

BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Minutes of Meeting Held September 3, 2003
Forsyth, Georgia

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Wayne Abernathy
Mr. Charles D. "Bud" Black
Mr. Rooney L. Bowen, III
Sheriff Bruce Harris
Sheriff Jamil Saba
Chief Hubert Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Governor Sonny Perdue
Sheriff Jackie Barrett
Sheriff Greg Coursey

MEMBERS VIA PHONE:

Mr. W. H. "Dub" Harper
Ms. Lydia Sartain

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Chris Brasher, Georgia Department of Law
Ms. Laura Jones, Board Liaison
Lieutenant Colonel K.W. "Kenny" Hancock, Georgia State Patrol
Major Don Chastain, Georgia State Patrol
Major K. E. Sorrells, Georgia State Patrol
Mr. Scott Cown, Georgia State Patrol
Mr. Terry Landers, Georgia State Patrol
Mr. Wayne Yancey, Georgia State Patrol
Ms. Terry Long, Georgia State Patrol
M.T. Bohannon, Georgia State Patrol
Ms. Chris Ash, Georgia Bureau of Investigation
Mr. Ray Higgins, Georgia Bureau of Investigation
Mr. Lee Sweat, Georgia Bureau of Investigation
Mr. Dan Kirk, Georgia Bureau of Investigation
Ms. Angie Holt, Georgia Bureau of Investigation
Mr. Mark Jackson, Georgia Bureau of Investigation
Mr. Paul Heppner, GCIC, Georgia Bureau of Investigation
Director J. Dale Mann, Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Mr. Richard Guerreiro, Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Mr. Bob Gaylor, Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Ms. Cheryl Greathouse, Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Mr. Bud Cody, Georgia Sheriffs Association

Chief Hubert Smith called the September meeting of the Board of Public Safety to order and announced that there were six members of the Board present in the room, in addition to two members connected via speaker telephone.

The first item on the Agenda, a motion was made by Mr. Rooney L. Bowen, III to confirm the appointment of Mr. Dale Mann as Director of Georgia Public Safety Training Center, and to set his salary commensurate with the salary of the former director. Mr. Wayne Abernathy seconded said motion and the Board members unanimously voted approval of the confirmation of Director Dale Mann.

Director Mann thanked the Board members for their support and said that he looked forward to working with the Board. Director Mann complimented the excellent staff from Training Center.

Chief Hubert Smith requested Mr. Mark Jackson, Georgia Bureau of Investigation, to present his request for approval of rules. As stated in a previous meeting, Mr. Jackson explained that these rules were initiated by legislation, involving increase of payment on bingo games; involving additional payment to bingo workers; involving authorization of bingo equipment to be leased rather than purchased; involving authorization of an electronic bingo dauber. Mr. Wayne Abernathy made the motion that Rule 92-2-.02(1), Rule 92-2-.02(9)(10)(11)(12)(13)(14), Rule 92-.08(1), Rule 92-2.16(b), Rule 92-2.16(2), Rule 92-2-.20, Rule 92-2-.21, Rule 92-2-.29 be adopted. Sheriff Bruce Harris seconded said motion and all Board members voted approval.

Chief Hubert Smith called on Ms. Terry Long, Georgia State Patrol, to introduce rules before the Board. Rule 570-1-.01 changes the description of the Department of Public Safety in that it eliminates Drivers Services Division and reorganizes the Department down to two divisions, Uniform Division and Special Operations and Support Services Division. Rule 50-19.01 is a housekeeping rule dropping the requirement that the citations be in a citation booklet form; citations can be printed out by computer. Mr. Rooney L. Bowen, III made the motion that these rules be initially adopted; Mr. Wayne Abernathy seconded said motion, and the Board members voted approval.

Chief Smith requested donations be presented at this time.

Mr. Richard Guerreiro, Georgia Public Safety Training Center, requested approval for the following donation:

Check
To Georgia Police Academy

\$1,000.00

Atlanta Gas Light

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Mr. Wayne Abernathy made the motion to approve said donation, Mr. Bud Black made the second, and the Board members unanimously voted approval.

Mr. Terry Landers, Georgia State Patrol, presented the following donations for the Board's approval:

Stalker Radar Model DSR; Serial 005859	\$ 2,500.00	Chief G. Spradlin Hogansville Police Department
15 Decatur Genesis II Radar Units 1 Stalker LIDAR	\$30,000.00	Sheriff Donny Turner Troup County
K-9 Drug Dog for Criminal Interdiction	\$ 6,500.00	Sheriff Robert Markley Morgan County
Motorola i550 Plus	\$ 50.00	Chief B. J. Davis Lakeland Police Department

Mr. Wayne Abernathy made the motion to approve the donations, Mr. Bud Black seconded said motion, and the Board members unanimously voted approval.

Chief Hubert Smith requested approval of the Minutes of the August Board meeting. The motion was made by Sheriff Bruce Harris, seconded by Mr. Dub Harper, and unanimously voted approval by all Board members.

Director Dale Mann's power presentation to the Board members represented the budget proposal for the Georgia Public Safety Training Center. Director Mann pointed out how the Training Center has made proposals for the 2.5% reduction for FY 04 without affecting training, which is the core vision. The 2.5% reduction is \$304,362, leaving \$11,866,524 in state funds. Director Mann described the proposals, such as under Operations: reduce by conservation the energy bill; reduce the food service by allowing meal tickets only for breakfast, lunch, and dinner; replacing computer equipment every four years rather than every three years; eliminate the third shift at registration; reduce expenses in supplies. Under Regional Training Division: reduce real estate rentals; reduce contract regional academies; reduce Chiefs of Police and Sheriffs' Association training contracts. Under General Instruction Division: reduce regular operating expenses in driver training program; reduce the length of training hours for communications officers; reduce funding for physical training expendable items; reduce funding for handouts in instructor training; reduce funding for outside instruction in Behavioral Science; reduce funding for handouts and travel for management and supervision; reduce photographic supplies and processing. Under Georgia Fire

Academy: reduce funding for a Manager II position. Under Georgia Police Academy: reduce funds for an Instructor III position. This proposal has been given to the Office of Planning and Budget.

DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Department of Public Safety/State Patrol

Lieutenant Colonel Kenny Hancock stood in for Colonel George Ellis, who is attending a meeting with Mr. Jim Lientz, Chief Operating Officer.

Lieutenant Colonel Hancock reported that there are 953 sworn trooper positions, with 98 vacancies. Twenty-six employees have either retired or left employment in the last six months. The Department is complying with the 2.5% reduction through attrition; their plan is to not hire radio operators and to not hold trooper school. The Department may possibly cross-train the secretaries to do radio work.

Lieutenant Colonel Hancock and Colonel Ellis are on the Executive Steering Committee on the G-8 Summit. As part of the preparation, an assessment is being done on the riot gear and the transportation. There will be a number of troopers detached for two weeks for the summit.

Lieutenant Colonel Hancock pointed out that Policy 4.01 "Delegation of Authority" had been brought to his attention. This departmental policy relates to an executive officer and establishing a chain of command, while the commissioner is out of state. This policy will be reviewed by the department and a report will be brought back to the Board.

Lieutenant Colonel Hancock called on Mr. Scott Cown, who described a handout he had given to the Board members. At last month's meeting, the Board members requested an update of the new post facilities. The handout included a map showing the locations of six new buildings, i.e., Pickens County/Post 28; Polk County/Post 29; Coweta County/Post 24; renovation of Morgan County/Post 8; Laurens County/Post 20; Bulloch County/Post 45; Crisp County/Post 30; Tift County/Post 13; renovation of Seminole County/Post 14; and renovation of headquarters and Troop C. Mr. Cown responded to questions and completed his report.

Georgia Bureau of Investigation

Deputy Director Chris Ash stood in for Director Vernon Keenan, who is attending the meeting with Mr. Jim Lientz. Ms. Ash reported good news, the Terminal Agency Coordinators conference went well. It is an outstanding program that the GBI has sponsored; this year with over 750 public safety personnel attendees.

Deputy Director Ash reported that the GBI is still working on the proposal for 2.5% budget cuts. She brought to the attention of the Board members one proposed item, that being the crime lab in Cleveland will not open.

Another proposed cut, is the expenditure of the D.A.R.E. program. The GBI is working to find a local agency interested in taking over the oversight of the program.

Dr. Vanea Revelle, medical examiner in Summerville, resigned from her position. The GBI has filled that position with Dr. William Oliver, who comes from the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology in Washington, D.C.

Deputy Director Ash reminded the Board members of the invitation to the V.I.P. Demonstration and Luncheon for Operation America, which will be held on September 8th at the Training Center.

Georgia Public Safety Training Center

Director Dale Mann brought to the Board's attention a couple of issues. On page one in the Training Center report, Administrative Issues lists two policies, one being Policy GO-0055, which allows students to go from one region to another region for basic training. This costs the Training Center almost \$25,000 in reimbursements. Director Mann will ask at a future meeting for the Board of Public Safety to approve a change of the policy. The change will eliminate the ability to approve out-of-region basic training.

Director Mann has prepared a draft to Policy GO-0037, adding language to allow the Director of Training Center the authority to make decisions concerning appropriate use of the Center. This will allow the Training Center to bring in nationally recognized training sessions. Director Mann will ask the Board at a future meeting for approval of the change in the policy.

Director Mann invited everyone to lunch, hosted by the Training Center.

FISCAL REPORTS:

Mr. Terry Landers, Department of Public Safety/Georgia State Patrol, gave the Board members a handout reflecting Fiscal Year 2003. Basically, the total budget was over \$91 million; \$81 million in state funds. The Department ended up spending all of the funds except for \$53,000. The Department had a number of cuts to take into consideration. There were some federal funds left over, but those funds carry forward. Mr. Landers indicated the Department will be looking at a lower budget for this year. Starting with \$77 million for FY 04, it will be looking to drop down possibly in low 70's in FY 05. Mr. Landers said he would keep the Board updated on a quarterly basis on where the Department stands during fiscal year reports.

Mr. Ray Higgins, Georgia Bureau of Investigation, gave the Board members a copy of the year-end budget expenditure report. This sheet reflects all activity in FY 03. Starting in left-hand column, there is the final budget as amended, less year-to-date expenses, with the remaining budget balance of drop column. Also in the bottom right hand corner, the Bureau spent 99.96% of state budget, leaving a small balance of around \$24,000. One item of interest not reflected in this report, the Bureau received Governor's Emergency Funds for Walker County case in FY 02. Toward the end of FY 03, the prior table was closed and ended up spending over \$737,000 on DNA testing for the Walker County case. Now, in FY 04, the GBI and other agencies had to come up with additional reductions. During this current fiscal year, 2.5% equates to little over \$1.5 million. In addition to that, there will be another 5% reduction. That's a total of \$6.3 million, of which \$1.5 million will go into effect this year. Mr. Higgins reported the Bureau is working on those items and will turn the proposal into Office of Planning and Budget on September 8th.

Mr. Richard Guerriero, Georgia Public Safety Training Center, gave the Board members a three-page handout for the FY 03 budget. With the Police Academy, 98.54% of state funds was expended. Mr. Guerriero noted that just like the other agencies, not all of the federal funds were spent. Under the Georgia Fire Academy, 99.66% was expended, lapsed \$3400.00 in state funds. The Public Safety Training Center report reflects 99.94% was expended, and that equated to lapsing \$6,611. Going into FY 04, as Mr. Mann showed, the Center will be cutting close to \$305,000. With the FY 05 budget, \$593,000 will be cut.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

As a result of two agency heads scheduled for meetings with the State's Chief Operating Officer on the first Wednesday of each month, the Board of Public Safety will change its Board meeting day to the second Wednesday of each month. The October meeting will be held on October 8th at 10:00 at the Training Center.

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There being no further business, Mr. Bud Black made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Sheriff Bruce Harris, and the meeting was adjourned.

Chief Hubert Smith
Acting Vice-Chairman/Secretary