

BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY CALL IN MEETING

February 8, 2018

Department of Public Safety Media Room

Atlanta, Georgia

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Kacy K. Cronan
Commissioner Greg Dozier
Sheriff Dane Kirby
Chief Mark Revenew
Mr. Charles D. Sikes
Sheriff Joey Terrell
Chief Craig Tully
Mr. Ellison G. Wood

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Wayne Abernathy
Mr. Danny Bryant
Mr. Steve D. Cronic
Mr. Lester L. Rampy, Jr.

OTHERS:

Ms. Tina Piper, Senior Assistant Attorney General
Ms. Cheryl L. Buie, Board Liaison
Commissioner Mark W. McDonough, Department of Public Safety
Lt. Colonel Russell Powell, Department of Public Safety
Major Jason Johnson, Department of Public Safety/GSP
Major Johnny Jones, Department of Public Safety/MCCD
Major Billy Boulware, Department of Public Safety/MCCD
Captain Mark Lambert, Department of Public Safety/GSP
Captain Jeremy Vickery, Department of Public Safety/MCCD
Captain Clint Durrence, Department of Public Safety/MCCD
Mrs. Melissa Rodgers, Department of Public Safety
Mr. Zachary Howard, Department of Public Safety
Ms. Joan Crumpler, Department of Public Safety
Mr. Dan Kirk, Assistant Director, Georgia Bureau of Investigation
Director Chris Wigginton, Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Mr. Tony Hightower, Deputy Director, Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Mrs. Cindy Jones, Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Mrs. Sharla Shockley, Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Mr. Ray Saxon, Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Mrs. Olivia Duke, Office of Planning and Budget
Mr. Brian Lawler, Office of Planning and Budget
Ms. Ashley Larrow, Office of Planning and Budget
Mr. Timothy C. Ward, Department of Corrections
Mr. Robert Thrower, Department of Corrections
Mr. Lee Lemke, Georgia Movers Association
Mr. Erik Christensen, Georgia Movers Association
Ms. Holly Stewart, Georgia Movers Association

Vice-Chairman Ellis Wood called the February 8th, 2018, Board of Public Safety meeting to order.

Sheriff Joey Terrell updated the BPS members on Mr. Wayne Abernathy stating Mr. Abernathy is in good spirits, but in a lot of pain and will have outpatient surgery this morning that will open up the circulation in his left leg and alleviate the pain where he can get around.

Major Jason Johnson updated the group on Mrs. Laura Thompson, stating she had emergency surgery this past Sunday, was discharged from the hospital on Wednesday and will be out 2-4 weeks.

Deputy Commissioner, Lt. Colonel Russell D. Powell, Department of Public Safety gave the invocation and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice-Chairman Wood asked everyone to stand and introduce their self.

Vice-Chairman Wood called for approval of the October 31, 2017 BPS minutes. Sheriff Dane Kirby made the motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Chief Craig Tully and voted approved by the BPS members.

DIRECTOR REPORTS

Commissioner Mark W. McDonough, Department of Public Safety gave a legislative update on several house bills. Commissioner McDonough stated DPS has been involved with Representative Carson's study committee that the house put together and the Speaker got going, on distracted driving. Commissioner McDonough stated distracted driving is an issue where there are a lot of opinions of what one should be able to do and what one should not be able to do; and what is interesting in the description of those opinions, in what you should or shouldn't be able to do, every one of those descriptions says, but my distraction should be OK. Commissioner McDonough noted that other than two hands on the steering wheel and your eyes outside the car in situational awareness, everything, even a conversation between one and their significant other, co-worker or whatever, is a distraction to one's driving. Commissioner McDonough stated there have been several times his wife has saved him from rear ending another car, because he was running his mouth and talking with his hands and she says lookout, as he is not doing what he is supposed to be doing and he gets stopped before he runs into the back of another vehicle. Commissioner McDonough stated in all of this, everything that is taught is a distraction to what one is supposed to do behind the wheel of a car. Commissioner McDonough stated the study committee put forth a bill which has been endorsed by Speaker Ralston and is now moving through the process to be a hands free bill, other words, while one is in an automobile, one's hand cannot be on a cell phone and the only provision in the bill is essentially is known as a one touch or one swipe, turn it on, turn it off when a call comes in, that is it. Commissioner McDonough stated one will have to use the speaker function, hands free function that may be incorporated one's car, or purchase a Bluetooth device that goes on one's ear in order to be able to use the cell phone. Commissioner McDonough acknowledged that it took him 14 touches to go through his contacts to find the person that he wanted to call. Commissioner McDonough stated this bill addresses where we are to where hopefully the state can go and when looking statistically in the 16 states that are hands free, the fatalities have been reduced within two years, between 16% and 20%.

Commissioner McDonough noted when 1500 people are killed a year on the roadways, do the math of 20% so that a law that is passed that is hands free is enforced, that amount of lives could be saved on this issue. Commissioner McDonough stated Representative Carson is in the insurance business and all of this started out, not with distracted driving, but looking into what was causing the acceleration of increase in insurance premiums on automobile insurance and it turned out to be cell phones.

Commissioner McDonough noted the current bill makes it difficult for police officers to have the probable cause to put people on the side of the road and with a hands free issue, if the officer knows the driver has the cell phone in their hand except for the one touch, pretty clear cut with a hands free law, the officer pretty much has the probable cause that he needs to put the car on the shoulder and the age restriction is no longer there. Commissioner McDonough stated it does not matter what vehicle one is in, the age of a person, the cell phone cannot be in one's hand, clear-cut for the officers on the road trying to enforce the law. Commissioner McDonough stated if the bill is passed as it is, instead of a one point violation, it immediately goes to a three point violation and any other subsequent things that occur to the individual, it ends up going to a four point violation and the schedule of fines go from \$150 to \$250 to \$500 to \$1000, gets pretty serious, pretty quick. Commissioner McDonough acknowledged that a lot of work went into this bill with Capt. Derick Durden and Lt. Josh Lamb presenting with the study committee all over the state and is now moving through the process in judicial non civil and there seems to be a lot of positive interest in this to see that it goes forward. Commissioner McDonough stated this is not an agency bill, for what DPS does in public safety and for what is occurring on the roadways, it is something in its end, DPS will be very supportive of and thinks law enforcement in general can look at it and say from where we are to where it is going, it is a good bill.

Commissioner McDonough spoke about HB703, not agency legislation, but has to do with something specific that DPS folks are involved in, along with DNR and GBI and the bill is an issue of Peer Support. Commissioner McDonough noted when looking at how Peer Support has been done in Georgia, it has been an essentially ad-hoc effort where each of the agencies have committed, we know that Peer Support is important. Commissioner McDonough noted the way for breaking through problems that law enforcement officers' experience on the roadway is through other law enforcement officers who have experienced similar problems, noting it is not the traditional EAP route.

Commissioner McDonough stated it is very difficult for public safety officials to open up to traditional mental health type services, it does not work. Commissioner McDonough stated what does work is people talking to other people who have experienced similar things, which is the basis on what this bill is all about. Commissioner McDonough noted DPS has trained folks, have given it a team effort to state agencies and all of the write-ups are here to support people and everyone in all of these agencies has supported peace officers on every level in this state geographically and across the country with the effort. Commissioner McDonough stated the idea is to move away from trying to beg, borrow and steal through private donations to put on the different events that benefit people and to get it recognize officially just like it is in SC with the Law Assistance Program. Commissioner McDonough declared the Georgia effort has been modeled after the SC Law Assistance Program, but the approach that is being taken in Georgia, will include all public safety responders, just not law enforcement, so it would be fire, EMS, and everyone that is involved as first responders and everything they go through, all the stuff that they see that affects them, this would be an effort that is in state law, would be a state

structure and there would be funding that would support this type of effort in Georgia. Commissioner McDonough stated the bill has moved through very quickly and sits in Rules on the House side and has a lot of support, and Capt. Andy Carrier has actively been engaged, with three post commanders testifying on the bill. Commissioner McDonough stated the bill is in rules and could go to the house side fairly quickly.

Commissioner McDonough stated HB714 is the annual Motor Carrier Compliance bill, essentially changing the date to take all of the Motor Carrier rules on the federal side and codify them into state law; this is done every year. Commissioner McDonough stated the problem is this is a bill that people look to, like household goods movers, wreckers, log truck drivers, a bill that tends to be a trailer for other things. Commissioner McDonough acknowledged this has to be done on an annual basis so the work that is done on the road, particularly in enforcement is recognized in state statute and by case law, the judges can rule on it. Commissioner McDonough stated the bill is in house rules and moving along well.

Commissioner McDonough advised HB809 is the vehicle marking bill. Commissioner McDonough noted when the Department went through hard times, DPS asked permission from the legislature to move away from the traditional statute of how cars are marked, to allow DPS to have single color cars with the required markings, which saved the Department \$700.00-\$800.00 a vehicle in order not to be a two tone. Commissioner McDonough stated this was great for the budget, but the legislature did not like it and troopers did not like it, they like the blue and gray patrol cars. Commissioner McDonough stated there was a sunset clause allowing this to be for 3 years and after 3 years the sunset clause went away, but in the revision of the code, some language was inadvertently left out and are having to go back and fix that legislatively. Commissioner McDonough stated DPS is asking for the discretion of the Commissioner to be able to purchase any solid color cars if it is hard economic times, because now a two tone paint job costs the Department between \$1100.00-\$1300.00 dollars. Commissioner McDonough stated when buying a lot of cars during hard times, that amount of money could be saved and a lot more cars could be purchased just on what would be saved paint wise. Commissioner McDonough stated there should be no problem getting this bill through. Commissioner McDonough stated this bill does not affect the overall markings regulations for vehicles, brings the provision back, but, essentially takes out the argument that a vehicle that is a solid color that has an enforcement action, is not viable because the vehicle is silver instead of two tone blue and gray.

Concerning HB856, Commissioner McDonough stated this bill has a direct relationship and impact on the Board of Public Safety. Commissioner McDonough noted this is approved agency legislation which means the second floor has approved HB856 and DPS supports the bill, as it adds a new board member to the BPS. Commissioner McDonough stated the position would be an ex officio position where the Department of Community Supervision Commissioner would sit on the BPS. Commissioner McDonough stated this will bring another voting member and helps Vice-Chairman Wood meet his quorum in order to get the votes that are needed. Commissioner McDonough stated the Department of Community Supervision has 1600 sworn police officers and Commissioner Michael Nail has a long career and a lot of experience in law enforcement, that aspect of law enforcement and knowing Commissioner Nail, he will be at every Board meeting and will be an active participant as well as a

voter. Commissioner McDonough stated this would be a positive thing, brings someone with experience that can relate and bring a voice on issues.

Commissioner McDonough relayed on Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at 1000 hours, the first graduating class of the Motor Carrier Compliance Division will occur. Commissioner McDonough stated DPS formalized the MCCD training, instead of an ad-hoc training where the officers came and then put them through some training, be out in the field, put them through more training, DPS decided to start their own MCCD academy. Commissioner McDonough stated the cadets go through physical fitness issues, go through all the NAS training, haz- mat material at one time, one place together. Commissioner McDonough added Governor Deal will be the keynote speaker.

Commissioner McDonough stated the 103rd trooper school starts Sunday, February 10th with 71 cadets and thanked GPSTC Director Wigginton for his assistance with the way GSP is running trooper schools.

Commissioner McDonough presented the DPS Organization Chart showing a change for consolidating the supervision of the Honor Guard and Crisis Negotiation Team under a Captain's supervision. Commissioner McDonough added this is necessary and noted in the past, honor guard details in the past consisted of a very small group of people and was not working. Commissioner McDonough stated the Honor Guard was not meeting the need or requests for the ceremonial type of thing for the retirees and the public. Commissioner McDonough stated the Honor Guard does a fantastic job and instead of a small group of troopers, all nine troops and every region has a designated group of officers in their region and in the troop that handles honor guard details. Commissioner McDonough stated there are nine teams that have between six and seven members on it, a total of 63 plus people that are involved in the honor guard effort and when a detail occurs, it is the management of who to get to the best place at the right time. Commissioner McDonough added that when veterans have a funeral detail where their respective service is not able to provide honor guard support to the funeral, the DPS Honor Guard has been supporting the burial. Commissioner McDonough stated the Honor Guard is involved in hundreds of events all year long and it is essentially a full-time job to manage making sure the right people get to the right place, not only to support the agency issues and retirement issues, but also requests from the citizens. Commissioner McDonough stated the CNT group has not had supervision and as there are more SWAT call-outs and more barricaded gunman issues, that aspect of having the proper folks involved in the negotiation process, working hand and hand with the SWAT Commander will help make the right calls at the right time. Commissioner McDonough stated the SWAT guys want to breach the door, but sometimes the guy that is involved in the negotiation, may say I almost got him, hold up and noted this is a delicate mix between the negotiator and the SWAT guys, because there is a window of opportunity that is a safe opportunity for them to do their job.

Sheriff Joey Terrell made the motion to approve a change to the DPS Organizational Chart, adding Captain of Honor Guard/CNT. This was seconded by Chief Mark Revenew and voted approved by the BPS members.

Chief Mark Revenew commented with his new transition to Savannah PD, Captain Chris Wright and Capt. Chad Riner were one of the first ones to come to his office and offer their support.

Mr. Dan Kirk, Assistant Director, Georgia Bureau of Investigation covered legislation pertaining to the GBI. Concerning HB665, abandoned vessel legislation, Mr. Kirk stated currently an agency or person is required to report a loss or stolen vessel to the GBI and the Department of Natural Resources and this is not necessary. Mr. Kirk advised the bill will provide that such notice only be made to the Department of Natural Resources.

In regards to HB779, Mr. Kirk advised GBI is in this legislation and it clears up some of the questions about GISAC, who controls and who is the boss of GISAC, which is the GBI.

Mr. Kirk stated HB825 will allow the chief medical examiner to inter and disinter unidentified human remains that are in GBI's custody. Mr. Kirk stated the GBI has around 250 unidentified remains in custody and skeletal remains dating back to the 60s and for many years have kept these remains, because if there was ever a question about who it might be or whether the remains were from this state or another state. Mr. Kirk advised the medical examiner could pull those remains out and the remains would have to go to anthropologists, who would look at the hair, information from the bones, to information being presented by a particular law enforcement agency and make the determination as to whether they could identify the person. Mr. Kirk stated there was forensic reason to manage the skeletal remains for all of these years. Mr. Kirk added with the technology that has caught up, this is no longer necessary, are able to do all sorts of electronic measurements and DNA on the bones and eliminates the need to pull those out every time there is some question about who that person might be. With that being said, Mr. Kirk stated when having a staff meeting, he told them it was time we deal with this issue, as these were people and they deserve a proper burial and in order to do this, wanted to have authority to bury them and of course when one is identified or a comparison is made, we want to be able to dig that person back up and present to the law enforcement agency and send the body to the family.

Mr. Kirk advised SB327 clears up some language in the death investigation act in when an autopsy needs to be done and helps clear things up for coroners.

Mr. Kirk stated there is legislation concerning Bingo, as the GBI is the Bingo Czar of the state and regulated by the state and GBI is the state agency that regulates Bingo. Mr. Kirk stated the legislation would deregulate Bingo and allow that regulation to take place at a local level which is where it needs to be.

In regards to SB336, electronic communication subpoena, Mr. Kirk advised this is something the GBI has needed for quite a while on the Internet Crimes Against Children, on computer cases, when the GBI subpoenas the service provider. Mr. Kirk stated this bill provides that when a subpoena is issued for production of electronic communication service records for computer or electronic devices that are used in furtherance of certain offenses against minors, such provider of electronic communication

service or other computer service shall not provide notice of such subpoena to the subscriber or customer of such service.

Mr. Kirk stated his last piece of legislation out there that is a little bit concerning does not essentially involve the GBI, but it does and it has to do with sexual assault victims. Mr. Kirk stated the bill creates a liaison at the local level, so the Sheriff's dept. would have to create a liaison officer who would work with sexual assault victims and work with the service provider which could be the GBI, doing sexual assault cases, providing certain information working with them, setting up a victim's advocate.

Mr. Kirk advised adjacent to the Savannah Crime Lab there is a bomb garage, which is in an old fire station and would like to build a new bomb garage next to the new crime lab being built in Pooler. Mr. Kirk added the City of Pooler is interested in negotiating with the GBI in building the bomb garage, on two acres of property, right next to the Pooler Fire Department

Sheriff Joey Terrell made the motion for the GBI to begin negotiations with the City of Pooler for the two acres of land next to the Pooler Fire Department for a bomb garage. This was seconded by Chief Mark Revenew and voted approved by the BPS members.

Chief Mark Revenew thanked the GBI Region 5 agents for their professionalism in handling an incident for the City of Savannah.

Director Chris Wigginton, Georgia Public Safety Training Center stated there is one legislative bill of concern for the GPSTC, SB319 which is to create a stand-alone Department of Fire Safety which would remove the Fire Academy from the GPSTC into the new agency.

Director Wigginton stated training numbers at the GPSTC are through the roof and in December there were a little over 26,000 students at the center, dorms are above capacity each and every day. Director Wigginton stated the GPSTC is having to push away groups and associations for their meetings, as the GPSTC dedicated primary goal is objective training and are committed to this training.

Director Wigginton stated the GPSTC has received requests for training from sheriffs, chiefs and internal investigators pertaining to use of force. Director Wigginton noted more times than not, the officer that uses force is justified in using this force, but what makes law enforcement look bad is the person that stands in front of the camera who has no idea what they are talking about. Director Wigginton stated the GPSTC wants to educate the people who are going to stand in front of the cameras, the internal affairs investigators that is investigating the case, the same with deadly use of force instructor course. Director Wigginton advised they just want to get everyone on the same page.

Director Wigginton shared his youngest son is part of the Special Operations Unit and last Thursday, his best friend was killed in a training accident. Director Wigginton stated it was important to him because how do you explain a training accident, how do you tell a parent, a best friend that someone was killed in a training accident. Director Wigginton stated the accident was preventable and was

avoidable. Director Wigginton stated the young man was married in December and his son was his best man, 24 years old. Director Wigginton stated on Thursday he sent an email out to his staff reminding them of what they do at the GPSTC and how important it is to us and the mission to make sure we push the envelope and get the best training out there. Director Wigginton stated law enforcement is dangerous, but when stepping into the realms of reckless and training becomes complacent, that is when people get hurt. Director Wigginton stated this brought him back to where he needed to be, to address the GPSTC staff that every public safety professional that comes through the gates at the GPSTC the lives are in his hand, in the trainers hands. Director Wigginton advised when doing the training, it needs to be done to the limits that they might encounter on the road, in a fire house, but not to the point they will get killed in a training environment. Director Wigginton declared he is heavy hearted, as a father, but then his position as Director it rings true on what he needs to do and what he needs to be concerned with every day, and that is to get the best training out there, but in the safest manner possible.

Vice-Chairman Wood thanked Director Wigginton and Deputy Director Hightower for their passion with their job at GPSTC.

DONATIONS

Major Jason Johnson, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Public Safety requested approval of the following donations:

Five Dragon Eye DESL Lasers Four Stalker DSR 2x Radars	\$	22,255.00	Banks County Sheriff's Dept.
One Vizio 50" TV, One Wall Mount One Samsung Blu-Ray Player	\$	570.98	Trenton Police Dept.
One Stalker Dual SL Radar	\$	3,000.00	Tybee Island Police Dept.
One Set of Mobile Tag Readers (ELSAG Plate Hunter M6-3)	\$	18,550.00	Franklin Co. Bd. of Commissioners
Sixteen Whelen Howler Sirens/installation Twenty Garmin Drivesmart 51 NA LMT GPS	\$	19,468.00	W. Metro Drug Enforcement Office
Two Stalker DSR2X Radars	\$	6,025.00	Columbia Co. Sheriff's Dept.

The motion to accept these donations was made by Chief Craig Tully, which was seconded by Sheriff Joey Terrell, and voted approved by the Board members.

Mrs. Cindy Jones, Comptroller, Georgia Public Safety Training Center requested approval of the following donation:

400 yards of Assorted Carpet Remnants \$ 40,000.00 Jamie Lanford

The motion to accept this donation was made by Commissioner Greg Dozier, which was seconded by Chief Craig Tully, and voted approved by the Board members.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Zachary Howard, Legal Services Officer, Department of Public Safety presented for approval an Administrative Order which will continue a variance for intrastate motor carriers operating in the State of Georgia. Mr. Howard stated the variance has been in effect since 2014 with no significant incidents during the most recent variance period. Mr. Howard added the Administrative Order for temporary hours of variance adopted by the Georgia DPS through section 395.341 of Chapter 1 the Georgia Department of Public Safety's Transportation Rulebook will be extended for a period beginning this date and expiring on December 31, 2018.

Sheriff Joey Terrell made the motion for the Board of Public Safety to approve the issuance of an Administrative Order extending the temporary hours of service variance adopted by the Georgia Department of Public Safety through section 395.341 of Chapter 1 the Georgia Department of Public Safety's Transportation Rulebook for a period expiring on December 31, 2018. This was seconded by Sheriff Dane Kirby and approved by the board members.

Mr. Howard also presented Georgia Department of Public Safety Maximum Rate Tariff No.1 Intrastate Rates and Charges applying to Household Goods. Mr. Howard advised household goods movers are companies that help move from one resident location to another within the state and DPS is responsible for regulating their behavior, rates, etc., and the tariff establishes the maximum rates they are allowed to charge the customers and the tariff that is currently in effect was made by the Board of Public Service Commission when the PSC was in charge of regulating this behavior. Mr. Howard noted the last time the tariff underwent any substantial revisions was in 2006, and the last time the rates were changed was 2009 when the rates went up 2% and has been static since then. Mr. Howard stated through the coordination of the Georgia Movers Association and Commissioner McDonough, DPS has implemented a 15% rate increase for that activity and have also changed the way the evaluation of the property that is being moved, about how that property is valued. Mr. Howard noted previously by default, when they were moving the property, the maximum amount the property could be insured was for \$300.00 based upon the actual value of the property and are changing that method to comply with how it is done in intrastate commerce by the federal government, which will be a 60% per lb. evaluation based on the weight of the cargo being moved. Mr. Howard stated the DPS has taken the tariff that was implemented by the PSC in 2006 and put these two substantial changes into the tariff.

Sheriff Dane Kirby made the motion for the Board of Public Safety to approve a new maximum rate tariff applicable to intrastate household goods movers within the state of Georgia. The new tariff cancels the former Georgia Public Service Commission maximum rate tariff, which was applicable to household good movers. The substantive changes to the tariff include (1) a 15% increase in the maximum allowable rates; and (2) a change in the default valuation method for goods moved from depreciated value up to a maximum amount to released value at a rate of \$0.60 per pound per article.

The new maximum rate tariff becomes effective on March 20, 2018. This was seconded by Sheriff Joey Terrell and voted approved by the BPS members.

Ms. Joan Crumpler, Assistant Director, Legal Services, Department of Public Safety, presented a Resolution asking the BPS to authorize the Commissioner of Public Safety to enter into negotiations and agreements with Tift County, Georgia for a long-term lease of Georgia State Patrol Post 13 at the Henry Tift Myers Airport in Tift County, Georgia.

Sheriff Joey Terrell made the motion to authorize the Commissioner of Public Safety to enter into negotiations and agreements with Tift County, the Development Authority and the Tifton-Tift County Airport Authority and to execute all contracts and supporting documents as necessary to acquire a long-term lease of the 2005-constructed facilities and 3.637 acres of land at the Henry Tift Myers Airport for the barracks and headquarters of Georgia State Patrol Post 13. This was seconded by Mr. Charles Sikes and voted approved by the Board members.

Ms. Joan Crumpler, Department of Public Safety presented a Resolution asking the BPS to authorize the Georgia Department of Public Safety to transfer a Revocable License and Permanent Non-Standard Easement of unimproved land to Georgia Power for relocation of utility poles that serve Georgia State Patrol Post 6, Gainesville.

Commissioner Gregory Dozier made the motion to authorize the Commissioner of Public Safety to request the Georgia State Properties Commissioner to issue a Revocable License, and then to request the Governor and Georgia Legislature to issue a Permanent Non-Standard Easement, for such a footprint of property that shall accommodate the relocation of Georgia Power Company utility poles, to be followed by an as-built survey, for purposes of serving GSP Post 6-Gainesville and the DPS Communications Tower at 2000 Cleveland Highway in Hall County, Georgia. This was seconded by Sheriff Joey Terrell and voted approved by the BPS members.

Director Chris Wigginton, GPSTC, presented 11 names for approval that was submitted by the Georgia Public Safety Memorial Committee to be added to the 2018 Memorial Wall. Director Wigginton advised the memorial will be held May 22, 2018 at 1000 hours.

Mr. Kacy Cronan made the motion to approve the names for the Georgia Public Safety Memorial, which was seconded by Sheriff Joey Terrell, and voted approved by the BPS members.

Commissioner McDonough advised the DPS annual awards ceremony will be on Saturday, March 3rd, 5:30 pm -7:30 pm at the convention center on Jekyll Island.

Vice-Chairman Wood mentioned that he had already discussed with some of the board members of the concern that continues to exist for the execution of the business and the requirement to execute business for a quorum, noting the bylaws are published as saying the quorum shall be eight. Vice Chairman Wood noted at times getting that quorum is a real challenge and had spoken with Ms. Piper and Mrs. Rodgers for some possible alternatives or options to the bylaws.

Ms. Tina Piper, Board Attorney stated under Article 3 as Mr. Ellis noted, eight members is a quorum and under article 7, the Board has the authority to alter, amend or repeal any of the bylaws by two-thirds majority and simply need to give three days' notice before the meeting the Board would vote that the Board will be voting on the alteration amendment or repeal.

Vice-Chairman Wood advised he will continue to research this and asked everyone to be thinking about it.

Chief Mark Revenew presented Ms. Cheryl Buie with a Resolution in appreciation for her service with the Department of Public Safety and the Board of Public Safety.

Mr. Charles Sikes made a motion to present former board member, Mr. Pete Skandalakis with a Resolution. This was seconded by Sheriff Joey Terrell and approved by the BPS members.

Vice-Chairman Wood asked Chief Craig Tully, Mr. Charles Sikes and Sheriff Joey Terrell to present nominations for the Vice-Chairman and Secretary for the BPS at the March BPS meeting.

Vice-Chairman Wood advised the March 8th, 2018, BPS meeting will be held at GBI headquarters and the April 12th, 2018, BPS meeting will be held in Glennville.

Vice-Chairman Wood stated the BPS will be sending flowers to Mrs. Laura Thompson and Mr. Wayne Abernathy.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Chief Mark Revenew
Secretary