

BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING

October 6, 2016

Miller County High School

Colquitt, Georgia

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Wayne Abernathy
Chief Danny Bowman
Sheriff Dane Kirby-via conference call
Mr. Lester L. Rampy, Jr.
Mr. Charles D. Sikes
Sheriff Joey Terrell
Chief Craig Tully
Mr. Ellis Wood

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Danny Bryant
Commissioner Homer Bryson
Mr. Kacy Cronan
Mr. Steve D. Cronic
Chief Mark Revenew
Mr. Peter Skandalakis

OTHERS:

Mr. Joe Drolet, Senior Assistant Attorney General
Ms. Cheryl L. Buie, Board Liaison
Lt. Colonel Russell D. Powell, Department of Public Safety
Major Johnny Jones, Department of Public Safety/GSP
Captain Jeremy Vickery, Department of Public Safety/MCCD
Lt. Jimmy Price, Department of Public Safety/MCCD
MCO3 Calvin Dowling, Department of Public Safety/MCCD
Mrs. Amy Stancil, Department of Public Safety
Ms. Joan Crumpler, Department of Public Safety
Mrs. Laura Thompson, Department of Public Safety
Ms. Edna Freeman, Department of Public Safety
Mrs. Brandy Cochran, Department of Public Safety
Mrs. Karen Hill, Department of Public Safety
Captain J. C. Johnson, Department of Public Safety/GSP
Lt. Stan Stalnaker, Department of Public Safety/GSP
Lt. Marc Godby, Department of Public Safety/GSP
Director Chris Wigginton, Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Mr. Tony Hightower, Deputy Director, Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Ms. Cindy Franklin, Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Mr. Mike Byrd, Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Mr. Danny Stephens, Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Mr. Marty Smith, Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Mr. Dan Kirk, Assistant Director, Georgia Bureau of Investigation
Mrs. Nelly Miles, Public Information Affairs, Georgia Bureau of Investigation
Major Stephen Adams, Department of Natural Resources
Mr. Brad Johnson, Department of Corrections
Mr. Matt Gourley, Department of Corrections

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Mr. Erik Miles, Department of Corrections
Mr. Derek McKinney, Department of Corrections
Mrs. Louise Rampy
Mrs. Cynthia Sikes
Mrs. Cindy Tully
Post 14 Troopers
Students, Staff and Faculty of Miller County High School

Vice-Chairman Ellis Wood called the October 6th, 2016, Board of Public Safety meeting to order.

Captain J. C. Johnson, Troop G Commander welcomed everyone to the Miller County High School.

The GSP Honor Guard presented the colors. The Miller County High School Band played the National Anthem-The Star Spangled Banner.

Sergeant Craig Singletary gave the invocation and Miller County Middle School Student Marcus Cooper sang God Bless America.

Lt. Colonel Russell Powell, Department of Public Safety gave an overview of the BPS and its members to the students.

Lt. Colonel Powell spoke to the students about the choices they make today and the effect it can have on their life later.

Mr. Dan Kirk, Assistant Director, Georgia Bureau of Investigation spoke to the students about sexting and their cell phone. Mrs. Nelly Miles, Director of Public Affairs for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation spoke to students concerning the use and effects of drugs.

Director Chris Wigginton, Georgia Public Safety Training Center spoke to the students about classes offered at the GPSTC that touches every phase of public safety in the state of Georgia. Mr. Marty Smith of the Tifton Police Academy spoke to the students about honor, integrity, respect and being responsible and also what it takes to be a police officer in Georgia. Mr. Mike Byrd, Manager of the Fire Academy and Captain Danny Stephens did a presentation donning firefighting protective equipment.

Major Stephen Adams, Department of Natural Resources spoke to the students about the law enforcement Below 100 Initiative and how it can also effect the students in their daily life.

Department of Corrections State Security Threat Group Coordinator, Investigator Derek McKinney spoke with the students about gang units. Mr. Brad Johnson, Mr. Matt Gourley and Mr. Erik Miles presented demonstrations with canines from the Department of Corrections.

DIRECTOR REPORTS

Lt. Colonel Russell Powell, Department of Public Safety advised the Perry Hangar dedication will be November 8th, 2016, and also a road dedication will be held in Blue Ridge for SFC Ray Lentz on Monday, October 10th. Lt. Colonel Powell stated the 98th trooper school will graduate on November 11th with 24 cadets and the 99th trooper school is still in session with 9 cadets. Lt. Colonel Powell shared the Blue and Grey GSP patrol car won the American Association of State Troopers best looking cruiser contest this year. Lt. Colonel Powell stated the DPS Command Staff will be traveling to San Diego, CA next week for the IACP Conference to accept an award for third place in the state police category. Lt. Colonel Powell noted the DPS has received an award for the last four years at the IACP. Concerning Hurricane Matthew, Lt. Colonel Powell advised Governor Deal has ordered a mandatory evacuation for 6 counties east of I-95 and asked for voluntary evacuation in the low lying areas and are expecting the situation to worsen. Lt. Colonel Powell stated the Department has over 200 personnel already assigned or on the way to the area and anticipate by tomorrow the number of personnel will increase. Lt. Colonel Powell thanked Chief Tully and his wife and Colquitt/Miller County for the hospitality, it was really appreciated and has been a great meeting.

Mr. Wayne Abernathy asked Lt. Colonel Powell if the salary increase for the sworn officers is going to help with the employment of the officers and Lt. Colonel Powell replied the department has already seen quite a bit of interest recruiting wise, more people showing up for the PT test.

Mr. Dan Kirk, Assistant Director, Georgia Bureau of Investigation advised Mr. Rusty Andrews who runs the Investigative Division will be retiring October 14th, and then going to work for Norfolk Southern Railroad. Mr. Kirk stated Mr. Scott Dutton will become the head of the Investigative Division and Mrs. Nelly Miles will be promoted to the Director's position in the Public Affairs Office.

Mr. Tony Hightower, Deputy Director, Georgia Public Safety Training Center thanked Chief Tully and Cindy for the great hospitality. Mr. Hightower advised student enrollment is still up about 25-26% and continue to make changes both on-line as well as at the academy. Mr. Hightower noted the parking lots are starting to get full, so hope with the changes and receiving good feedback about the training, hopefully the student enrollment will continue to grow. Mr. Hightower reminded the BPS members they would be at the GPSTC for the November meeting and appreciates the members coming down to the academy and also appreciates the Board's support. Mr. Hightower added the GPSTC continues to move in a very positive direction under Director Wigginton's leadership and are trying to put people in the right places to get the GPSTC where it should be.

DONATIONS

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

Photography Stool and Computer Monitor	\$	155.00	Don Mears Photography
Two Stalker Radar Units	\$	6,157.00	Butts County Sheriff's Dept.

Four X26 Tasers	\$	3,000.00	Marietta Police Dept.
Re-certification Fees for 24 Troopers to attend the National Child Passenger Safety Certification Course	\$	2,040.00	Atlanta Fire Rescue Dept.
One Stalker DSR 2X Radar Unit	\$	2,500.00	Bacon County Sheriff's Dept.
One Stalker DSR 2X Radar Unit	\$	3,090.50	Mitchell County Sheriff's Dept.
Two Stalker DSR 2X Radar Units	\$	5,998.00	Heard Co. Sheriff's Dept.
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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.

Vice-Chairman Wood called for approval of the September 2016 minutes. Mr. Lester L. Rampy, Jr. made the motion to approve the minutes, with a suggested change from Mr. Charles Sikes to add Sheriff Bill Massey to the attendees list. The minutes were seconded by Sheriff Joey Terrell, and voted approved by the BPS members.

Ms. Joan Crumpler, Legal Services, Department of Public Safety presented for final adoption, Proposed Georgia Department of Public Safety Rule 570-9 Off-Duty Police Employment. Ms. Crumpler advised a public hearing was held at DPS headquarters on September 28, 2016 with no public comments at that time.

Mr. Wayne Abernathy asked Ms. Crumpler in the event the officer was employed in an off duty status and something did happen that would cause the officer to be fired, will the officer be supported by the insurance and department or are they own their own. Ms. Crumpler responded the officer's first commitment is to the department and the insurance will follow them regardless as to where they are; this being one of the changes to the rule.

Chief Danny Bowman made the motion to approve the final adoption of Georgia Department of Public Safety Rule 570-9 Off-Duty Police Employment. This was seconded by Mr. Charles Sikes and voted approved by the Board members.

Ms. Joan Crumpler, Legal Services, 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 the City of Trion for the provision of new headquarters and barracks for Georgia State Patrol Post 38 and to enter into all agreements with the City necessary to acquire such improved

property by the State of Georgia for custody and use of the Georgia Department of Public Safety as a Georgia State Patrol Post.

Mr. Lester L. Rampy, Jr., made a motion that the members of the Board of Public Safety authorize the Commissioner of Public Safety to enter into negotiations with the City of Trion and enter into the appropriate agreements and execute all contracts and supporting documents as necessary to enable the City of Trion to construct such building(s) upon such property of the City for the purposes stated in the Resolution; and further, to take those steps necessary, including any steps necessary on behalf of the Board of Public Safety for the State of Georgia to acquire the approximately six (6) acres of improved property located at US Route 27 to the north near the intersection of Spring Creek Road, Trion, Georgia 30753, within the borders of Chattooga County, for use as a Georgia State Patrol Post Headquarters and Barracks. Sheriff Joey Terrell seconded the motion and was voted approved by the BPS members.

Ms. Joan Crumpler, Legal Services, Department of Public Safety presented a Resolution asking the Board of Public Safety's approval to authorize the Georgia Department of Public Safety to enter into agreements for acceptance of a 300 foot self-supporting communications tower from Southern Communications Services, Inc. d/b/a Southern LINC to be located at the DPS Headquarters in Atlanta, as subject to further approval of other State governing authorities, as well as to the terms and conditions of the Georgia State Properties Commission, and for the purpose of enhancing law enforcement communications.

Mr. Charles Sikes made a motion that the members of the Board of Public Safety, authorize the Commissioner of Public Safety to prepare the appropriate agreements, contracts and supporting documentation and, subject to an independent appraisal of costs and revenue and any further necessary approval by other State governing authorities, enter into such contracts and agreements to accept ownership and use of a 300 foot self-supporting communications tower by the Georgia Department of Public Safety from Southern Communications Services, Inc. d/b/a Southern LINC for the enhancement of law enforcement communications and public safety. This was seconded by Chief Craig Tully and voted approved by the Board members.

Ms. Joan Crumpler, Legal Services, Department of Public Safety presented a Resolution asking the Board of Public Safety's approval to authorize the Georgia Department of Public Safety to enter into a new, long-term lease agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation for the Weigh Stations located on the rights of way of Georgia Interstates and a Georgia highway, for the purpose of enhancing public safety and law enforcement related to the size and weights of vehicles, trailers and loads.

Sheriff Joey Terrell made a motion that the members of the Board of Public Safety authorize the Commissioner of Public Safety to prepare the appropriate agreements, contracts and supporting documentation, take any necessary steps for approval by other State governing authorities and enter into such contracts and agreements to accept for the Georgia Department of Public Safety conveyance of the Weigh Stations from the Georgia Department of Transportation with its reserved ownership

under a long-term Estate for Years, for the enhancement of law enforcement and public safety generally. This was seconded by Mr. Lester L. Rampy, Jr., and voted approved by the BPS members.

Vice-Chairman Wood thanked Chief Craig Tully, his wife Cindy, Capt. Buddy Johnson and his staff for the great hospitality and the welcome everyone received in Colquitt/Miller County.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Chief Mark Renew
Secretary