BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
October 11, 2012  
Federal Law Enforcement Training Center-Brunswick, Georgia

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:  
Mr. Wayne Abernathy  
Mr. Daniel M. Bryant  
Mr. C. Murray Kight  
Chief Bill Myers, IV  
Chief Irene Pennington  
Mr. Lester L. Rampy, Jr.  
Mr. Brian M. Rickman  
Sheriff Gary C. Vowell  
Mr. Ellison G. Wood

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:  
Chief Jon Canada  
Mr. Kacy K. Cronan  
Sheriff Steve D. Cronic  
Sheriff Dane Kirby  
Commissioner Brian Owens

OTHERS:  
Ms. Ashley Culberson, Attorney General’s Office-via conference call  
Ms. Cheryl L. Buie, Board Liaison  
Commissioner M. W. McDonough, Department of Public Safety  
Lt. Colonel R. D. Powell, Department of Public Safety  
Major Eddie Grier, Department of Public Safety/GSP  
Major Hank Fielding, Department of Public Safety/GSP  
Major Gene Davis, Department of Public Safety/MCCD  
Mr. Lee O’Brien, Department of Public Safety  
Ms. Jacqueline Bunn, Department of Public Safety  
Mr. Peter Adams, Comptroller, Department of Public Safety  
Director Vernon Keenan, 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  
Mrs. Louise Rampy  
Mrs. Rachel Kight  
Mrs. Beth Vowell  
Mrs. Maureen Bryant  
Mrs. Jennifer Pendarvis, Department of Public Safety/GSP  
Lt. Clay Kicklighter, Department of Public Safety/GSP  
Lt. Chad Riner, Department of Public Safety/GSP  
Capt. W. W. Hitchens, III, Department of Public Safety/GSP  
SFC Bruce DeLoach, Department of Public Safety/GSP  
Lt. Dean Allen, Department of Public Safety/GSP  
Lt. Marcus DeLoach, Department of Public Safety/MCCD  
Capt. Ricky Chambless, Department of Public Safety/MCCD  
Mr. Frank Pennington  
Mrs. Joan Keenan
Vice-Chairman Wood called the October 11th, 2012, Board of Public Safety meeting to order. Vice-Chairman Wood introduced FLETC Director Connie Patrick and stated that her staff had been extraordinary to work with in planning this meeting.

Director Patrick welcomed everyone, gave a little background on herself and then spoke about the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers in the U.S.

Vice-Chairman Wood thanked Director Patrick and her staff for being a pleasure to work with the last few months while coordinating the BPS meeting.

Lieutenant Clay Kicklighter, Assistant Troop I Commander gave the invocation and then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice-Chairman Wood called for approval of the September Board minutes. Mr. Murray Kight made the motion to approve the minutes which was seconded by Mr. Lester L. Rampy, Jr. and voted approval by the Board members.

**DIRECTOR REPORTS**

Commissioner Mark W. McDonough, Department of Public Safety stated the theme today was Aviation Day and added the guys that were in the room in the grey flight suits which is confederate grey with a little union blue in the uniforms as well are here for a milestone. Commissioner McDonough added that for the last couple of years Aviation has had a roller coaster change from the old GA Aviation Authority to when a former state representative, Tim Bearden that now sits here today, put forth House Bill 414 which brought Aviation back to the Department of Public Safety and
so the roller coaster change changed again for Aviation and it has not been easy. Commissioner McDonough declared in the time frame of 14 months, the Aviation Unit has achieved a milestone this year, as this year the International Association of Chiefs of Police recognized the Aviation Unit as the top Aviation Division in the country. Commissioner McDonough stated that last Monday, Director Billy Smith and Corporal Tony Hightower received the Bell Textron Excellence in Aviation Award from the IACP in San Diego, California and asked for a round of applause. Commissioner McDonough added this was emotional for him as there was a period of time that the Aviation Unit’s reputation was denigrated; there was a period of time that the Aviation Unit was referred to as cowboys, and now they are the top cowboys in the nation. Commissioner McDonough went on to add it has also been a time of adversity where the Aviation Unit lost one of its members to cancer and another member that is here today, Ronnie Fields, has been in a battle with cancer and it is an emotional time because he has now gone through that and has been cleared of the cancer and is on the mend and will probably find himself back to work within a month. Commissioner McDonough added that part of the tour today will be a static display of all the latest equipment that the Aviation Unit has and also an opportunity to interact with some of the pilots and TFOs. Commissioner McDonough shared a copy of the letter in regards to the award and a copy of the Roto-Craft Magazine and added a copy will be provided to the absent Board members.

Commissioner McDonough stated there would be a grand opening and ribbon cutting of the new Aviation Hangar in Augusta, GA, Tuesday, October 23, 2012, at 1100 hours. Commissioner McDonough added the facility is at Augusta/Bush Field in Augusta which is a move from the facility at Thomson/McDuffie and acknowledged that the majority of the calls for service come from the Augusta area. Commissioner McDonough emphasized this is a very good move as the Richmond County Sheriff’s Office has over 700 deputies, with a lot going on in Augusta and the Aviation Division supports the Sheriff and the law enforcement division there so this is the right move, adding that the Augusta/Bush Hangar is a beautiful facility.

Commissioner McDonough advised that the graduation of the 90th Trooper School will be Friday, October 26, 2012 with the breakfast being 0800 hours, inspection at 0900 hours and graduation at 1000 hours. Commissioner McDonough stated that the troopers that graduate from the 90th Trooper School are the first in the installment of the MOU that DPS has signed with the Department of Transportation supporting Governor Deal’s initiative open roads in and around the Atlanta area. Starting December 1st, 30 rookie state troopers will be reporting to Post 9-Marietta in Cobb. Commissioner McDonough stated there is a second part to this story and introduced Lt. Dean Allen, who was newly promoted and he will be part of the second chapter. Lt. Allen will lead the establishment of a new patrol post in Gwinnett County. Commissioner McDonough commented to Board Member Chief Myers that he would be working with Lt. Allen to achieve the same goal in Gwinnett County as they have in Cobb County. Commissioner McDonough stated that the 91st trooper school starts on November 26th, 2012 and these 35 troopers will be the second phase, rookies ending up in Gwinnett County in July 2013 and Lt. Allen will be the one that will help establish the post and establish the same effort in Gwinnett County on the interstates and told Chief Myers the Department looks forward to working with him. Commissioner McDonough expressed that this cannot fail and that is the reason why Lt. Dean Allen is
in charge of this as he is a seasoned experienced professional and if there is anybody that can get it done, it is Lt. Allen.

Commissioner McDonough thanked GPSTC Director Tim Bearden as DPS had to move the 91st Trooper School up to a Thanksgiving start and noted that is like changing gears on a hill with a heavy load or like changing rafts in the middle of a stream. Commissioner McDonough stated he called Director Bearden and asked could DPS move the school up 30 days and Director Bearden’s response was yes, we can make it happen. Commissioner McDonough thanked Director Bearden for his support in helping DPS out and in everything they do.

Commissioner McDonough advised that the DPS 75th Anniversary Celebration is scheduled for December 1, 2012 in the afternoon at the Atlanta Motor Speedway, thanks to Mr. Ed Clark and Major Eddie Grier. Commissioner McDonough stated there would be an old fashioned BBQ, with all of DPS equipment on display. Commissioner McDonough added that there would probably be an awards ceremony as well as an opportunity to look towards the holiday season and honor God, who is the reason for our season.

Commissioner McDonough spoke about a letter concerning red light permits that some of the BPS members received from Mr. Lewis Crouch, a volunteer member with a volunteer group with the name of REACT in Macon, GA. Commissioner McDonough advised that the issue concerns red light permits. Commissioner McDonough stated that when one is the new guy in a job and requests come in and has a staff that does a good job, one finds out that there are practices going on in the state that probably should not be going on. Commissioner McDonough declared that the law is very clear as to who a volunteer fire department member is, very clear who the Sheriff is with a personal vehicle marked, very clear as to what an emergency vehicle is and so in this review we are working very closely with the people in Macon/Bibb County because they are very dependent on two groups of volunteers. Commissioner McDonough stressed the REACT group and the second group which are official volunteers of their EMA group have been using red lights which are outside the scope of the law. Commissioner McDonough declared that they would work very closely with them and make sure they are in compliant of the law. Commissioner McDonough commented that he understands that the BPS has faced this issue many times in the past and you will see some rule changes that we will put forth today and as has been discussed in the past, what we are going to require in the future that anybody under the law that gets a red light, receives the due regard training that we are doing in the state; this will be offered as a rule change today. Commissioner McDonough pledged to the Board that DPS will ensure that the right folks end up with the right lights doing the right thing. It is a no loss issue of what we went through on December 31st of this year with the issue of due regard and the loss of innocent life and before we sign the permits we are going to make sure that it is done according to the law and correct the things that need to be corrected.

Commissioner McDonough advised that Post 29-Cedartown is vacating its existing facility on October 29th as the county has the ability with a short term lease to ask GSP to vacate this facility within 60 days, they have done so and the county has plans to turn the facility into a headquarters for the county police department. Post 29 will temporarily consolidate with Post 38-Rome and DPS will let a little
time go underneath the bridge to look at what the options are. Commissioner McDonough added there are 60 years of history in Polk County, we have a lot retirees, two former commissioners and Polk County is close to us just like any community that has a post, there are many options that are on the table and will very cautiously wait and see what is the best option for the patrol, for our commitment to Polk County, the citizens of GA before we make any decisions, so in the interim Post 29 will be consolidated with Post 38, same troopers that live in those counties, that work in those counties will continue to do so and they will carry on with their same duties.

Chief Irene Pennington commented that the Due Regard Training was presented to her police department and the Thunderbolt Fire Dept by Captain Phillips who did an excellent job and encouraged all to make contact with their GSP representative offering the Due Regard Training and get it done. Chief Pennington added that the training was very interesting and brings a lot of thought out.

Director Vernon M. Keenan, Georgia Bureau of Investigation began by sharing that the GBI does international law enforcement training and every month there are GBI agents that take their vacation time and go over to the Republic of Georgia to teach their counterparts in policing in a democracy and the State Department pays their expenses. Director Keenan stressed this training is very beneficial to the agents and their development as special agents but certainly benefits the Republic of Georgia. Director Keenan shared that he took his wife, Joan with him when he went to the Republic of Georgia and spoke to their command class. Director Keenan stated he found it very interesting when he talked southern talk and when meeting with his counterparts in the Republic of Georgia and teaching them a little bit about how we talk in the south and in the state. Director Kennan stated what he found out is that it does not always translate well in the Republic of Georgia. Director Keenan stated he tried to explain to them the expression that we use in the south about skinning the cat, that if you have an issue or a problem, there is more than one option to handling that issue, there is more than one way to skin a cat. Director Keenan realized as he was translating, he saw all these blank looks and knew that it did not translate well with them, so Director Keenan explained it again. Director Keenan shared that one of the officers raised his hand and asked why we skin cats and another one raised his hand and asked what we did with the skinned cats and at the end of the day Director Keenan asked them if he had said anything that was of interest to them or of value to them and one raised his hand and said that he learned that Director Keenan did not like cats. Director Keenan recommended that anyone doing international law enforcement training, they will need to leave the southern sayings in the south.

Director Keenan stated that yesterday, Director Bearden, Colonel McDonough and himself had an agency head meeting with all the public safety agencies with the governor’s senior staff and listened to the budget outlook for the state of Georgia and what some of the decisions that Governor Deal will have to make as it relates to the budget; it is very bleak. Director Keenan shared that the state is starting out with a 200 million deficit due to funding that has to be made up with the Obama Care provisions kicking in. Director Keenan advised that he believes that public safety is very fortunate in that Governor Deal, being a former prosecutor understands public safety. Director Keenan stressed he does not know what budgets cuts are in store for the GBI, but believes it will not be as bad as some of the cuts that other state agencies will take. Director Kennan emphasized that when he finds out what
the budget recommendations from the governor will be, he will report that to the BPS, but at this time Director Keenan does not know where the GBI is headed.

Director Keenan stated a GBI Special Agent class will be graduating, Tuesday, November 20\textsuperscript{th}, 2012, with 46 special agents graduating and Governor Deal will be speaking at the graduation. Director Keenan declared that this is the first graduation that GBI has had in 6 years, the first agents that have been hired in five years and the only reason the GBI is able to do this is because Governor Deal directed that grant funds be diverted over to the GBI so that GBI could hire half of the agents. Director Keenan stated this is very positive for the GBI and reminded the group that when he spoke to them several years ago, GBI was 70 agents down from what the compliment should be.

Director Keenan advised that within the next few months, there will be a turnover in some of the GBI higher echelon ranks. Director Keenan noted that the Employees Retirement System is ending a provision that when one retires from state service they receive a 3\% increase in their benefit to make up for a shortfall that occurred somewhere in the past and this increase will end July 1, 2013. Director Keenan stated that an employee who is eligible to retire and does not retire prior to July 1, 2013 will forego the 3\%. Director Keenan added that there are some men and women who have their years of service who do not want to leave the GBI because they like the work, but frankly giving up 3\% for the rest of their life is a hard decision that Director Keenan expects them to make in the interest of their family and personal welfare.

Director Keenan stated he advised the Governor’s staff yesterday of the status of the Sex Offender Registry investigators who came to the GBI July 1, 2012. Director Keenan reminded the BPS members that the governor had recommended legislation that was passed where the responsibility came to the GBI for doing investigations for sex offenders and background investigations of sex offenders which is given to evaluators that classify them for the Sex Offender Registry. Director Keenan advised that the GBI has aggressively been attacking this problem, the GBI started out with nearly 6,000 sex offenders in the backlog who had not been classified for registration and the governor wants that ended and that is what the GBI is going to do. Director Keenan stated the GBI is already handling the new cases coming in the door and are working on the backlog and as he reported to the governor’s staff, at some point the GBI will have the backlog eliminated. Director Keenan reaffirmed that the GBI will put whatever resources are needed for the task and will handle what the governor wants.

Director Keenan declared that the GBI has partnered with the Department of Human Services Adult Protective Services and are in the process of developing a roll call training video for all of Georgia law enforcement on the issue of elder abuse and financial and physical exploitation of adults. Director Keenan added that this is a merging problem in the state of Georgia as it is in the US and is an unknown crime. Director Keenan acknowledged with the issue of elder abuse, today we are where we were with child abuse 30 years ago, an unknown crime, not recognized by law enforcement, not appropriately addressed by the criminal justice system and has taken years for us to get child abuse in the proper priority for law enforcement. Director Keenan stated the GBI is jumping out on this with the elder abuse, not because he is particularly getting old, but he does have a vested interest in this and
it is a serious problem. Director Keenan will be updating the BPS as the GBI partners with the Adult Protective Services as they present training and education to law enforcement.

Mr. Wayne Abernathy asked Director Keenan if they had handled on the synthetic cannabinoids. Director Keenan responded that he and Dan Kirk shared a presentation on Georgia’s efforts to fight the synthetic cannabinoids at the International Association Chiefs of Police Conference as Georgia is recognized as being on the forefront of attacking the synthetic drug problem, but the outlook is bleak. Director Keenan remarked that there are laws that are in existence today at the national level and at the state level that are marginal. Director Keenan reaffirmed the scientific community is telling all of us at the federal and the state level we cannot legislate our way out of this problem in traditional manner because of the complexity of the science behind the synthetic cannabinoids. Director Keenan stressed that he does not know what the answer is going to be, no state does and neither does the Drug Enforcement Administration, but what the GBI has been doing at the direction of the governor, we have been going after the distributors in Georgia. To Director Keenan’s dismay, they have found out the major distributors for synthetic cannabinoids are based in Atlanta, probably because of the transportation hub. Director Keenan stated the largest distributors, importers of the chemicals and distributors are based in Atlanta, many in the Alpharetta area. Director Keenan noted that the GBI has been serving search warrants on those companies that have been distributing the chemicals, but to show how weak the laws are, the search warrants that are being served are not for felonies but for a misdemeanor, mislabeling a product; this is how weak the laws are. Director Keenan acknowledged that the GBI had a valid warrant to seize records and one of the main companies that they served the search warrant on, the GBI found out that they were making over one million dollars a month in what they were selling in Metro Atlanta. Director Keenan stressed there are those working at the state and national level to find out what we have to do for law changes outside the scientific community to address the problem. Director Keenan reiterated that the GBI is aggressively going after the importers and distributors and the agents are telling him, they have displayed them, they have left Metro Atlanta because they cannot stand the heat, as every time they turnaround we are serving search warrants on them. Director Keenan stated they have moved to North Carolina, although we have not solved the problem, we have displaced the problem. Director Keenan advised they are aggressively pursuing the group; the US Attorney’s office is committed to prosecuting these groups, but here again, federal prosecution takes a long time. Director Keenan considers this one of the GBI top priorities.

Mr. Brian Rickman commented that he had sent an email to Director Keenan and Colonel McDonough commending their people in regards to his circuit, as in the month of September, there were two homicide investigations with 6 defendants to be tracked down and at the same time there were two trials involving GBI agents, one homicide trial and one armed robbery trial and a fatal traffic accident. Mr. Rickman stated he wished that there was a way for every citizen to watch what the troopers and GBI agents do and thinks if a legislator or senator could follow them for a 48-72 hour period when they are not sleeping and getting the job done they would see; Mr. Rickman said it is just phenomenal and wanted to share this with the Board.

In regards to the Sex Offender Registry, Mr. Rickman told Director Keenan that the persons that work with the Sex Offender Registry, need access to things they need in order to classify the people; in most
cases now, this information is already in possession of different players in the system, whether on the DA’s computer program, PAP program, court records, vital information and information from victims. Mr. Rickman stated that we should look into finding a way for these people to have access to these departments’ computer records, for example some had to come to his office in Rabun County to dig through files to get what they needed but if they had access to the DA’s program, the Corrections program and the GBI program, it would be a worthwhile thing to try to help with the work load. Director Keenan agreed with Mr. Rickman that he had outlined the major problem that GBI is dealing with; we have got to streamline access to the information necessary to do the classifications. Director Keenan stated the GBI is learning the processes and that is how we continue to improve our performance, but Mr. Rickman has outlined exactly what the issue is. Mr. Rickman remarked that it is horrible for them to have to drive out to the DA’s office when we could get all the agencies together and give them a password and they could logon, and read what they need to know.

Director Tim Bearden, Georgia Public Safety Training Center took a minute to recognize those in Aviation by telling that when he started in law enforcement in 1990 in Villa Rica, the guys at Post 4 became like family to him and it was a great honor for him to present HB 414 along with John Meadows who was the second signer on the bill to help him out. Director Bearden stated he was sitting by the Colonel in the committee room when Aviation was called a bunch of cowboys and I am very proud of my cowboys today. Director Bearden told the Aviation Unit they have done a great job and make him proud and to keep up the good work and stated that if there is anything he could ever do for Aviation, to please let him know.

Director Bearden began his report stating the training center is still under a lot of construction. Due to the budget cuts, Director Bearden stated that one of the big things that the training center is unable to offer is the driving program that we wanted to do, so we are finishing up with the Driver Training Division along with Bill Bryant working on that end to make sure that we get high speed driving or vehicle dynamics in basic mandate. Director Bearden stressed that the training center has got to do a better job on training the officers, they are going out in the vehicles and we are having too many accidents, injuries and too many fatalities and if we do not have the money to do it one way we are going to go a different way to make sure we have that type of training and are moving forward with this training. Director Bearden reminded the Board members that the pilot program will begin in November, hopefully, it will go well, thinks it will and then will implement it into the basic mandate training class.

Director Bearden advised that the swimming pool has been drained, the pumps are being replaced after four years of not working; will be changed over to a salt water system which will save money on chemicals and hopefully this will be completed sometime in November or December for dive training. Director Bearden advised they are hoping to save some funds in order to put a heater on the pool so that it can be used for exercise.

Director Bearden advised that work on the racquetball courts, changing them over to defensive tactics and physical training areas has been completed.
Director Bearden stated that on November 5th at 0900 hours, the Governor’s Public Safety Awards Ceremony will be held at the GPSTC. Director Bearden stated Sharla Shockley and Kathy Kemp have done a tremendous job on getting the awards ready to go which has taken a lot of time out of their day; they do a lot of good work and thanked them for their work.

Director Bearden updated the Board members on Chase, stating Chase is getting out and about a good bit in his wheelchair and on November 11th, they are looking at him to get to go home and then will continue daily rehab for four to eight weeks. Director Bearden asked everyone to please keep Chase and his family in their prayers as Chase still has a long ways to go.

**DONATIONS**

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

1. Laser Tech. TruCam Video Laser $ 6,074.31 Glynn County Police Dept.
2. E-Seek License Scanners $ 2,400.00 Fannin County Sheriff’s Dept.
3. K-9 Belgian Malinois $ 12,500.00 Dooly County Sheriff’s Dept.
4. K-9 German Shepherd $ 2,500.00 HHH Kennels
5. 2004 Kenworth Tractor $ 20,000.00 Troup County Sheriff’s Dept.
6. 1998 Great Dane Trailer $ 17,629.00 Troup County Sheriff’s Dept.
7. K-9 Narcotics Detection Dogs $ 15,000.00 Troup County Sheriff’s Dept.
8. Taser X26 Devices/Accessories $ 17,651.35 Troup County Sheriff’s Dept.
9. ELSAG Camera LPR Systems $ 97,037.50 Troup County Sheriff’s Dept.
10. Stalker 2X DS Radars $ 15,372.50 Troup County Sheriff’s Dept.
11. Motorola XPR4550 UHF Mobile Radios $ 11,100.00 Troup County Sheriff’s Dept.
12. Progard Vehicle Gun Locks for M6 Rifles $ 726.00 Troup County Sheriff’s Dept.
13. Genesis 2 Select Ka Band Radars $ 17,629.00 Troup County Sheriff’s Dept.
The motion to accept these donations was made by Mr. Danny Bryant, seconded by Sheriff Gary Vowell and voted approved by the Board members.

Mr. Bill Bryant, Deputy Director, Georgia Public Safety Training Center requested approval of the following donations:

- Speed Monitoring Awareness $700.00 Chief Louis M. Dekmar
  LaGrange PD
- Radar Trailer
- Hay $50.00 Bostwick Volunteer Fire Dept.

The motion to accept these donations was made by Mr. Lester L. Rampy, Jr., seconded by Sheriff Gary Vowell and voted approved by the Board members.

Director Vernon Keenan, Georgia Bureau of Investigation requested approval of the following donation:

- Amped Five Professional 2012 $3,975.00 Spirit of Blue Foundation
  Software Edition

The motion to accept this donation was made by Chief Bill Myers, seconded by Chief Irene Pennington and voted approved by the Board members.

**OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Lee O’Brien, Deputy Director of Legal Services, Department of Public Safety came before the BPS members with a Resolution asking them to authorize the Commissioner of Public Safety to seek a revocable license through the State Properties Commission for Brentwood Productions, a movie production company to erect a movie set and accompanying fixtures upon the property located at 4005 Fulton Industrial Boulevard, Atlanta, Georgia known as the Department of Public Safety Hangar at Charlie Brown Fulton County Airport for the purpose of filming portions of the movie “TEN”.

Mr. Wayne Abernathy made a motion that the members of the Board of Public Safety authorize the Commissioner of Public Safety to request the State Properties Commission to grant a revocable license to Brentwood Productions for the usage of such portions of the Hangar as shall be specified by the License Agreement for the purpose of erecting appropriate movie sets and for filming of portions of the movie “TEN” under such terms and conditions as the Commissioner and the State Properties Commission shall decide. This motion was seconded by Mr. Danny Bryant and voted approved by the Board members.

Commissioner McDonough shared with the group that Ms. Jacqueline Bunn celebrated her 50th birthday yesterday. Colonel McDonough led the group in singing Happy Birthday to Ms. Bunn.
Ms. Jacqueline Bunn, Deputy Director of Legal Services, Department of Public Safety presented proposed revisions for initial adoption to the Georgia Department of Public Safety Rule 570-1 Rules of General Applicability, proposed revisions for initial adoption to the Georgia Department of Public Safety Rule 570-4 Firearms Dealers License, proposed revisions for the initial adoption to the Georgia Department of Public Safety Rule 570-11 Flashing and Revolving Lights on Motor Vehicles, proposed revisions for initial adoption to the Georgia Department of Public Safety Rule 570-14 Motorcycle Headlights and Rear Lights.

Chief Irene Pennington made a motion to accept the proposed changes for initial adoption to Department of Public Safety Rule 570-1, Rule 570-4, Rule 570-11 and Rule 570-14. This was seconded by Sheriff Gary Vowell and voted approved by the Board members.

Mr. Michael Parkerson, Deputy Director, Georgia Public Safety Training Center came before the BPS members presenting a General Obligation Bond Resolution in the amount of $1,360,000.00 for general expenditure obligations for the Georgia Public Safety Training Center.

Mr. C. Murray Kight made the motion to adopt the Bond Resolution for the GPSTC, which was seconded by Mr. Danny Bryant and voted approved by the Board members.

Vice-Chairman Wood advised the BPS members that BPS member Chief Jon Canada has resigned from the BPS effective October 12th, 2012 and had served as the secretary of the BPS. Vice-Chairman Wood stated that a new secretary will need to be elected for the BPS which will be effective after tomorrow and will serve until January 2013, when the new election of officers will be held.

Mr. Wayne Abernathy nominated Mr. Brian Rickman for secretary of the BPS. This was seconded by Mr. Lester L. Rampy, Jr. and voted approved by the BPS members.

Vice-Chairman Wood thanked Mr. Danny Bryant and his wife, Maureen for dinner last night.

Vice-Chairman Wood reminded the BPS members that the November 8th, 2012 BPS meeting will be hosted by Director Tim Bearden and his staff at the GPSTC.

Vice-Chairman Wood thanked Ms. Peggy Dixon and her staff for the environment, the tour and allowing the BPS to meet at FLETC.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Jon Canada
Secretary