

**BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY**  
September 9, 2010  
Dooly County Courthouse – Vienna, GA

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Wayne Abernathy  
Mr. Rooney L. Bowen, III  
Mr. Danny M. Bryant  
Sheriff Steve Cronic  
Chief Lou Dekmar  
Mr. Patrick H. Head  
Mr. C. Murray Kight  
Fire Chief Jack McElfish  
Commissioner Brian Owens  
Mr. Lester L. Rampy, Jr.  
Mr. Gerald T. Willis, Sr.  
Mr. Ellison G. Wood

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Retired Sheriff Bruce Harris  
Sheriff H. Cullen Talton, Jr.

**OTHERS:**

Mr. Joseph Drolet, Senior Assistant Attorney General  
Ms. Cheryl Buie, Board Liaison  
Lt. Colonel F. D. Snellings, Jr, Department of Public Safety  
Major Mark W. McDonough, Department of Public Safety/Georgia State Patrol  
Chief Mark McLeod, Department of Public Safety/Motor Carrier Compliance Division  
Captain Russell D. Powell, Department of Public Safety/Georgia State Patrol  
SFC Pete McCaleb, Department of Public Safety/MCCD  
Comptroller Joseph W. Hood, Department of Public Safety  
CIO Dan Brown, Department of Public Safety  
Mr. Lee O'Brien, Department of Public Safety  
Sgt. Kevin Rexroat, Georgia State Patrol  
SFC Stan Stalnaker, Georgia State Patrol  
Sgt. Jon Posey, Georgia State Patrol  
SFC Dean Allen, Georgia State Patrol  
Director Vernon M. Keenan, Georgia Bureau of Investigation  
Assistant Director Dan Kirk, Georgia Bureau of Investigation  
Director J. Dale Mann, Georgia Public Safety Training Center  
Deputy Director Patrice Kerner, Georgia Public Safety Training Center  
Mr. Butch Beach, Georgia Public Safety Training Center  
Mr. Kenneth Mantle, Department of Corrections  
Mr. John Holt  
Ms. Judy Holt  
Reverend Matt Stephens  
Chief Superior Court Judge John Pridgeon

Superior Court Judge Bobby Chasteen

Ms. Denisse Cason

Ms. Denal Fluellen

Ms. Gloria Alexander

Ms. Jean Brown

Ms. Betty Coulter

Vice-Chairman Ellis Wood called the September Board of Public Safety meeting to order and thanked everyone for coming. Vice-Chairman Wood called on Mr. Rooney L. Bowen, III for further introductions. Mr. Bowen introduced Pastor Matt Stephens of the Vienna First Baptist Church who gave the invocation. Vice-Chairman Wood led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Judge Bowen introduced his wife, Allison and staff of the Probate Court. Mr. Bowen then thanked Sergeant Kevin Rexroat for the preparation of the meal last night. Mr. Bowen introduced Chief Superior Court Judge John Pridgeon who shared a bit of history about the Dooly County Courthouse.

Mr. Bowen called Mr. John Holt before the Board of Public Safety who was presented with an Honorary Georgia State Trooper Certificate by Lt. Colonel Fred Snellings, Jr.

Vice-Chairman Wood called for approval of the June Board Minutes. Chief Jack McElfish made the motion, seconded by Sheriff Steve Cronic and voted approval by the Board members.

### **DIRECT REPORTS**

Lt. Colonel F. D. Snellings, Jr., Deputy Commissioner, Department of Public Safety began by thanking everyone for their prayers, thoughts, phone calls and cards while convalescing after his surgery and that it was good to be back at work. Lt. Colonel Snellings stated during the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday patrol, the state experienced 2648 crashes, 699 injuries and 10 fatalities. Lt. Colonel Snellings went on to state that the Labor Day holiday patrol recap showed that GSP investigated 360 crashes with 211 injuries and 10 fatalities, while there were only 12 fatalities statewide. Lt. Colonel Snellings stated what was interesting this Labor Day holiday period was that two people were killed while riding bicycles, two were operating motorcycles, one was a passenger on an ATV, and one was a pedestrian. Lt. Colonel Snellings stated that the highest number of traffic deaths recorded over a Labor Day period was in 1968 when we had 35 deaths reported, while the lowest number occurring in 1939 and 1995 recording 7 deaths. Lt. Colonel Snellings told the Board members that over 30% of the fatal traffic crashes in Georgia are caused by impaired drivers, either drinking or drugs. Lt. Colonel Snellings stated a couple of years ago, DPS stopped patrolling the interstate highways so much during the holiday period and started patrolling the secondary and rural roads as this is where the majority of the crashes are occurring. Lt. Colonel Snellings stated he looked at the last two holiday patrols and DPS had one fatality on the interstate and 40 injuries for July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday patrol and for the Labor Day holiday patrol GSP worked one fatality crash and 21 injuries were reported on the interstate.

Lt. Colonel Snellings stated that the State of Georgia received some good news yesterday when the revenue figures showed an increase, so hopefully this will help in not having to furlough DPS personnel, which would have to occur beginning January 2011. Lt. Colonel Snellings stated the Governor is asking us to do more with less and DPS has been able to do this. Case in point, Lt. Colonel Snellings relayed to the Board members that Post 12 Thomasville arrested 110 DUIs in one month. Hopefully as the budget turns around, DPS will be able to have more trooper schools and will be able to put more troopers on the road. Lt. Colonel Snellings stated at this time, GSP has 802 troopers, down about 151 troopers. Lt. Colonel Snellings advised that a new post would be built for Post 2-LaGrange and Post 44-Forsyth.

Sheriff Cronic recognized SFC Dean Allen, Post Commander of Post 6 – Gainesville who was in attendance at the meeting. Sheriff Cronic went on to relate that his Sheriff's office is like a lot of other agencies around the state; they are also furloughing and are under staffed. Sheriff Cronic stated that Post 6 troopers work so many of the crashes in Hall County which frees up his deputies to respond to emergency calls and without this partnership we would not be able to do our job. Sheriff Cronic told SFC Allen that he appreciates the work his troopers do.

Lt. Colonel Snellings commented that DPS goes out and seeks the cooperation with local law enforcement agencies and DPS lets the agencies know that we are there to help and assist; we are here to serve.

Vice-Chairman Wood asked Lt. Colonel Snellings if the Americus post ever got off the ground and Lt. Colonel Snellings replied that construction has begun on the Americus post.

Mr. Rooney L. Bowen, III introduced Superior Court Judge Bobby Chasteen who had just walked in.

Director Vernon Keenan, Georgia Bureau of Investigation stated that he and Dale Mann regret that they missed the function last night as they were visiting with the family of retired Chief George Coleman who passed away over the weekend. Director Keenan stated that Chief Coleman was a dear, dear friend to him and Director Mann and had worked for a number of years with him. Director Keenan related that Chief Coleman, Director Mann and himself had gone to London together some years ago. Chief Coleman was a wonderful human being who was an absolute professional law enforcement officer. He served as Chief of Police in Fulton County and just three years into retirement he passed away.

Director Kennan related that he had three areas that he wanted to speak about. The first one relates to the Department of Audits and Accounts audit which was completed in August on the Georgia Sex Offender Registry. The Department of Audits came over, reviewed records, and talked to GBI personnel; it was an ongoing audit for about 18 months and then they issued a draft audit to Director Keenan in July which GBI took issue with and GBI prepared a 38 page response to their draft audit. Director Keenan stated he met with the Chief Auditor and his staff and expressed his displeasure with the findings of the audit. They modified the audit somewhat and came back with a very critical audit of the GBI and of the Sex Offender Registry. Director Keenan stated he is providing an updated white

paper, the Updated Georgia Sex Offender Registry System Replacement Project and reiterated updated as this paper was prepared in 2006. Director Keenan stated when he met with the Auditors, he outlined in his response they have not told the GBI anything that we had not known for the last five years; we have sought funding to replace the sex offender registry and there has been no funding available. Director Keenan stated he felt it was unfair to be criticizing the GBI for not replacing the sex offender registry when in fact GBI is incapable of doing this without the funding. Director Keenan asked Board members to look at page 1 of the replacement project update and stated the basis of the entire audit, is where they say in the audit "The basis of the Georgia's Sex Offender Registry (SOR) is an outdated and inflexible computer system, resulting in a registry that does not fully meet the needs of law enforcement and the public". Director Keenan stated this is exactly what GBI has been saying for the last five years and the issues with the SOR cannot be addressed until the computer system is replaced and this white paper outlines the cost that is associated with the replacement. On the last sentence of page 1 of the audit, as the Performance Audit explains, "The SOR's technology appears to be a primary contributor to the deficiencies identified". This is exactly what GBI had outlined to the Governor, to the General Assembly and anyone who was interested in improving the SOR. The GBI is operating off a database that was created in 1996 and without a complete modernization replacement of the system there is no addition that can be made to it. The legislature has continued to pass laws that relate to the SOR; they are requiring GA Sheriffs to collect additional information and submit the information to the GBI. The fact of the matter is the registry technology is incapable of accepting that information and putting it into the registry, without a replacement registry. The information for the registry comes from multiple sources. The DOC is required by law to add information as is the Parole Board and the 159 Sheriffs which are required to register sex offenders and send the information to the GBI. The system does not allow the Sheriffs to update their own information as needed. Director Keenan stated there are problems with the registry and nothing will change with this until funding becomes available to allow GBI to replace the registry and hire additional staff. I asked the Dept. of Audits if they were missing something in this budget environment, as the GCIC has taken a 27% personnel cut since the budget environment began; the SOR staffing is down 54%. Director Keenan stated he has been before this Board about the problems that GBI has been having with the budgets. Director Keenan stated GBI has shut down one crime lab and nearly two additional crime labs and now GBI has to address an audit where the Dept of Audits is critical of the GBI and we cannot address this without the additional funding. Director Keenan stated this white paper was an updated letter at the request of the Governor's office about what it is going to take to address the problems of the SOR.

Sheriff Steve Cronic asked Director Keenan what happens with seized funds from drug cases, etc. Director Keenan advised the money is amended into the GBI budget and used for training and new equipment, and recently GBI purchased vehicles with the seized funds.

Mr. Patrick Head asked Director Keenan how many offenders were on the SOR and Director Keenan replied that there were around 18,000 and then Mr. Head suggested that if the Legislature required each offender to pay a \$10.00 monthly fee to be on the SOR, would not this pay for the SOR update and be a zero based budget. Director Keenan replied yes and stated funding has got to come from somewhere; \$524,000.00 with \$153,000.00 reoccurring cost which is for staff is not astronomical, but reminded Board members that this is the same amount of money that GBI needed to keep the

Summerville Crime Lab open. Chief Dekmar asked Director Keenan if this white paper has been shared with the legislative staff. Director Keenan stated this white paper has been provided to the Governor, will go to the legislature and has been sent to appropriations in the house, who has demanded to know how come the SOR is having problems and I advised them because it has not been funded. Mr. Bowen commented that maybe a letter from the BPS could be attached to this white paper stating this has been brought before the BPS and the BPS fully supports the findings of the GBI if Director Keenan thought it would be helpful. Director Keenan stated he appreciated the offer but would like to ask the Governor's staff if a letter from the BPS would be helpful. Director Keenan went on to relate that GBI has given up two and half million dollars with the additional 4% budget cut.

Director Keenan passed out informational charts that relate to drug related deaths worked by the GBI medical examiner's office. Director Keenan advised the GBI provides medical examiners services to all but nine counties in Georgia and the GBI has a unique opportunity to look at what is causing the manner of deaths in Georgia. Starting two years ago, Director Keenan asked the medical examiner's office to start collecting information and analyze data as it related to persons who have died where the use of drugs was the major contributing cause of death. GBI completes over 3,000 autopsies a year. Director Keenan called attention to the drug related deaths for 2007-2008 noting there were more persons dying in Georgia from prescription drug use than from illicit drugs. Another chart outlines that 20% of all the deaths that occur in GA are prescription and illicit drugs, while 15% is from illicit drugs and the rest or either prescription drugs or a combination of prescription/illicit drugs. Director Keenan stated the age distribution of the victims dying from drug overdose was interesting as you can see middle age 46-55 was 29% for prescription drug deaths, 304 persons. Director Keenan stated Methadone, Xanax, Hydrocodone and Oxycodone were the most common prescription drugs found in deaths for 2007-2008, while cocaine, methamphetamine, heroin, and amphetamine were the most common illicit drugs. Director Keenan brought to the Board's attention that many times the GBI has a delay in completing an autopsy report due to the amount of drugs in the victim. The delays in toxicology are directly related to the number of drugs in the victim. It is not uncommon to find 5-6 different types of prescription medications in the victim; the toxicologist has to identify hundreds of prescription drugs and then narrow them down to that five and then come out with the quantity in the system and that will determine what killed the victim, the science itself takes time to sort through all of this. If it is a simple one drug overdose case that will go fast. Even when GBI prioritizes toxicology in a death case, the science itself may require two months to get to the bottom of it. Director Keenan stated this is important to Georgia citizens because prescription drug abuse is the fastest growing drug problem in Georgia as well in the US. People come from out of state shopping with Doctors and different pharmacies getting these drug prescriptions filled. Georgia does not have a prescription drug monitoring program which the DEA outlines very clearly to combat prescription drug abuse you have to have a prescription drug monitoring program which identifies Doctors that are prescribing way more oxycontin and other drugs than are logically needed for medical purposes. It also identifies persons who are buying tremendous quantities of prescription drugs for abuse or resale.

Chief Dekmar asked if Georgia has seen any changes since the Florida legislation passed their prescription drug monitoring program. Director Kennan replied that since that bill passed, the Florida Dept. of Law Enforcement told him to get ready as they had run them out of Florida and they bring bus

loads of people from Florida with a stack of prescriptions that go around to different pharmacies and will continue until Georgia gets its prescription drug monitoring program passed. Chief Dekmar asked if there is a legislative initiative with this now. Director Keenan stated Senator Buddy Carter has tried for the last two years to get prescription drug monitoring legislation passed. This legislation has come close a couple of times, was watered down last year and did not get anywhere the first year. The prescription drug deaths are going to continue to escalate. Chief McElfish commented that when his department receives EMS calls with heart attack victims, the hospital does not usually do an autopsy so the death certificate is issued as a heart attack. Chief McElfish stated he thinks the numbers of prescription drug deaths are more than what GBI has presented. Director Keenan stated the GBI numbers are based on suspicious unattended deaths that were reported to the GBI where autopsies were performed. This report also does not include Fulton, Cobb, and Gwinnett counties. Director Keenan stated he was told by the DEA that Georgia is the only state that is collecting this type of data from the medical examiner's office.

Director Keenan stated several of the metro counties came to the GBI with grant money they had received from Homeland Security to do a pilot project involving the wireless transmission of fingerprints so that a person could be identified through their fingerprints. GBI took on the project because it did not cost us any money and has been an outstanding success and we are now in the final stages of doing a state wide roll out on this program and asked Dan Kirk to explain and show what Rapid ID is and demonstrate the device and how it works. Mr. Dan Kirk, Assistant Director for the GBI stated the Motorola MC75 was a very simple device that looks like a hand held walkie-talkie. Mr. Kirk explained that if a person has been arrested and that individual has fingerprints on file then law enforcement can identify them by using this device. Mr. Kirk stated this is basically another tool for law enforcement to go out and identify people when they give you a fake ID or no ID and with this tool, if the individual has ever been arrested, the individual will place two fingers on the device and in about three minutes, information will come back as to who the individual is. Mr. Kirk demonstrated by having the courthouse inmate place his two fingers on the device and entered his name, race, and sex, captured a photo of the inmate and sent the information to the GCIC database in Atlanta. Mr. Kirk received the data for review giving the inmate's basic information. Mr. Kirk advised that some jails are utilizing this tool for pre-processing violators and stated GBI has purchased sixteen of the devices, with some going to the DOC fugitive squad, some to GSP CIU and then we have some that will go to the GBI drug squads. Mr. Kirk stated basically this is a tool to go and identify people and find who you have and who you are dealing with. Mr. Kirk advised the device cost \$3,000.00. Mr. Rooney Bowen asked after the initial investment was there a monthly charge to operate the device. Director Keenan replied that the device works off of an air card. Director Keenan stated that in November, GBI will be ready to roll this out statewide so if any police department wants this capability they can obtain a device, get the air card and they are ready to go. GBI is also talking with GEMA about additional money so that GBI can provide a few of the devices to each law enforcement agency. Director Keenan remarked that this device will revolutionize law enforcement by taking a person's identity that law enforcement is unsure of, capture their fingerprints and then if they have a record on file, the device will tell law enforcement who they are. GBI is also signing memorandums of agreement with the FBI so that data not only queries the GBI criminal history records, it queries the FBI anti terrorism files and ICE pick up files and all this information will come back to the police officer on the street before the

officer lets the person go. Mr. Willis asked DPS CIO Dan Brown if DPS has any of the devices. CIO Dan Brown stated DPS has deployed 31 of the devices, CIU is in training doing rapid share and we are using the top side of the device for what we call the pocket ticket writer, a solution that we are using on our motorcycles, as they do not have as much stow away space and they can print the citations wirelessly. DPS is using the ELSAC LPR technology and will tie that together with the database query that they are doing and that will come back on our CTS pocket ticket writer as well as the rapid share fingerprint scanner demonstrated here today. Mr. Willis asked if this would be tied into the machines in the patrol cars. CIO Dan Brown replied that DPS actually uses a wifi device that has a bar code scanner and today the new Georgia driver's license can be scanned and this allows the motorcycle squad to print citations. This puts it in our database. Mr. Willis then asked Director Keenan if they were working with the FBI to go nationwide with it and Director Keenan explained this would allow us to query the national files called the RISC (Repository of Individuals of Special Concern) which contains records of wanted persons, sex offenders, known suspected terrorists associated with the FBI, and also they plan to add the immigration file. Right now GBI is working on MOUs to hit this data base. Currently GBI can access NCIC wants for FBI and GA sex offenders, foreign fugitives, identify theft, immigration violator, missing person, FBI protection order file, known and suspected terrorist file, GA probation and parole files. Chief Lou Dekmar asked if the MOU with the FBI covered the blue cards (applicant fingerprints) which covers firearms and certain businesses. Director Keenan replied that he did not know for sure if it covered the blue cards but it does access the GA Criminal History Record and the wanted files on the national level. Director Keenan reiterated what is important here is that the officer can verbally make the query with the FBI through us to see if a person is wanted, but you are basing the query on what the violator is telling you, this device is searching by the fingerprints which puts it in the area of positive ID. There are other companies that make this same device that is capable of all this; the device that we are providing happens to have the state bid; we should see the costs come down. Chief Dekmar stated this will be great against the illegal population as it is hard to get a picture ID. Director Keenan stated when we complete the MOU with ICE, it will tell you if ICE has a pick up order against them, if they are wanted or if they illegally entered the country once before. Chief McElfish asked when the counties have prisoners entering their jail will the data checked for this information be the same information for all jails. Director Keenan replied that the Sheriff's offices are capturing all ten fingers in the booking process, querying the same database, but this device does it with two fingers and we have found out that some jails are using this device for a pre-booking step for safety. The jail personnel capture two fingers and will know immediately if he is wanted or if he is a threat to the officer and at some point the violator will go through the ten finger process and that information will come out, but with this device, the information will be immediate with the two fingers. Mr. Danny Bryant asked how this will affect the shortage of manpower and computer technology. Director Keenan replied that this is all handled by technology and does not require any staffing. The greatest cost for this project was to increase the computer capacity at the GBI to handle the wireless transmission and the pilot project came in so well under budget that the GBI was able to expand the computer capability beyond metro Atlanta and bring in the rest of the state.

Director Dale Mann, Georgia Public Safety Training Center called the Board members attention to the August report in that the front page has been redone a little bit and Board members will see that on the

GPSTC report we have Total (On and Off Site), On Campus, Off-Campus, Online and Hand-off Distribution Courses. Director Mann advised that GPSTC has begun online training and that online training is catching on like wild fire. A lot of officers have done their annual requalification training that one needs for POST which they can do without ever leaving their home or the police department. GPSTC is seeing a great increase in this online training and Director Mann seems to think this will continue. Director Mann stated GPSTC is getting more inquiries to add more topics.

Director Mann took this time to ask Vice-Chairman Wood for a Resolution for a Bond package. Director Mann stated that GPSTC was opened in 1987 and the requirements from the State of Georgia State Financing Investment Commission require the Board of Public Safety to vote a Resolution to go along with a Bond package request. Specifically, GPSTC is asking for a Resolution from the Board of Public Safety that requests the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission to proceed as rapidly as possible with the issuance of State of Georgia General Obligation Bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$3,500,000.00 for the purpose of financing some or all of the projects. Director Mann stated the projects would consist of replacing the roof on the Training Center. Director Mann explained that the tar and gravel roof is 25 years old and has leaks in the roof so bad that they have to put trash cans out to catch the water in some of the offices. The rain leaks have rotted the gym floor and GPSTC will have to replace the gym floor as it is rotted in three different places. Director Mann stated no matter what type of budget year we have, maintenance has got to be done and it is now to the point that GPSTC has no other options other than to replace the roof. Mr. Gerald Willis asked Director Mann if he had looked into what the Federal government is doing now in retrofitting buildings, white roofs or energy saving efficiencies. Director Mann stated they had talked with a contractor about this on a couple of occasions and thinks that may be part of what we are doing. Mr. Willis stated he had looked into it as a matter of curiosity and the Department of Energy is spending billions of dollars to retrofit roofs as they have done a long study on the energy effects and the first thing that came to Mr. Willis mind is perhaps that GPSTC can obtain some federal funds to help with this project. Mr. Willis asked Director Mann to investigate if there is any assistance that can be afforded to GPSTC through the Department of Energy.

Chief Jack McElfish made a motion, which was seconded by Chief Lou Dekmar, and voted approval by the Board members to communicate this Bond Resolution to the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission that said Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission issue State of Georgia General Obligation Bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$3,500,000.00 for the purpose of financing some or all of the Projects.

## **FISCAL REPORTS**

Mr. Joe Hood, Comptroller for the Department of Public Safety presented the DPS fiscal report ending June 30, 2010 which showed 0.46% remaining in the budget.

DOC Commissioner Brian Owens asked Mr. Hood to explain what the Federal Stimulus Funds were. Mr. Hood stated the Department had a stabilization grant for FY 10 and also has one for FY11 which is about 8.8 million dollars. The legislature removed that amount money from state funds to meet the new

revenue estimates and then they replaced it with this stabilization money. This was put in the DPS 2010 and 2011 budget and the rest of the 10.3 million dollars is other stimulus money that the Department received through the Byrne Stimulus Grant. The federal government allocated additional money to the CJCC and DPS ran the 87<sup>th</sup> trooper school with the grant funds, 1.5 million which paid for the trooper school and trooper salaries through this fiscal year. In FY 2012 this will be one of DPS's challenges; we have asked for this money to be replaced in our FY 2012 budget, this is a huge deficit, and we have to replace these 10.3 million dollars. Commissioner Owens wanted to make sure that the Board members understood that the stabilization funds will go away June 30<sup>th</sup> of next year and will begin year FY2012 with a deficit of 10.3 million dollars which was for trooper salaries. Mr. Hood stated September 1<sup>st</sup> was our budget submission date and this is the only thing that DPS has asked as an addition, to replace the 10.3 million dollars.

Mr. Bowen asked Mr. Hood if DPS had to do the 4% reduction would personnel be furloughed. Mr. Hood replied that DPS presented budget proposals for 4%, 6% and 8% reduction for this fiscal year, and OPB has directed that each agency hold back 4% and for the DPS that is 3.4 million in state funds. Mr. Hood stated that the plan that was presented in the budget proposal, DPS will begin a one day a month furlough for most employees starting the month of January 1, 2011 which would save around 1 million dollars if we have to go with the 4% reduction.

Mr. Dan Kirk, Assistant Director for Georgia Bureau of Investigation presented the GBI Fiscal Year 2010 Report for period ending June 30, 2010 showing 0.55% remaining in the budget. Mr. Kirk relayed in regards to the Federal ARRA Stimulus Funds, 3 million dollars was taken out of the Crime Lab budget and 3 million taken out of the Investigative budget and replaced with stabilization funds. GBI also received an additional 2 million dollars from the Byrne Grant. Mr. Kirk related that the GBI is starting in a hole this next time and hoping the money will be replaced. Sheriff Cronin asked Assistant Director Kirk how many scientists are funded by the grant. Mr. Kirk stated there were 42-43 scientists mostly in DNA, but they are spread out in toxicology, firearms, throughout the lab and are funded through a variety of different grants.

Ms. Patrice Kerner, Deputy Director for GPSTC presented the GPSTC Fiscal Year 2010 Report stating GPSTC returned \$22,600.00 back to the State and the only things that GPSTC did not spend were the revenue funds of \$8600.00. Ms. Kerner reminded the Board that federal funds do not work as the same state fiscal year and those funds are carried over to this year.

## **DONATIONS**

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

One Decatur G2 Select Radar	\$ 1,645.00	Wrightsville Police Dept.
One Stalker DSR 2X Radar	\$ 3,010.00	Camden County SO

One Kustom Pro Laser III, 1 DVD/VHS Recorder Five patrol car window tints, three Tac lights	\$ 4,275.00	Murray County Commissioners
Window tint for Vehicle #9048	\$ 125.00	Office of State Admin. Hearings
Thirteen E-Seek M250 DL Readers	\$ 5,291.00	Morgan County SO
One Stalker DSR2X Radar	\$ 3,015.00	Lamar County SO
(9) PC3.300 flashlights, (2) X-26 Tasers, (22) Plano soft long gun cases, (3) Sanyo TVs (2) Magnavox VHS/DVD Players, (3) HDM1 cables	\$ 4,357.47	Gordon County SO
Two Stalker Radars 2X DS Counting Units	\$ 6,200.00	Oconee Drug Task Force
Two 42" Panasonic Viera Plasma TVs	\$ 2,000.00	City of Riverdale Police Dept.
One Stalker DSR 2X Radar	\$ 3,095.00	Colquitt City Council
Two Intoximeter Alco-Sensor FSTs	\$ 1,040.00	MADD Georgia
Four Stalker Radars	\$ 3,980.00	GOHS
One True Speed Laser	\$ 2,500.00	GOHS
Gas, Lodging, Meals	\$10,500.00	Winshape Foundation

The motion for these donations was made by Mr. Danny Bryant, seconded by Mr. Wayne Abernathy and voted approved by the Board members.

Mr. Dan Kirk, Georgia Bureau of Investigation requested approval of the following donations:

2011 Ford Crown Vic Police Interceptor	\$21,848.64	DA Hayward Altman Kaiser
2007 Chevrolet Avalanche	\$22,320.00	Albany-Dougherty Co. Drug Unit

Chief Lou Dekmar made this donation approval motion; it was seconded by Mr. Wayne Abernathy and voted approved by the Board members.

Mr. Dan Kirk asked the BPS for their authority to have the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission issue three separate bonds for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation. Mr. Kirk explained that the first bond issued would be appropriated for one million dollars with \$400,000.00 for repair to

the Moultrie lab, replace the HVAC and other minor repairs at this facility so that GBI can get back in to this facility and \$600,000.00 of this bond would be utilized for a variety of repairs across the state. The second bond is valued at four million dollars and would be used to purchase and replace crime lab equipment. The final bond is for \$1,125,000.00 to be used to purchase cars for the investigative division.

Mr. Rooney Bowen, III made a motion to accept the bond resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Wayne Abernathy, and voted approval by the Board members.

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

1,080 28" orange traffic cones	\$ 8,834.40	FLETC
(4) 15" Goodyear Eagle GT Tires	\$ 220.00	ABAC Police Dept.
Monetary Donation	\$ 1,000.00	Atlanta Gas Light
Monetary Donation	\$ 1,000.00	GA Fire Invest. Assoc.

Chief Jack McElfish made this donation approval motion; it was seconded by Sheriff Steve Cronic and voted approved by the Board members.

Mr. Lee O'Brien, Department of Public Safety came before the Board asking for a Resolution that would allow the State Financing and Investment Commission to issue bonds in the amount of \$2,380,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing patrol cars for the Georgia State Patrol.

Mr. Danny Bryant made a motion to accept the bond resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Rooney Bowen, III and voted approval by the Board members.

Mr. Rooney Bowen, III made a motion to go into Georgia Crime Information Center Council, which was seconded by Mr. Wayne Abernathy and approved by the Board members.

### **Georgia Crime Information Center**

Mr. Dan Kirk, Assistant Director, GBI, presented the FY2010 GCIC Council Security Violations Report that involves unauthorized access and dissemination of criminal justice information. Mr. Kirk reported there were seventeen violations reported during FY2010 and presented the actions and recommendations to the Board members asking for their approval.

Mr. Rooney Bowen, III made the motion to accept the recommendations; which was seconded by Mr. Lester L. Rampy and voted approval by the Board members.

Mr. Rooney L. Bowen, III made a motion to go back into the Board of Public Safety meeting, which was seconded by Chief Jack McElfish, and voted approval by the Board members

### **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

Fire Chief Jack McElfish presented the Georgia Association of Fire Chiefs Newsletter to the Board members and stated that GAFC has a new President, President David Kimbrell of Hall County. Fire Chief McElfish stated the GAFC in Georgia has 653 fire departments and 80% of the fire services in Georgia are made up of volunteer fire departments. Chief McElfish stated he wanted to make the BPS aware that the GFSTC which sets rules and regulations for training and certification is requiring a lot of additional certification and different training and the fire services are very upset and this has had a tremendous impact on both career and volunteer fire departments. Fire Chief McElfish wanted everyone to be aware that some of their local units might be affected by the proposed changes.

Vice-Chairman Wood told the Board members that the October 14<sup>th</sup> Board meeting will be held in Statesboro at the Statesboro High School Auditorium and will have five presentations from agency heads and to please keep the presentations brief and informative for the high school students; we will flex the agenda around the student schedule. Vice-Chairman Wood stated he fills very strong about our exposure to these students.

Vice-Chairman Wood stated acknowledgements from LTC Snellings and the Rampy family would be distributed to the Board members. Vice-Chairman Wood reminded everyone that Resolutions would be presented to Chief Dwayne Orrick and Mr. Dub Harper, former Board members.

Fire Chief Jack McElfish asked for consideration by the Board members that the hotels that the Board members stay at for the Board meetings to please have fire sprinkler systems installed in them. Vice-Chairman Wood stated when booking room reservations, we will inquire about the fire sprinkler system.

Chief Lou Dekmar stated that representatives from the DA's association, the Sheriff's association, the Chief's association, the training center and the courts have studied the issue of the crime labs, the third study in about fifteen years; we are looking at the data as it relates to the turnaround time. Chief Dekmar stated the white paper should be completed sometime in October and will make it available to the Board members.

Mr. Abernathy stated he just wanted to second what Sheriff Cronic said about SFC Allen.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Rooney L. Bowen, III  
Secretary