

## **BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY CALL IN MEETING**

June 15, 2017

Department of Public Safety Blue Room  
Atlanta, Georgia

### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Wayne Abernathy-via conference call  
Mr. Steve D. Cronin-via conference call  
Sheriff Dane Kirby-via conference call  
Mr. Lester L. Rampy, Jr.-via conference call  
Chief Mark Revenew-via conference call  
Mr. Charles D. Sikes-via conference call  
Mr. Peter J. Skandalakis-via conference call  
Chief Craig Tully-via conference call  
Mr. Ellison G. Wood

### **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Mr. Danny M. Bryant  
Mr. Kacy K. Cronan  
Commissioner Greg Dozier  
Sheriff Joey Terrell

### **OTHERS:**

Mr. Joe Drolet, Senior Assistant Attorney General  
Ms. Tina Piper, Senior Assistant Attorney General  
Ms. Cheryl L. Buie, Board Liaison  
Lt. Colonel Russell Powell, Department of Public Safety  
Major Hank Fielding, Department of Public Safety/GSP  
Captain Mark Lambert, Department of Public Safety/GSP  
Captain Nikki Renfroe, Department of Public Safety/GSP  
Lt. Thomas Jackson, Department of Public Safety/GSP  
Sergeant Anthony Hughes, Department of Public Safety  
Mr. Gary Sosebee, Troop C Chief Dispatcher, Georgia State Patrol  
Mr. Emmett Lewis, Sr., Troop C Senior Dispatcher, Georgia State Patrol  
Mr. Cleveland Rivers, Troop C Senior Dispatcher, Georgia State Patrol  
Ms. Diegra Davidson, Troop C Senior Dispatcher, Georgia State Patrol  
Mr. Christopher Price, Troop C Senior Dispatcher, Georgia State Patrol  
Ms. Lanie Weathers, Department of Public Safety  
Mrs. Amy Stancil, Department of Public Safety  
Mr. Tony Hightower, Deputy Director, Georgia Public Safety Training Center-via conference call  
Mr. Dan Kirk, Assistant Director, Georgia Bureau of Investigation  
SAC Bill Bodrey, Georgia Bureau of Investigation, Region 5-via conference call  
Ms. Emily Kilman, Intern, Georgia Bureau of Investigation, Region 5-via conference call  
Mrs. Olivia Duke, Office of Planning and Budget-via conference call

Vice-Chairman Ellis Wood called the June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Board of Public Safety meeting to order.

Vice-Chairman Wood called for a moment of silence to remember the two Georgia Department of Corrections officers killed this week and for other tragedies around the world.

Sergeant Anthony Hughes gave the invocation and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Joe Drolet advised he will be retiring August 1<sup>st</sup> and introduced Ms. Tina Piper who will be taking his place. Ms. Piper stated she looks forward to working with the Board of Public Safety.

Vice-Chairman Wood asked everyone present to introduce themselves.

### **DIRECTOR REPORTS**

Lt. Colonel Russell Powell, Department of Public Safety gave an update on the current trooper school advising the school started out with 52 cadets and are now at 45 cadets.

Lt. Colonel Powell shared that DPS does not take recognizing DPS employees lightly, especially when an employee has been with the Department for 30 years. Lt. Colonel Powell recognized Troop C Senior Dispatcher Emmett Lewis, describing Emmett as steady, and when one gets Emmett, one gets all Emmett has to give every time. Lt. Colonel Powell presented Troop C Senior Dispatcher Emmett Lewis with a 30 year service award and pin. Chief Dispatcher Gary Sosebee shared when he came to HQ, March 20, 2014, from Troop B, Emmett was in the radio room when he first came, has been great, a dependable employee and if he needed something and called him, Emmett would be here. Chief Dispatcher Sosebee expressed to Emmett that from the bottom of his heart, he appreciates everything he has done for him while being at HQ.

Mr. Dan Kirk, Assistant Director for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation reminded everyone a groundbreaking will be held in Pooler for the Coastal Crime Lab on Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am.

Mr. Tony Hightower, Deputy Director, Georgia Public Safety Training Center reminded everyone the GPSTC will be celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of GPSTC and groundbreaking for the new driving track on July 22, 2017, with festivities beginning at 9:00 am lasting to 5:00 pm.

Mr. Hightower stated everyone at the GPSTC appreciates everyone's support and looks forward to seeing the BPS members on July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **DONATIONS**

Mrs. Amy Stancil, Comptroller, Department of Public Safety requested approval of the following donations:

Participation in the 99 <sup>th</sup> Annual National American Legion Conference	\$	2,122.20	Dept. of GA American Legion
Three Dragoneye DESL Lasers	\$	6,000.00	City of Cumming
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One ELSAG Plate Hunter M6-3 Tag Reader	\$	18,550.00	Screven Co. Bd. of Commissioners
Three Decatur Genesis II Radars	\$	6,000.00	Whitfield County Sheriff's Dept.
One MPH Python III Radar	\$	2,105.00	Columbus Police Department
One Stalker DSR2X Radar	\$	3,061.00	Nashville Police Department
Two Kustom Pro Lasers and One Stalker Radar	\$	10,500.00	Forsyth Co. Bd. Of Commissioners
Five Stalker DSR 2X Radars and Five Dragon Eye DESL Lasers	\$	25,695.00	Jackson Co. Sheriff's Dept.

The motion to accept these donations was made by Chief Craig Tully, which was seconded by Mr. Steve Cronic, and voted approved by the Board members.

Mr. Tony Hightower, Georgia Public Safety Training Center requested approval of the following donations:

2005 Ford Crown Victoria	\$	2,500.00	Decatur Co. Bd. Of Commissioners
2006 Ford Crown Victoria	\$	2,500.00	Decatur Co. Bd. Of Commissioners
Assorted Beverages	\$	1,000.00	Georgia Beverage Association

The motion to accept these donations was made by Mr. Charles Sikes, which was seconded by Mr. Wayne Abernathy, and voted approved by the Board members.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Chief Mark Revenew  
Secretary