

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

September 25, 2017

Department of Public Safety Blue Room

Atlanta, Georgia

### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Wayne Abernathy-via conference call  
Mr. Steve D. Cronic-via conference call  
Commissioner Greg Dozier-via conference call  
Mr. Lester L. Rampy, Jr.-via conference call  
Chief Mark Revenew-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  
Sheriff Dane Kirby  
Mr. Charles D. Sikes  
Sheriff Joey Terrell

### **OTHERS:**

Ms. Tina Piper, Senior Assistant Attorney General  
Ms. Cheryl L. Buie, Board Liaison  
Colonel Mark W. McDonough, Department of Public Safety  
Major Hank Fielding, Department of Public Safety/GSP  
Major Jason Johnson, Department of Public Safety/GSP  
Major Billy Boulware, Department of Public Safety/MCCD  
Captain Jeremy Vickery, Department of Public Safety/MCCD  
Sergeant Anthony Hughes, Department of Public Safety  
Ms. Joan Crumpler, Department of Public Safety  
Mr. Zachary Howard, Department of Public Safety  
Director Vernon Kennan, Georgia Bureau of Investigation  
Mr. Dan Kirk, Assistant Director, Georgia Bureau of Investigation  
Director Chris Wigginton, Georgia Public Safety Training Center-via conference call  
Ms. Cindy Franklin, Georgia Public Safety Training Center-via conference call  
Mr. Phil Howard, Howard's Wrecker Service

Vice-Chairman Ellis Wood called the September 25th, 2017 Board of Public Safety meeting to order.

Vice-Chairman Wood noted the passing of Sgt. Anthony Hughes' father since the last BPS meeting. Sgt. Anthony Hughes gave the invocation and led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

Vice-Chairman Wood called for the approval of the May, June and July 2017 BPS minutes. Chief Craig Tully made the motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Commissioner Greg Dozier and voted approved by the BPS members.

**DIRECTOR REPORTS**

Director Vernon Keenan, Georgia Bureau of Investigation reminded the BPS members of the ribbon cutting for the new morgue facility and medical examiners' office at GBI HQ on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017, at 1:30 pm with Governor Deal giving remarks at the ribbon cutting.

Mr. Dan Kirk, Assistant Director, Georgia Bureau of Investigation shared there have been questions concerning the delay of construction of the crime lab in Pooler. Mr. Kirk advised there is no delay, had to coordinate with the governor's schedule and still on track for starting construction sometime in October.

**DONATIONS**

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

One Simpson 3300 PSI Pressure Washer One Pressure Washer Surface Cleaner One Dewalt 8.5 amp Corded Drill Three Wall Mount TV Brackets	\$	970.43	Statesboro Kiwanis Club
One Tahoe Truck Vault Box	\$	1,200.00	Carrollton PD and W. Metro Drug Enforcement Office
One Dragon Eye Lidar	\$	2,115.00	Tallulah Falls Police Dept.
One Stalker RLR Lidar	\$	2,512.00	Gordon County Sheriff's Dept.
One Stalker Radar and One Dragon Eye Lidar	\$	4,915.00	Rabun Co. Bd. of Commissioners
One Enforcer II Tint Meter	\$	61.95	City of Trenton
One Tuff Stuff Lat/Row Machine One Tuff Stuff Multi Press Machine One Tuff Stuff Cable Cross over Machine	\$	7,708.51	KIA Corporation of Georgia

Mr. Pete Skandalakis advised he serves on the W. Metro Drug Enforcement Board and will abstain from the vote on the donation of one Tahoe Truck Vault Box valued at \$1200.00 from Carrollton PD and the W. Metro Drug Enforcement Office. This donation will be voted on at the December BPS meeting.

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

Ms. Cindy Franklin, Comptroller, Georgia Public Safety Training Center requested approval of the following donations:

Two \$25.00 Gift Cards                                      \$                      50.00      Camilla Police Department

The motion to accept this donation was made by Mr. Wayne Abernathy, which was seconded by Chief Mark Revenew, and voted approved by the Board members.

**Old/New Business**

Ms. Joan Crumpler, Legal Services, Department of Public Safety presented a Resolution asking the BPS to declare the real property in the custody of the Department of Public Safety located at 746 West Bankhead Highway, Villa Rica, Carroll County Georgia, formerly utilized by Georgia State Patrol Post 4 Headquarters and Barracks, as permanently vacated by the Georgia Department of Public Safety; and to authorize the Commissioner of Public Safety to enter into negotiations and all agreements with Carroll County, Georgia to acquire a ground lease for the Department's communications tower and equipment building(s) on that property.

Mr. Lester Rampy made the motion for the members of the Board of Public Safety to declare the described property located at 746 West Bankhead Highway, Villa Rica, Carroll County Georgia, as vacated and discontinued to use as a State Patrol Barracks and, further, does authorize the Commissioner of Public Safety to take all appropriate action and prepare the appropriate documents, including signing such documents for the express purpose of effecting the reversion of said property to Carroll County, Georgia and for acquiring a real property interest for the continued access, ownership, use, maintenance and control of the Department of Public Safety's communications tower, adjoining buildings and communications equipment. This was seconded by Chief Craig Tully and voted approved by the BPS members.

Mr. Crumpler also presented a Resolution asking the Board of Public Safety to authorize the Georgia Department of Public Safety to surplus .253 of an acre of unimproved land for the State's conveyance in fee simple to the Georgia Department of Transportation for the bridge replacement project in Hall County.

Mr. Steve Cronic made the motion authorizing the members of the Board of Public Safety to surplus .253 of an acre in the custody and control of DPS to the State of Georgia for purposes of conveyance by fee simple to GDOT for the bridge replacement project at SR11 and Lake Lanier in Hall County, Georgia. This was seconded by Mr. Wayne Abernathy and voted approved by the BPS members.

Mr. Zachary Howard, Legal Officer, Department of Public Safety presented a change in the Non-Consensual Towing Tariffs that is governed by DPS regulations concerning entities that are engaged in Non-Consensual Towing. Mr. Howard stated Non-Consensual Towing is any towing that occurs when someone parks improperly on private property and the private property owner wants to have the vehicle removed and by state law the DPS has the authority to establish maximum rates for services that perform this. Mr. Howard advised after some discussion between the Colonel and people in the

towing industry, DPS has agreed to revise the rates and generally increase the rates for the entities that are performing this service. Mr. Howard advised the tariff will be issued today and will become effective November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017, which will allow time for the industry and the companies to be aware of the changes.

Chief Craig Tully made the motion to approve the DPS Statewide Maximum Rate Tariff Intrastate Rates and Charges applying on Non-Consensual Towing as described in DPS Transportation Rule 570-36-03. This was seconded by Chief Mark Renew and voted approved by the BPS members.

Vice-Chairman Wood advised Board Liaison Cheryl Buie will be retiring November 1, 2017. Vice-Chairman Wood stated the October and November meeting has been cancelled and will meet for the December meeting at DPS HQ.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Chief Mark Renew  
Secretary