

BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY
November 10, 2016
Georgia Public Safety Training Center

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Wayne Abernathy
Chief Danny Bowman
Mr. Danny Bryant
Commissioner Homer Bryson
Mr. Kacy K. Cronan
Retired Sheriff Steve Cronic
Sheriff Dane Kirby
Mr. Lester L. Rampy, Jr.
Chief Mark Revenew
Mr. Charles Sikes
Mr. Peter J. Skandalakis
Sheriff Joey Terrell
Chief Craig Tully

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Ellis G. Wood

OTHERS:

Mr. Joe Drolet, Senior Assistant Attorney General
Ms. Cheryl L. Buie, Board Liaison
Commissioner Mark W. McDonough, Department of Public Safety
Lt. Colonel Russell D. Powell, Department of Public Safety
Major Hank Fielding, Department of Public Safety/GSP
Captain Jeremy Vickery, Department of Public Safety/MCCD
Captain James Steen, Department of Public Safety/MCCD
Lieutenant Tony Pilcher, Department of Public Safety/MCCD
MCOII Randy Schofill, Department of Public Safety/MCCD
Mrs. Melissa Rodgers, Department of Public Safety
Mr. Zachary Howard, Department of Public Safety
Mrs. Amy Stancil, Department of Public Safety
Mrs. Brandy Cochran, Department of Public Safety
Director Vernon M. Keenan, Georgia Bureau of Investigation
Mr. Dan Kirk, Assistant Director, Georgia Bureau of Investigation
Mrs. Terri Fisher, Deputy Director, Georgia Bureau of Investigation
Ms. Rhonda Westbrook, Georgia Bureau of Investigation
Ms. Lisa Weaver-Johnson, Georgia Bureau of Investigation
Director Chris Wigginton, Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Mr. Tony Hightower, Deputy Director, Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Mrs. Sharla Shockley, Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Mr. Richard Dixon, Georgia Public Safety Training Center-Athens
Mr. Marty Smith, Georgia Public Safety Training Center

Mr. John Taliaferro, Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Ms. Melanie Edmiston, Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Ms. Cheryl Greathouse, Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Ms. Judy Couch, Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Mr. David Knight, Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Mr. Hal Braswell, Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Mr. Tim Melton, Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Mr. Ray Saxon, Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Mr. John Laurence, Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Mr. Adam Ham, Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Mr. Tim Melton, Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Mr. David Wall, Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Mr. Donald Kirkland, Office of Planning and Budget
Mr. Joe Talaber, Office of Planning and Budget
Mr. Harlan Proveaux, Deputy Director, GEMA/Homeland Security
Mr. Gregory C. Dozier, Department of Corrections
Mr. James Payne, Department of Corrections
Mrs. Louise Rampy
Mrs. Maureen Bryant
Mrs. Brandi Wigginton

In the absence of Vice-Chairman Ellis Wood, Chief Mark Revenew called the November 10, 2016, Board of Public Safety meeting to order. Chief Mark Revenew requested item #8 be added to the agenda to discuss the DPS Commissioner's salary per request from Governor Deal. Chief Craig Tully made the motion to add item #8 to the agenda, which was seconded by Sheriff Joey Terrell and voted approved by the BPS members.

Mr. David Knight, Georgia Public Safety Training Center gave the invocation, followed by Chief Danny Bowman leading the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chief Revenew asked everyone to stand and introduce their self.

Commissioner Homer Bryson advised on December 1st, he will be transitioning to the GEMA as the Director and introduced Mr. Gregory C. Dozier, who will become the Commissioner for DOC on December 1st and will serve on the BPS.

Chief Revenew stated the GPSTC staff offered a tour, driving and shooting at GPSTC earlier today and the group appreciated the hospitality.

Chief Revenew called for approval of the October 6th, 2016 minutes. Mr. Wayne Abernathy made the motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Sheriff Joey Terrell and voted approved by the BPS members.

DIRECTOR REPORTS

Commissioner Mark W. McDonough, Department of Public Safety advised this past Tuesday, a new aviation facility opened in Perry-Houston County. Commissioner McDonough added the city and county did an incredible job, with the hangar space being 7,000 square feet with a detached office section in front of the hangar that almost looks like a patrol post, with 4500 square feet. Commissioner McDonough advised over time this hangar will be manned as much as possible so there will be an instant response to that part of the state if the call comes in. Commissioner McDonough noted from Perry, aviation can be at I-16 and I-95 in about 55 minutes, or to Bainbridge in 35-40 minutes. Commissioner stated the hangar is a great centralized location for this service and the future is bright for this section of the state. Commissioner McDonough told the BPS members if they ever have a chance to stop by the hangar, Sgt. Hamilton Halford will be happy to give them a grand tour.

Commissioner McDonough presented two changes to the DPS Organizational Chart for approval. Commissioner McDonough advised there would be a Research Planning and Development office, as there has not been a formalized established research planning office in DPS for quite some time. Commissioner McDonough noted when special details would come, such as the G-8, the Olympics or other big events, someone would hold the position and was never formally established. In a very similar fashion, Commissioner McDonough advised the Georgia Dome is being replaced by the new Mercedes Benz Stadium, which will open up in 2017, and then in a very quick succession, there are three major events, the Final Four, the National Football Championship Game and in 2019, the Super Bowl and DPS has got to get started. Commissioner McDonough noted the Super Bowl security has been designated a national security event so the FBI has already started the process of sending their people in and the Research Planning and Development office will be working with the planners, APD and FBI for this event and are one event away from those other type sports issues of also becoming a national security event. Commissioner McDonough stated there are certain federal dollars and as we are living in an interesting time, we can find ourselves there. Commissioner McDonough stated this is the rational for the change that will be staffed by a Captain who has a background as being a certified POST training academy instructor, who holds a Master Degree, had a dual career and reached the rank of Lt. Colonel in the National Guard and his MOS was in logistics, so one can see from his background and training that he will be very suited for the Research Planning and Development office.

Commissioner McDonough presented an organizational change to the Comptroller's Office Organizational Chart, adding a Purchasing Director with Excess Property, the Purchasing Card Administrator and two Buyers, answering to the Purchasing Director. Commissioner McDonough added this past winter the Department found itself in a position where something was broken and made an official request to the DOAS Commissioner to send in a group to take a look at the DPS purchasing department to see what was being done wrong, was being done right and how the department could go about doing things better. Commissioner McDonough stated over several months a DOAS team went

through the issues top to bottom and from this, a new organizational section was recommended to be formed and staffed.

Mr. Peter Skandalakis made the motion to approve the DPS Organizational Chart changes, which was seconded by Mr. Charles Sikes and voted approved by the BPS members.

Commissioner McDonough noted with things going on around the country post-election, stated there was a protest in Atlanta at Piedmont Park that was very peaceful, occupied the roadway in front of FOX Theater which ended up getting a response from APD and at this point the DPS has not received any Intel or requests from the APD. Commissioner McDonough stated we are fortunate we are in the city of Atlanta, fortunate for the APD in the way they handle things and thus far, things have been quite in Georgia, which is statement to where we are compared to what is going on around the country.

Director Vernon M. Keenan, Georgia Bureau of Investigation introduced Ms. Terri Fisher, Deputy Director, of the Georgia Crime Information Center and asked her to give the members a briefing on an FBI mandate headed towards all of the states that will affect all law enforcement agencies; it is a good mandate, very positive when the process is completed. Ms. Fisher explained to the group the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program is a national voluntary program that provides a nationwide view of crime based on the statistics provided by law enforcement agencies throughout the country. Ms. Fisher stated in Georgia, GCIC is mandated to provide a statewide uniform crime reporting program (O.C.G.A. 35-3-33), and local law enforcement agencies are statutorily required to participate in the state UCR program (O.C.G.A 35-3-36), and Georgia voluntarily contributes data to the FBI's UCR Program.

Ms. Fisher stated the UCR Program was developed and initiated by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) in 1930, with congressional approval authorizing the FBI to serve as the national clearinghouse for statistical information on crime, and since its inception, the UCR Program has provided a steady reliable stream of information about crime in this nation. Ms. Fisher noted because UCR is a summary-based-reporting system, data about individual crime incidents are not readily available and with the summary-based-methodology, despite its reliability, is limited in many aspects including a lack of information on offenses, arrests and victim/offender relationships. Ms. Fisher noted after the FBI recognized the limitations of a summary-based system, and in 1989, the FBI implemented the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). Ms. Fisher stated the NIBRS will collect data on each single incident and arrest within 25 offense categories made up of 52 specific crimes called Group A offenses. Ms. Fisher noted for each of the offenses coming to the attention of law enforcement, specified types of facts about each crime are reported and in addition to the Group A offenses, there are 10 Group B offense categories for which only arrest data are reported.

Ms. Fisher presented a short video and noted in January 2021, the FBI will cease supporting the summary-based UCR collection system and only NIBRS submissions will be accepted. Mr. Fisher advised the GBI has started working on the development of a new UCR system and by 2018, the state of Georgia will be positioned to move from the traditional summary-based reporting system to NIBRS. Ms. Fisher stated the GCIC is in the process of implementing a system that agencies will use to either

a) enter incident-based crime data via a web interface or b) upload data directly from a Records Management System (RMS) to the state's NIBRS database. Ms. Fisher added the state system will validate agency data based on FBI and state-specific rules, return errors immediately to the submitter and allow corrections via the web interface and agencies that use a RMS should begin preparing to upgrade their system to become NIBRS compliant.

Director Chris Wigginton, Georgia Public Safety Training Center thanked the GPSTC staff present today for their hard work and thanked Mr. David Knight for the invocation. Director Wigginton thinking about the two Peach County deputies that were killed in the line of duty this week and mentioned in the invocation, he has been asked what the GPSTC can do to prevent that in the training environment and knows that an ambush is very hard and impossible to prevent, with no amount of training. Director Wigginton stressed this is a situation that law enforcement face that is growing across the nation and law enforcement tries to be vigilant and prepare, but there is no way to prepare an individual for an ambush or defend against it.

Director Wigginton advised they have partnered with EMA and are wrapping up a program to try and get first responders across the state trained in first aid and have each officer and fireman have a tourniquet on their person. During the last legislative session, the GPSTC was awarded three positions for the fire academy, an area that has not seen any attention since the fire academy was moved under the training center and that was the volunteer fire firefighter program. Director Wigginton advised 72% of firefighters in Georgia are volunteer and noted the GPSTC has not delivered the training they have needed as the volunteer firefighters hold a full-time job and GPSTC offers training Monday-Friday and they are not able to attend. Director Wigginton added the three new positions have been in training since July and taught their first class this past weekend, putting it to the test. Director Wigginton stated GPSTC is taking the volunteer program to the field and will train after hours and on the weekends in order for the volunteer firefighters receive the training they need.

Director Wigginton advised the bid closes this week for the driver training expansion, looking forward to the close and will then start moving dirt, hopefully within three-four months, there will be a new track. Director Wigginton stated there is a backlog through 2018 for the driver training and the new driver training expansion will give GPSTC instant relief.

Director Wigginton reminded the BPS members of the Governor's Public Safety Awards on December 13th.

Mr. Kacy Cronan advised the GA Ports Authority will have an excess of containers and some of the containers will be moved to the GPSTC. Director Wigginton commented the GPSTC is running out of office space and building space and the containers will be used for training purposes and storage purposes.

Chief Craig Tully shared last week in Grady County, a save was made with the volunteer training between the GA Association Fire Chiefs and the GPSTC with the basic ropes. Chief Craig Tully stated two people were pulled from a 40 foot well by a volunteer department who prior to the training, had no

idea or any equipment on how to handle the rescue. Chief Tully stated this was a positive save two weeks ago that would not have been accomplished before, but with the joint effort of GEMA it paid off tremendously. Director Wigginton added there is a lot of nice equipment throughout the state and mostly likely the equipment will not make it to the scene where it is needed before something catastrophic happens. Director Wigginton stated the GPSTC staff and the Fire Chiefs Association have come up with a rescue program using stuff laying around their department, such as 4x4 timbers, rope, anchors and teach these departments how to rescue using everyday material instead of waiting on a big piece of equipment, and it is paying off.

Chief Mark Revenew, speaking for the group stated they have found the GPSTC staff to be very articulate and knowledgeable and that directly translates to the service they provide to the citizens, and thanked Director Wigginton for the improvements.

DONATIONS

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

One Stalker Dual SL Radar	\$	2,045.00	Commerce Police Department
One X26P Taser Unit	\$	900.00	Wheeler County Sheriff's Department
One KIA GDS (VCI KIT) EDR KIT	\$	22,000.00	KIA Corporation of Georgia
Five Stalker DSR 2X Radars	\$	14,332.50	Bartow County Commissioner's Office

The motion to accept these donations was made by Chief Danny Bowman, which was seconded by Mr. Lester Rampy, Jr., and voted approved by the Board members.

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

Morpho Trust Live Scan Fingerprint Station	\$	15,000.00	Columbus Consolidated Government
Speed Laser XLR	\$	2,395.00	Applied Concepts/DBA Stalker Radar

The motion to accept these donations was made by Mr. Peter Skandalakis, which was seconded by Sheriff Joey Terrell, and voted approved by the Board members.

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

Three Pelican Cases Model 1400	\$	150.00	Pataula Drug Task Force
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Haul Mark Utility Trailer \$ 3,000.00 Pataula Drug Task Force

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

Mr. Zachary Howard, Legal Officer, Department of Public Safety presented for initial adoption, Proposed Georgia Department of Public Safety Rules Chapter 570-35 – Transportation Network Companies and Taxi Services.

Sheriff Joey Terrell made the motion to approve the initial adoption of Georgia Department of Public Safety Rules Chapter 570-35 – Transportation Network Companies and Taxi Services. This was seconded by Mr. Kacy Cronan and voted approved by the Board members.

Mr. Zachary Howard, Department of Public Safety presented a Resolution asking the Board of Public Safety's approval to authorize the Commissioner of Public Safety to enter into negotiations with Gwinnett County for the construction of a new Headquarters and Barracks for Georgia State Patrol Post 51 Gwinnett and to enter into all agreements with Gwinnett County and the Georgia Department of Transportation as necessary to complete such construction on property owned by the Georgia Department of Transportation.

Mr. Danny Bryant made a motion that the members of the Board of Public Safety authorize the Commissioner of Public Safety to enter into negotiations with Gwinnett County and the Georgia Department of Transportation and to enter into the appropriate agreements and execute all contracts and supporting documents as necessary to enable Gwinnett County to construct such building(s) upon property of the Georgia Department of Transportation for the purposes of a new Headquarters and Barracks for Georgia State Patrol Post 51 in Gwinnett County. Mr. Steve Cronic seconded the motion and was voted approved by the BPS members.

Mr. Tony Hightower, Georgia Public Safety Training Center presented a Resolution with respect to the approval of real property acquisitions from Columbia County Georgia.

Mr. Peter Skandalakis made a motion for the Georgia Board of Public Safety to approve the acquisition of approximately 0.085 acres of land and improvements; one 0.630 acre parking easement and one 1.150 acre access easement located at 2277 County Camp Road, Appling, Columbia County, GA from Columbia County Georgia for the consideration of three hundred thousand dollars (300,000), as the site of the Georgia Public Safety Training Center's Columbia Regional Police Academy. The BPS further approved for the staff to prepare appropriate requests to the State Properties Commission seeking its approval of, and assistance with, the acquisition of said land in accordance with applicable laws, policies, and procedures. This was seconded by Mr. Wayne Abernathy and voted approved by the BPS members.

Chief Mark Renew presented a note from Governor Deal's office recommending a salary increase for the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety for his leadership and service to the state. Sheriff Joey Terrell made a motion to increase the salary of Commissioner McDonough to \$170,000.00, effective December 1, 2016. This was seconded by Mr. Wayne Abernathy and voted approved by the BPS members.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Chief Mark Renew
Secretary