bill was passed in the House and is sitting tabled on the Senate side waiting for the upcoming legislative session. Commissioner McDonough stated there is a lot of support on the Senate side and should see in very short order at the beginning of the legislature, the DPS will be able to have that bill passed and get into our vehicle sales program. Commissioner McDonough stated the object of the vehicle sales program is to sell the car between 85,000 and 100,000 miles, as when you go past this mileage and replace transmissions, you start to put more money in the maintenance and then lose the value of the vehicle. Commissioner McDonough stated the Department will try to get the value out of

the car and put that into the purchase of new automobiles so that we are not spending money on high mileage vehicle maintenance instead of new automobiles, which is the goal.

Mr. Rooney L. Bowen, III asked Commissioner McDonough what the revenue off the used automobiles would be and Commissioner McDonough responded that hopefully the Department can get around \$7,000.00 plus a car, but did state that he did not have a projection or estimate as the Department is starting off with a fleet that is well over 135,000 miles and will have to start paring it down and see what the Department can get out of it. Commissioner McDonough added that he told DOAS that he wanted DPS to try selling the vehicles and see if DPS can get more money out of the vehicles than the current system that the state utilizes.

Commissioner McDonough stated they also discussed manpower issues with Governor Deal's office. Commissioner McDonough stated he and Comptroller Joe Hood met with the Department of Transportation last Friday talking dollar figures in what DOT will commit to start the 90<sup>th</sup> and 91<sup>st</sup> trooper school next year with a tentative start date of March for the 90<sup>th</sup> and August for the 91<sup>st</sup> adding the whole point of these two trooper schools is to put troopers into two crash corridors, I-75 in Cobb County and I-85 in Gwinnett County.

Commissioner McDonough discussed the use and dedication of asset forfeiture funds to do maintenance that had been left over from the Aviation Authority when Aviation came back to DPS and this has been completed. Commissioner McDonough stated the helicopter that Sgt. Thompson flew down in had a reconditioned aircraft engine that asset forfeiture funds were spent on. Asset forfeiture money is not available to the Aviation Authority; this was the value of having the aircraft within the DPS organization as we had access to asset forfeiture funds to make this type of repair. The DPS has committed one million dollars for the purchase of a new helicopter, a 407 and the one that DPS is looking at is a very low time aircraft that meets the DPS needs and this is all in line with the Commission of New Georgia study to replace our older aircraft and standardize the DPS fleet. Commissioner McDonough added that the DPS has asked for two additional helicopters through bond funding as well as bond funding for the cars.

In regards to the helicopters, Chief Dekmar asked Commissioner McDonough if DPS is looking to change or modify placement of the helicopters in the state. Commissioner McDonough remarked that the only change of location is moving to Gainesville from Athens and explained when looking at the northeast part of the state and looking for the geographic center it would be Gainesville. Commissioner McDonough added that the other existing locations will stay where they are and one additional place that is being looked at is in Douglas in Coffee County. Commissioner McDonough stated we have all experienced the fires especially everyone in S Georgia and this has become a very high priority in what DPS is doing and if we look at the location in Reidsville and an additional location in Douglas, the DPS will be well positioned to have aircraft close by to help with the fires in South Georgia. Since the re-acquirement of the Aviation unit, Chief Dekmar asked Commissioner McDonough if there had been any changes or modifications as it relates to the able ready aircraft or any maintenance issues that have grounded some aircraft. Commissioner McDonough responded that the biggest problem was the number of mechanics that came back to the DPS and stated when the unit

went to the Aviation Authority, DPS had 6 funded mechanic positions that went over to the Authority and when the unit came back to DPS, we had four physical mechanics that came back, 6 total positions but the additional two were not funded. Commissioner McDonough was sad to report that as of yesterday, one of the four existing mechanics was diagnosed with liver cancer, so at this time the DPS is down to three mechanics. Commissioner McDonough remarked that this is a huge issue right now and has been addressed in our budget presentation and have asked for funds to hire two additional mechanics. At this point the mechanics have done a fantastic job and have completed a lot of maintenance that was left over from when the unit came back to DPS; it is a daily struggle, but they are doing a very good job.

Commissioner McDonough advised that a week ago Sunday, the 89<sup>th</sup> trooper school started with 58 cadets and now have 51 remaining. The cadets are in their first week of firearms with Wednesday being a critical day going into the last two days. Commissioner McDonough added that the 88<sup>th</sup> trooper school cadets that graduate next date and the 89<sup>th</sup> trooper school cadets will be on stage at the graduation, 86 cadets, 35 graduating and 51 in the pipeline and should be quite a stage that is set tomorrow. Commissioner McDonough stated what is interesting about the 89<sup>th</sup> trooper school class and reminded the Board members of the attrition rates in the past and thanks to Major Grier, he has sat down with the training staff and we are taking a little different approach and pretty much started off that approach with not telling the cadets how they can quit and it has worked because if they do not know how to quit they keep going. Commissioner McDonough mentioned that the bell that had been out for ringing in the past is now left in the cabinet and the training staff's charge is to use the 18 weeks before the cadets go to field training to produce the product that DPS needs, not to use the first week as a traditional hell week to separate the weak from the chaff. We figure we have 18 weeks to do this. We are going to try a different approach and not going to say this is a softer approach because they are going to build in to the tough physical stuff and then we will see if that produces a better product after 18 weeks. Thus far at this time we had lost 15-18, but now have lost only 7 at this point, we will see how this works out.

Commissioner McDonough reminded the Board members that graduation was in the morning at 1000 hours with the breakfast at 0800 hours and at 0900 hours an inspection of the troops will be held.

Commissioner McDonough invited everyone to the Governor's office for the swearing in for himself, Director Tim Bearden, Gale Buckner and Representative Mills on Monday at 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Rooney L. Bowen, III asked Commissioner McDonough if troopers in MCCC federally funded positions could be furloughed and Commissioner McDonough advised that the positions could not be furloughed. Commissioner McDonough reminded the Board members that the communications personnel were not furloughed; there will be certain positions that will be looked at, but the majority will be furloughed if we have to go to the 2% reduction.

Vice-Chairman Wood asked Commissioner McDonough to comment on the Reidsville hanger dedication. Commissioner McDonough stated that he wished the rest of the state had this type of outpouring relationship, not just for DPS but everywhere. Commissioner McDonough stated there

were 300-400 people packed in the hanger and even children from the high school came down for the opening. Commissioner McDonough stated the project took five years to complete, but to see this type of outpouring and see this type of facility in Reidsville it is just amazing. Commissioner McDonough added that the interior was outfitted for both storage and the office space; the largest helicopter that DPS has was up against the wall and could still put another aircraft in the building. It is an outstanding facility, there is room to grow and room to place aircraft, particularly to respond to the fires in South Georgia. Commissioner McDonough stated it was a neat event and DPS had the opportunity to recognize Senator Jack Hill; Commissioner McDonough stated when looking back over the years one politician in state government that has supported state law enforcement as governors have come and gone has been Senator Hill. It was a great day.

Vice-Chairman Wood thanked Commissioner Owens and the DOC for their assistance with the project and Commissioner McDonough added that everything that has been done over the past seven years, if it had not been for Commissioner Owens and his staff when it comes to building construction, the DPS would not have gotten it done, Commissioner Owens has been a yes man at every turn, it's how can we work it out and told Commissioner Owens he has been a blessed servant.

Director Vernon M. Keenan, Georgia Bureau of Investigation stated he would have his GBI budget meeting with the Governor's staff tomorrow and will report back to the BPS after the meeting tomorrow.

Director Keenan had several projects that he updated the BPS on. Director Keenan stated the GBI routinely meets with all the major criminal justice agencies and began by sharing a handout titled AFIS Replacement Project, a copy of the actual power point that was used when speaking to the Governor's senior staff. Director Keenan stated that the GBI is in the final stages of completing the replacement of the automated fingerprint identification system. Director Keenan added that the current system was established in 2000 and is grossly outdated in today's technology and the GBI is fortunate to be able to put together a proposal and obtain Homeland Security funds to replace the automated fingerprint identification system, the network where local agencies capture fingerprints and are electronically submitted to the GBI, which is used to build the criminal history record system. Director Keenan stated the contract was for 1.5 million and shared an interesting point, stating the proposed budget for this project was 7.6 million dollars which is what was awarded for this project, but because of today's economy and because of the competitiveness that exists in the technology award the GBI got the top company, NEC to do the work for their contract 1.5 million and then Homeland Security turned around and took the extra money away from us; this speaks to the budget environment that we are in and the project itself was so much under budget. The GBI is in the process of completing the replacement in the first quarter of 2012 and have been working with Chiefs and Sheriffs across the state getting their input into what they need in the new system. This system will completely replace the core system at GBI and 28 remote agency work stations. This will allow the AFIS to be upgraded to the point that the data base will be increased, search capabilities are greatly increased and local agencies that have a need to go in and access the fingerprints in the system can do this without coming through the GBI.

In regards to the remote agency work stations around the state, Chief Dekmar asked Director Keenan if 28 was an increase of remote agency work stations around the state and if this was a web based program. Director Keenan remarked that it is the same number and Deputy Director Terry Gibbons added there will still be remote terminal access and will increase operability between the state and the field. Chief Dekmar asked if there would be an opportunity for increased participation regionally by agencies if they wanted to hook onto this and Deputy Director Gibbons stated yes they could. Mr. Rooney L. Bowen, III asked Deputy Director Gibbons if this would decrease the time that it takes the FBI to answer back on the GCIC side. Deputy Director Gibbons remarked that GA is a national fingerprint file state so most fingerprints are not sent to the FBI unless they are for submission as we can retrieve that information from the FBI and at this time we are hoping to make some changes due to rejects of fingerprints to the FBI, a second reject, request a name search and hoping to build into one step which will decrease the time for this process.

Director Keenan shared that the Sex Offender Registry was created in 1996 and still has the same technology platform that the state has been working off of. Director Keenan reminded the BPS members of the Department of Audits report that was very critical of the GBI for not modernizing the sex offender registry with money that the GBI did not have. Governor Deal solved this problem by directing CJCC to provide the GBI with over 300,000 dollars to replace the sex offender registry. This project is on-going, one quarter behind schedule due to technology connection issues that we had to work through with GTA that have now been sorted out. Director Keenan stated the Sex Offender Registry is going to completely modernize the way the state handles sex offender registrations in the state. Currently the sex offender registers with the Sheriff and then the Sheriff uploads the information to the GBI and then the GBI reenters the information into the registry which the GBI maintains. The GBI is the keeper of the data base, but the input is done at the Sheriff Department's level. The new system will allow the sheriffs to populate offender registration information directly into the system. The Sheriff's office will enter the photographs into the system and real time information into the registry. The registry will also have a mapping capability to show if the Sheriff is registering a sex offender and if the sex offender lives within the limitations of the law as it relates to a school or other public institution the offenders are prohibited from living there, the sheriff will be alerted. This is the first stage, to take care of the law enforcement side for the sex offender registry; stage two is set to occur later next year. Director Keenan added this will completely change the way the public can access the web site in that it will be much easier to access the web site, pull down the photographs and the sex offender information and they can also register for alerts if an offender moves into their neighborhood, they can be notified that there is a sex offender moving into their area. This is where the public will understand the value of the changes in the sex offender registry. Law enforcement will see this first and the public will catch up with this in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2012. Director Keenan stated that the interest of the public in sex offenders is tremendous, in fact the only government website that is accessed more than the sex offender registry is the winning number of the GA lottery. Director Keenan stated he had informed the Governor's staff that he looks to have this project completed by the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2012.

Sheriff Cronin asked Director Keenan if the Sheriff's Departments would need any added technologies at the sheriff's office level to interface with the SOR or will the Sheriff's Departments simply be doing

what has been done in the past. Deputy Director Terry Gibbons stated there would not be any additional technologies for the sheriff's office and that this would be a web-based system for the sheriff's department to enter once which would be fed to the public site and the law enforcement view. Deputy Director Gibbons added for any sheriff's office that has a vendor block there will be an interface exchange between this so that if they want to continue to use the vendor block they can do that as well. Director Keenan added this system will be such that if they wanted to save money on the private system they can link straight to the state's system to meet the requirements of the law.

Director Keenan updated the BPS members on the Crime Lab DNA unit by telling the members that the GBI has a very close partnership with the Department of Corrections where the DOC collects DNA from every inmate that is now sentenced to a felony in the state of Georgia regardless of whether they are incarcerated or on felony probation. Director Keenan thanked Commissioner Owens and his staff for doing a great job and this has worked seamlessly. Director Keenan stated the GBI CODIS operation Summary has over 226,667 offender/probationers samples, explaining that CODIS is the Combined DNA Index System which is a FBI based operation provided to state and local law enforcement agencies. Director Keenan called attention to a handout where a chart shows crimes solved through DNA and most of the crimes solved are for burglary which has been a change since we are now collecting DNA from all burglars whether probation or confinement. The next category of crime solved is rape and when looking at the offender crime chart, the offender is being convicted of burglary/robbery. Many sex crimes are being solved but the offender has not committed a sex crime, they have committed a burglary, this is why it is so important for the state to start collecting DNA from all persons that have committed property crimes. The sex offenders are also burglars and user of drugs and we track all of this very carefully. Director Keenan stated there were 539 CODIS Hits for the last fiscal year and many times we are getting 3 and 4 DNA matches a day. The system is populated even more as the DOC continues to collect DNA from probationers entering into the system and we are solving cases more quickly. Director Keenan stated they routinely find that when they have a DNA hit on a cold case, we notify the investigating agency that they have a DNA match here, they then have to take additional steps, some do some don't, we do a telephone call, log in who we have talked with which is the investigator then we follow up with a letter to the agency head that there is a DNA match on this particular case. At the end of the year we send a summary of the DNA hits to the prosecutor hoping that somewhere in this that all these cases are being looked at and worked but occasionally we will find out that there has been a DNA match and then the law enforcement agency has not followed up and the offender commits another crime and only comes to light after this. We find out then that the DNA match was not acted upon. Director Keenan stated he had met with the District Attorneys weeks ago and one of the things that they asked for is an electronic notification to the prosecutor when there has been a DNA match, so we are working to make this happen, which will not only notify the DA by email notification, but will also notify the police chief and sheriff. All of this is being done to try and prevent the local agency from not acting on the case.

Chief Dekmar stated 5-6 years ago there were some agencies experimenting with touch DNA and asked if the technology was where it should be on this. Assistant Director Dan Kirk stated that touch DNA is a name that people use, but it is the same DNA process that we use on everything else. Touch DNA just refers to the fact that it is DNA that is taken from this type of contact as opposed to a sexual

or blood or something like that. Mr. Kirk advised that the GBI had two very significant hits in police officer shootings that have been worked out of Atlanta where the investigators actually got DNA off of the gun of the perpetrator when the witnesses claimed that the deceased did not have a firearm with his DNA. The caution with this is that the touch DNA is really a very low amount of DNA, depending on the length of contact and what condition the person is in, so we still say that we use that as a last resort. But if we have anything else on the case, sexual assault kit or whatever might be, that is what we do first, but when we are at a dead-end we will take the touch fingerprint. Chief Dekmar commented that several years ago when this came up, we were discouraging it and was wondering if this had change. Mr. Kirk stated it has changed, the GBI still does this, but does it as a last resort and a lot of times we will wind up getting in a mess.

Sheriff Cronic asked Director Keenan if the DNA notification goes to the agency head or agency designee. Director Keenan advised the agency head is notified by the investigator but now an electronic system will be set up and if the agency head wants the electronic notification to go to someone on their staff, they would register to get the notification. Director Keenan stated they have been very careful about pushing the limits of science which is what some crime labs have done and have had major problems with it. But as science improves, the GBI is becoming more comfortable with what the GBI is doing and less conservative.

Director Keenan stated the GBI Crime Lab has been reaccredited which is a major undertaking; it is how the GBI maintains the quality control within the crime lab system. The accreditation is a very in depth lengthy process to go through, but it is absolutely necessary.

Director Keenan advised that the GBI Medical Examiner's System was reaccredited by their crediting body and again this is a major undertaking involving a lot of staff work to do this but it is also how we maintain quality in the medical examiner's operation. These are two success stories for the GBI.

Director Keenan stated that next Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. an open house will be held at the Moultrie Crime Lab and reminded the BPS members this crime lab was slated for closure and then the legislature at the last minute funded the lab at the level with increased staffing to justify keeping the lab open and then provided the funding to renovate the lab, a half million dollars of work has been completed. The staff has been hired and trained.

Mr. Rooney L. Bowen, III asked Director Keenan what services would be provided at the Moultrie Crime Lab. Assistant Director Dan Kirk advised chemistry, serology and DNA, and will continue to receive evidence to ship elsewhere for other services.

Vice-Chairman Wood asked Director Keenan if the GBI was involved with the federal authorities on the terrorist arrests in Northeast Georgia. Director Keenan remarked that the GBI bomb units were in the area and the GBI agent who worked with JTTF assisted with the investigation and then GISAC worked with the FBI.



Director Tim Bearden, Georgia Public Safety Training Center began by telling the BPS members that the GPSTC board report was before them and would answer any questions in regards to the report.

Director Bearden stated the training center has been dealing with several issues concerning the infrastructure and briefed the BPS members on these issues. One was the electrical issue and at this time they are finishing the work of replacing 22 transformers on the campus and also have just signed the contract for the cable replacements for the twenty miles of electrical lines that have got to be replaced and are working with Georgia Power to get these lines replaced. Director Bearden added that the roof is being worked on, the pre-bidders have been qualified and the project is currently up for bid; the current roof is the original roof when the training center was built and due to the leaks there are rotten places on the gym floor that will have to be repaired and as soon as the roof is replaced the other will be taken care of. Director Bearden stated that GPSTC had an order from the EPD to get the spray fields straightened out and we are working on that diligently and thanked Commissioner Owens for his assistance as one spray field is up and going, with three more to go; should have all in compliance by December 25, 2011. Director Bearden advised that the high speed track that the state patrol and other cadets use is being worked on at this time, putting 24'x200' aprons at five locations on the track and work should be completed by December 12, 2011. Director Bearden stated they are working on retro fitting the burn pods and hopefully can start training on these very soon. Director Bearden stated the GPSTC has a good size bond package for the legislature to look at next year to help continue to improve the infrastructure at GPSTC.

Director Bearden advised that the 2011 Governor's Public Safety Awards Ceremony will be Tuesday, December 13, 2011 at 2:15 p.m. at the North Wing of the State Capitol.

Concerning the five open records requests listed in the GPSTC monthly report, Chief Dekmar asked Director Bearden if the officer's law enforcement agency was notified when there was a request of open records at the training center on an officer or what the protocol was. Deputy Director, Dr. Butch Beach stated that GPSTC responds to the open records requests within the law and primarily the open records request is for training materials more so than the transcripts.

Director Bearden called on Deputy Director Patrice Kerner to make a presentation of accommodation. Deputy Director Kerner stated last September the GA Environmental Facilities Authority hosted a competition for energy savings at state agencies. There are over 14,000 state facilities throughout Georgia. GPSTC was one of eight agencies selected to be part of this competition and GPSTC received 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the competition. Ms. Kerner stated the GPSTC was able to reduce its energy savings to over 13%, saving over \$70,000.00 in the last year. Ms. Kerner presented a letter of accommodation to Mr. Gary Horton, manager over the physical plant area for accomplishing the savings for GPSTC.

## **DONATIONS**

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

Fuel	\$ 400.00/mo.	Douglas Co. SO
(8) Sets of business cards	\$ 220.00	Pataula Judicial CTF
One Decatur Genesis II Select Radar	\$ 2,600.00	Ware Co. SO
One Genesis II Select Radar	\$ 1,200.00	Effingham Co. SO
Wireless trackball mouse devices for MDTs	\$ 1,000.00	Kiwanis Club of Statesboro
LE equipment fleece pullovers/caps	\$ 4,000.00	GOHS
2010 Ford Explorer	\$22,967.00	GA DOD Counter DTF

The motion to accept these donations was made by Mr. Rooney L. Bowen, III, seconded by Mr. Kacy Cronan, and voted approval by the Board members.

#### **FISCAL REPORTS ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2011**

Mr. Joe Hood, Comptroller, Department of Public Safety began his fiscal report by stating that percent remaining should be around 75.00% in each program since we are one quarter through the year but will notice that the field offices and services are a little below 70% and the difference is primarily due to the cars that were purchased. The DPS had 5 million dollars in bond funds and have expended all of those funds and purchased all the cars within the first quarter and that offsets the percentage to some extent as it is not evenly distributed throughout the year. The other percentages that are off a little are due to encumbering expenses early in the fiscal year. Mr. Hood advised the Board members that overall, DPS is on budget for the most part at 72.38% for the year and this will even out as the Department goes into the second and third quarters.

Mr. Dan Kirk, Assistant Director of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation began by stating the GBI has 75.45% of budget remaining and right on target for the first quarter.

Ms. Patrice Kerner, Georgia Public Safety Training Center told Board members that the GPSTC state general funds remaining for the year is at 75% and overall the GPSTC is at 73% remaining which is due to the federal funds grant periods ending in October and January.

#### **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

Vice-Chairman Wood reminded the Board members of the BBQ at 5:30 at the GPSTC pavilion hosted by the GPSTC staff.

Vice-Chairman Wood reminded the Board members that the next meeting would be held at the GBI Headquarters on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 1000 hours.

Vice-Chairman Wood thanked the GPSTC staff for hosting the BPS meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Rooney L. Bowen, III  
Secretary