

**BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

January 14, 2016

Georgia Department of Corrections Board Room – Forsyth, GA

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Wayne Abernathy  
Chief Danny Bowman  
Commissioner Homer Bryson  
Mr. Kacy K. Cronan  
Mr. Lester L. Rampy, Jr.  
Chief Mark Revenew  
Mr. Charles D. Sikes  
Sheriff Joey Terrell  
Chief Craig Tully  
Mr. Ellison G. Wood

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Mr. Danny Bryant  
Retired Sheriff Steve Cronic  
Sheriff Dane Kirby

**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 Tommy Waldrop, 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 Mark Lambert, Department of Public Safety/GSP  
Captain Jeremy Vickery, Department of Public Safety/MCCD  
Director Vernon M. Keenan, Georgia Bureau of Investigation  
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  
Ms. Cindy Franklin, Georgia Public Safety Training Center  
Mrs. Sharla Shockley, Georgia Public Safety Training Center  
Mrs. Judy Couch, Georgia Public Safety Training Center  
Mrs. Vonnie Stewart, GA Dept. of Corrections  
Mrs. Louise Rampy  
Dr. A. Steven Turner, Chaplain for the GA Department of Corrections

Vice-Chairman Ellis Wood called the January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016, Board of Public Safety meeting to order.

DOC Senior Chaplain, Dr. A. Steven Turner gave the invocation and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Charles Sikes introduced special guest, Mr. Bill Kicklighter, commenting Mr. Kicklighter is one of those that built the foundation upon those who are still active stand. Mr. Sikes stated Mr. Kicklighter has been a lifelong friend and will be going to the FBI NAA meeting in Augusta after this meeting. Mr. Sikes shared Mr. Kicklighter started his law enforcement career in Memphis, TN, then came back to Georgia, originally from Glennville, became a member of the Savannah Police Department, then went to work with GSP, and then to the GBI, to the DNR, went to Cartersville PD as Police Chief and finally to Albany PD as Police Chief, until he retired. Mr. Sikes added Mr. Kicklighter is a past president of the FBI NAA of GA, past president of Georgia Chiefs Association, is very active in all these endeavors and is also a retired command sergeant major of the United States Marine Corps Reserves.

Director Vernon Keenan added Mr. Kicklighter was a GBI agent in Douglas, GA, in 1972, when he was graduating from college in Valdosta and applied for the GBI. Director Keenan stated Mr. Kicklighter was assigned to do his background, he went and met Mr. Kicklighter at the Douglas office, did an interview and at the end of the interview, Mr. Kicklighter told Director Keenan he was going to pass him on up to headquarters for further review, but had passed his scrutiny as he had a motto which was "No Coat and Tie, No GBI", and thankfully he had worn a coat and tie to the interview. Director Keenan stated he then went on to take a job as a patrolman with the DeKalb County Police Department and received a letter from the GBI asking him to come for an interview and turned the GBI down as he was enjoying uniform work and was with a great agency. Director Keenan stated Mr. Kicklighter took it upon himself to call Director Keenan on the phone and told him he would get another invite to come for an interview with the GBI and recommended that he go to that interview and at least talk with the people, which is what Director Keenan did, adding that was the best advice he ever received and the rest is history. Director Keenan acknowledge Mr. Kicklighter had a profound impact on his life, his first assignment after school was in the Canton GBI office and he goes there and Mr. Kicklighter was there from South Georgia, so Mr. Kicklighter and Director Keenan worked together for a while as working agents on the street and then Mr. Kicklighter was hired as the police chief in Cartersville, which was in dire need of professionalism. Director Keenan stated Mr. Kicklighter is a good friend.

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

Vice-Chairman Wood called for approval of the December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 minutes. Chief Mark Renew made the motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Sheriff Joey Terrell and voted approved by the BPS members.

Mr. Wayne Abernathy advised the nominating committee would like to nominate Chief Mark Renew to serve as secretary. This was seconded by Chief Danny Bowman and voted approved by the BPS members. Chief Renew added he would be honored to serve as secretary for the BPS.

Mr. Wayne Abernathy stated the nominating committee met and appreciates the job Vice-Chairman Wood has done over the years, the professionalism he has brought to the BPS and would like to nominate Vice-Chairman Wood to continue serving as long as he wishes. This was seconded by Chief Craig Tully and voted approved by the BPS members.

### **DIRECTOR REPORTS**

Commissioner Mark W. McDonough, Department of Public Safety began by wishing everyone Happy New Year and advised the Department continued with the Toys for Tots campaign as an outreach to the community and have been doing so for quite a few years. Commissioner McDonough commented Post Commander SFC Crystal Zion in Perry is like the energizer bunny and SFC Zion volunteered this past year to go to Toys for Tots to be trained as a coordinator and there is no surprise that this year through SFC Zion's coordination and the efforts of all the members of the Department, collected 42,587 toys and \$89,979.90 cash donations. Commissioner McDonough noted in 2014 there were 36,239 toys collected and \$70,742.39 cash proceeds donated and for a two year total of 78,826 toys and \$160,722.29 cash donations. Commissioner McDonough stated this is just one example of law enforcement being in tune and active within their community.

Concerning Active Shooter Training, Commissioner McDonough stated there are a few incidents and all of a sudden the people that have been listening to you not so closely, are all of sudden listening to you very closely. Commissioner McDonough noted the BPS members has had the opportunity to see what Director Wigginton is doing at GPSTC, which is right on target. Commissioner McDonough noted this training has become a combined effort in what the patrol has been doing over the past 3-4 years through the FBI's director, through DOJ, has continued and DPS will continue to offer this training to agencies. Commissioner McDonough stated 49 different agencies in the state have been trained in the ALERRT standard for Active Shooter and with the efforts of DPS Training Director Captain Scott Woodell another thing that is catching fire is known as CRASE Training, which is Civilian Response to an Active Shooter Event. Commissioner McDonough stated when thinking about the law enforcement component, the ALERRT where the officers are being trained on how to engage the active shooter, this is the civilian side of the training, CRASE. Commissioner McDonough stated Dallas PD has put out a video and recently the LA Sheriff's Dept. has put out a video. Commissioner McDonough recommended the BPS members go to website [activeshooter.lasd.org](http://activeshooter.lasd.org), a 9 ½ minute video where the sheriff's department has engaged Hollywood to put together almost a motion picture type quality of what an active shooter incident would be like. Commissioner McDonough noted the video is pretty graphic and shows one how abrupt this happens, how it turns and then goes through the three elements as to what a civilian should do; if you can run, get out of there, if not, barricade yourself, hide and make yourself inconspicuous as possible, but there may be a time where one will have to defend their self and fight. Commissioner McDonough declared the video is a very basic simplistic video to put oneself in the mindset that if this happens in one's workplace, or out in public, what one needs to do and how they need to go about it. Commissioner McDonough stated Capt. Woodell has taught several of these classes at the Capitol; about 250 people have attended and then there is a domino effect of others asking for the training. Commissioner McDonough added DPS will be offering the training to the DOAS, DOT, CJCC, and other agencies just keep calling, and will try to meet this need. Commissioner McDonough stated it is interesting as to what law enforcement is doing on one side, now the opinion and emphasis on the civilian side is starting to take hold and people are paying attention. Mr. Charles Sikes stated two churches in Statesboro have already begun to look at different scenarios, planning and training in what to do in this type situation. Commissioner McDonough stated when thinking about the perspective from growing up, this is not a fire drill, this is not go outside the building into the parking lot and stand there. Commissioner McDonough stated if

this does occur, it is get out and stay away until the shooting is over with, a different mindset as to how we were brought up as kids, and thinks the LA Sheriff's Dept. video is a very good tool to try and bring home what this could be like and what one needs to do.

Commissioner McDonough advised Commercial Motor Vehicle Training continues statewide, and Major Jones has asked his region commanders to reach out to agencies around the state; a personal reach out. Commissioner McDonough added there have been 750-1000 people trained and this training will be an ongoing effort statewide.

Commissioner McDonough stated the 97<sup>th</sup> Trooper School will graduate on March 18<sup>th</sup> at 1000 hours at the GPSTC and added the 98<sup>th</sup> Trooper School will start April 3<sup>rd</sup> and the 99<sup>th</sup> trooper school is tentatively scheduled for August 14, 2016. Commissioner McDonough personally thanked Director Wigginton for his assistance with the scheduling.

Commissioner McDonough noted the GSP has highs and lows and is definitely at a low when it comes to manpower. Commissioner McDonough stated when looking at the last manpower report, December 29, there were 778 troopers and have now had 16 troopers leave this month. Commissioner McDonough expressed the GSP is approaching historic lows in manpower. Commissioner McDonough noted on December 31, 2005, there were 767 troopers and are now below that low. Commissioner McDonough acknowledge the loss of troopers is a combination of things and the reality is the GSP is vastly becoming a non-competitive agency for personnel. Commissioner McDonough stated the pool of candidates across the board in law enforcement is going down very rapidly, a generation that is coming in and out of the work force very quickly, they move from one thing to the next, a generation for the most part that as a group does not have the overall skills or does not have the commitment to public safety as the generations in the past have had, and then it comes down to the competitive aspect of pay. Commissioner McDonough stated the fact that we are still running trooper schools, even though the numbers are getting lower, it is a positive thing, but just that miss in a trooper school in one year's time has caused the GSP in the last 10 months to lose 80 troopers. Commissioner McDonough acknowledge the GSP is in a low valley and are doing everything they can and told Director Wigginton of the GPSTC that his assistance is much appreciated.

Mr. Wayne Abernathy asked Commissioner McDonough how much does the salary come into play with troopers leaving. Commissioner McDonough responded the trooper salary is from \$8,000.00-\$10,000.00 below the new market study that just came out, across the board, the troopers are paid \$5,000.00 below the market average on average, and noted it is significant.

Mr. Lester Rampy asked Commissioner McDonough if there was anything in the works for a raise for the troopers, and Commissioner McDonough responded the governor's recommendation is for 3% across the board which is a start, and GSP continues to engage in talks and will continue to do so.

Mr. Wayne Abernathy asked Commissioner McDonough what would be an attractive starting salary and Commissioner McDonough responded the starting salary needs to eclipse about \$40,000.00.

Chief Mark Revenew commented improving pension/retirement for troopers needs to be considered, as that is a major attraction. Commissioner McDonough added the move in state government and across the board in all governments, when talking about pensions you talk about a long term obligation by the entity. Commissioner McDonough stated the long term obligation ends up being a huge budgetary concern and so when thinking about a large amount of employees and thinking about what the goal of what the state is doing to try to maintain that business leverage in a bond rating, that is a huge commitment that is difficult to balance between what the objectives are, it is macro and micro economics for that small group, it might be a good thing and does not deny that, but for the overall purpose it may not be a good thing, that is what the weight is. Chief Revenew added the value of experience and not having to reequip officers, it almost pays for itself. Commissioner McDonough declared there is no argument there.

Mr. Abernathy asked Commissioner McDonough what would be the impact if you increased the starting salary for the new trooper, would you have to increase the salary of the current troopers. Commissioner McDonough noted 8 years ago, there was a system that was so overlapped and so compressed in certain areas; 8 years ago this is where the gain was. Commissioner McDonough stated DPS received a schedule and that schedule met all of those issues and when you do that move, you have to move that schedule of everybody up or you end up having people that are newcomers find themselves making more money in a few years than the people that are supervising them. Commissioner McDonough added you turn that problem on its head and you start losing those people because of that issue, so when addressing that move, it has to be across the board.

Mr. Abernathy asked what impact it would have on the budget if the salaries were increased. Commissioner McDonough stated if the department moved to the market average, it would be about 8.8 million dollars, to include all three divisions with market average that has been put out to move to the mid, if you look at the competition and look at who DPS is competing against, it would be more like 12.5 million dollars.

Vice-Chairman Wood commented that he had not seen any publicity concerning the Toys for Tots campaign and stated it would be a very positive thing to spread the word through the press. Commissioner McDonough stated the campaign was done through social media and at the trooper school graduation there will be a showcase of that mindset of what DPS people do from Toys for Tots to Fishing for the Cure, it is a complete misnomer in the public safety community that there are people that work for us every day that do great things. Commissioner McDonough stated the misnomer that somehow our collective group is somehow disengaged from the community is not so, and will showcase this at graduation with some specific examples.

Vice-Chairman Wood asked for an update on the initiative of hiring motor carrier officers. Commissioner McDonough stated about 10 months ago, the MCCD officers were at 241 and even with the hiring initiative and all that has been done, MCCD has lost people and have not made traction to replace the people they have been losing. Commissioner McDonough stated MCCD manpower is down to 217, they are hiring feverishly and the emphasis is in the core areas that were talked about. Commissioner McDonough used as an example to what was done with the DOT in Atlanta where 75

troopers were hired and trained to put them in the Gwinnett and Cobb County corridor and because of that flywheel of losing while we were hiring, the need was met, but essentially robbed personnel from the rest of the state. Commissioner McDonough stated for those in the rural area, they saw the numbers in the rural posts decline in order for those troopers to be concentrated in the Gwinnett and Cobb County areas and numbers of the patrol did not change significantly in that effort and this is the same thing that is happening in the same environment where we will meet the need, put the manpower in the area but the other regions are going to suffer unless there is a change. Commissioner McDonough declared it is a huge challenge.

Vice-Chairman Wood asked Commissioner McDonough about the truck traffic on I-16 now as opposed to what it will be when the port deepening project is completed. Commissioner McDonough stated there are 48,000 commercial motor vehicles on the road today and when the expansion occurs, it will be 78,000-80,000 commercial motor vehicles a day; not quite 100% increase, but moving towards it. Commissioner McDonough added when thinking of the I-16 corridor and the mindset of increasing the personnel, it is a no brainer, it is what we have to do and be prepared for it.

Mr. Charles Sikes asked if the Brunswick port impacts the traffic, and Commissioner McDonough acknowledge that the Brunswick port does impact the traffic. Commissioner McDonough stated the accidents at the crossroads of I-16 and I-95 and then the construction issues out on I-16, with the recent commitment to upgrade the interchange of I-95 and I-16, we struggle with the accidents while the construction is going on. Commissioner McDonough noted when construction was being done on I-85 S of Atlanta, down towards Newnan, the accidents were bad in the construction area and even placed patrol cars with no troopers out there during that time. Commissioner McDonough stated as soon as the DOT completed the roadway, noting the DOT did a beautiful job on the roadway, compared to what it was and what they have done, through engineering and through expenditure of the money, a lot of the issues have gone away just because of the type of roadway out there now. Commissioner McDonough declared the aspect of increasing the roadway on I-16, more lanes, redoing the intersection at I-95 and I-16 will have a huge impact; just in engineering for safety, it cannot come quick enough.

Vice-Chairman Wood asked Commissioner McDonough about the truck lane, separation lane that was discussed at the Capitol this week between Atlanta and Macon, is this a new lane or division of existing lanes. Commissioner McDonough stated that section of I-75 is being engineered to divide traffic and additional lanes are being added. Commissioner McDonough noted anytime traffic can be isolated instead of mixed in with a group, it has a positive safety effect; I-75 is a corridor that cannot be completed quick enough. Commissioner McDonough added the area though the I-675 interchange, once that is done, not that they will not have problems, Henry County will be breathing a sigh of relief when the project is completed, it will be a very positive thing. Vice-Chairman Wood asked would the trucks be mandated to stay in the designated truck lane and Commissioner McDonough stated that was the purpose of the construction of the lane.

Commissioner McDonough noted at the Governor's press conference with the DOT, with his leadership and with the direction of the DOT, it is specifically going to solve those problems, which is where the emphasis's are, it is a huge undertaking, and is at the top of the list.

Director Vernon M. Keenan, Georgia Bureau of Investigation emphasized a couple of points Commissioner McDonough had made. Director Keenan advised the GBI gave the special agent competitive exam last week and had 160 persons take the exam, normally there will be between 450-600 persons take the exam. Director Keenan stated he asked the staffer at the assessment what was happening and the staffer came back with two issues; if a veteran police officer comes to work for the GBI they would have to take a pay cut and young people now are not interested in a career in law enforcement or public safety and Director Keenan believes that is directly related to the immense amount of negative attention which has been given to the law enforcement profession around the use of force. Director Keenan declared college students are not interested in a career in law enforcement, at some point maybe that will change, but that is the world we live in today.

Concerning officer use of force, Director Keenan shared he received a phone call last week from Atlanta PD Chief George Turner saying he wanted the GBI to take over all the Atlanta PD use of force cases when there is death or serious injury. Director Keenan stated Chief Turner will have a news conference early next week announcing what their posture is and this has nothing to do with the professionalism of the law enforcement agency, it has to do with taking the accusations off the table, the agency is bias, they cannot investigate themselves. Director Keenan stated the GBI is working all use of force cases across the state of Georgia except for one agency that says they will work their own. Director Keenan stated there is legislation being introduced in the Georgia General Assembly which would mandate the GBI investigate all officer use of force cases where there is death or serious injury. Director Keenan stated he does not support this legislation; the legislation would mandate the GBI investigate all officer use of force cases, when in fact the GBI already investigates all the cases, working an average of two a week. Director Keenan stated he is opposed to this because when the GBI is requested by a law enforcement executive to work an officer use of force, they're inviting the GBI in and with the invitation, there are certain requirements the GBI will require to partner with to support the investigation. Director Keenan stated he believes if there is a mandate for the state to come in and do the officer use of force, that support would evaporate in some of the agencies. Director Keenan stated in part of the investigation process, the GBI requires the agency to provide the GBI with the training records of the involved officers, help facilitate the interview process, help schedule witnesses, things of this nature; this could evaporate, as the law mandates the GBI do the investigation, you want training records, then the GBI will have to go pull the records themselves. Director Keenan advised he made known his position to the Chiefs of Police Association and the Sheriff's Association and will see. Director Keenan stated if the agency invites the GBI in to do the investigation and then fails to give the level of cooperation it is going to take for that investigation to go forward, then the GBI would pull back and that would create a scandal.

Commissioner Bryson asked Director Keenan if there was any consideration to ask for a fiscal note on the bill and what it would cost the GBI. Director Keenan stated since they are already doing all of the officer use of force cases, he has put together a white paper for the governor outlining the GBI

needs to handle this volume of work and hopes to know today what the governor's budget is for the GBI. Director Keenan stated the GBI is working so many cases, he is having to pull agents off of child sex trafficking work, public corruption and other areas like that to respond to officer use of force cases, it is impacting the GBI's ability to handle other operational areas and made this known to the governor and he has listened, as they are tracking what is happening across the state with the number of these cases.

Director Keenan stated there is other legislation that will be introduced into the General Assembly that relates to the grand jury process and how officer use of force cases are handled. Director Keenan advised currently, Georgia is the only state in the nation that has a law which allows a law enforcement officer to sit in the grand jury when they hear a use of force case and in the end make an unsworn statement to the grand jury and not be cross examined. Director Keenan stated this has come under a lot of criticism across the state and there are bills being introduced which will address this along with other needed changes in the grand jury process, for instance, there will be a court reporter to capture the testimony. Director Keenan stated the group is waiting to see what the final bill will be, but there has been cooperation between the Prosecuting Attorneys Council, Chiefs Association, Sheriffs Association and the GBI has been at the table looking at this issue giving our thoughts on how the grand jury process should be restructured.

Director Keenan stated the GBI has fifteen regional offices and each of those regional offices are sponsoring a training session for law enforcement executives and command staff over the process the GBI uses in officer use of force investigations. Director Keenan stated there have been three programs which last 3-4 hours and have been well attended. Director Keenan stated the last program was in Atlanta last week with nearly 90 law enforcement executives and command staff attending the meeting to understand exactly what the GBI does in investigations, it is not a secret, it is transparent, just very thorough; there is a tremendous amount of interest with rank and file of law enforcement executives about what the GBI does in this area.

At the next BPS meeting, Director Keenan stated he would be able to brief the Board on the governor's budget the GBI is fighting for over at the General Assembly.

Vice-Chairman Wood asked Director Keenan if the GBI is already doing the officers use of force for all agencies except one, what is the stimulus for legislation to address this. Director Keenan responded this has been a movement that has been going from state to state, that mandates the state police or the bureau of investigation handle these cases, it is not needed in GA but in other states, they are not working the cases the GBI works.

Director Chris Wigginton, Georgia Public Safety Training Center wished everyone Happy New Year and is excited about what this New Year brings, the first year after being at the GPSTC he can now put his own twist and direction on where the training center is going. Director Wigginton stated Mr. Cronan had commented earlier that morning when he came by the GPSTC it looked like a used car lot, Director Wigginton declared that is exactly what the GPSTC wants, as in the past it was an empty used car lot, now we have a parking lot full and are having classes, every regional academy is running 1 if

not 2 sessions, starting last week or this week. Director Wigginton advised starting last week, a basic firefighter course is being taught, not to mention all of the advanced and specialized classes that is being offered and will continue to change and update as far as the course curriculum the GPSTC has. Director Wigginton share the majority of experienced officers and fireman that he has spoken to throughout the years who have a little bit of time on, you ask them why they have not come to GPSTC in a while and most of them give you the same response, the GPSTC does not offer anything new, outside of five years ago, they took everything that was offered at the GPSTC. Director Wigginton stated this year there will be a substantial amount of new offering of classes that are coming to the table. Director Wigginton advised for those in fire service, they will be hitting the volunteer firemen very heavy, plan to put a team together that goes out and actually teaches on the road, as the majority of volunteer fireman have a job working Monday-Friday, and will address getting with the volunteer firemen after hours and on the weekend. Director Wigginton advised technical rescue has been a big area for the fire departments, and will offer this training. Concerning the law enforcement side, Director Wigginton stated more officers are driving SUVs or high centered gravity vehicles, but at the same time, offers no class to equip law enforcement officers with any basic driving skills, driving the high centered gravity vehicles; the course will be offered this year. Concerning law enforcement shootings, Director Wigginton noted the majority, 80% of shootings happen in or around a patrol car, yet a class has never been offered where one shoots from in or around a patrol car; this year there will be a class for officers to shoot from in or around a patrol car. Director Wigginton stated the GPSTC is adapting the training to the direction that public safety needs to be. Director Wigginton stated he hopes to make progress in the direction to where the GPSTC needs to be moving.

Concerning the ALERRT active shooter training, Director Wigginton advised this is on top of everyone's radar right now, and he and Deputy Director Hightower sat through the 40 hour train the trainer class last week in order to see what they teach and what they stand for and if this is the program the GPSTC wants to be pushing, Director Wigginton stated it is a program that needs to be pushed throughout the state of GA and throughout the nation, and the training will be offered more than what it was previously. Director Wigginton advised the GPSTC has received lesson plans from the DOJ and the FBI to teach civilians as there is a demand of people wanting to know what to do in the event of an active shooter at their workplace.

Director Wigginton reiterated he is excited and has a lot of new things on the horizon for the GPSTC moving forward. Director Wigginton thanked the BPS, Colonel McDonough and Director Keenan for their support.

**DONATIONS**

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

Stalker Dual SL Radar	\$	1,855.00	Port Wentworth Police Department
Thirteen X26P Tasers	\$	13,044.02	Peach Co. Sheriff's Department

Public Relations Items	\$	1,000.00	The Woodmen Life Chapter 1864
One Stalker DSR 2X Package	\$	2,995.00	City of Dahlonega
Two Stalker Radar Units	\$	5,200.00	Rabun Co. Bd. of Commissioners
One Scotsman Ice Machine	\$	50.00	Mohawk Industries
Thirty-two National Child Passenger Safety Certification Course Fees for 32 Troopers	\$	2,720.00	Atlanta Fire Rescue Department
Six International Taser Devices	\$	6,678.86	Murray Co. Commissioner's Office
One 64x6 Wooden Fence	\$	300.00	Mr. Albert Gary Autry
Three X26P Tasers	\$	3,125.01	Ocmulgee Drug Task Force
One Stalker Radar Unit	\$	3,086.50	Mitchell Co. Sheriff's Department
One X26P Taser	\$	900.00	Schley Co. Sheriff's Department
Monetary Donation to purchase Two Kuston ProLaser 4 LIDARS	\$	4,986.00	Chatham Co. Sheriff's Department
Two Powershot IS Digital Cameras	\$	450.00	Oconee Drug Task Force
One Stalker Radar Unit	\$	2,300.00	Tallulah Falls Police Department

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.

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

1-6300B & 1-1384B Guardian Systems	\$	1,800.00	Guardian Safety Solutions
One Badger Suppression System	\$	2,150.00	Mr. Evan Bruck

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

Vice-Chairman Wood asked Commissioner McDonough the status of the Perry hangar and Commissioner McDonough advised he had spoken with Hamilton Halford this morning and they are waiting on the compaction test on the actual pad area, the red steel gets delivered on January 28<sup>th</sup> and the goal is to have the pad poured by then and at least three days of curing before they put the steel up. Commissioner McDonough added the tentative county project manager's date of opening is July 1.

Vice-Chairman Wood advised Mr. Cronan's grandfather has passed away since the last BPS meeting and shared the group has been thinking about the Cronan family. Vice-Chairman Wood asked everyone to keep in touch with Retired Sheriff Cronin as he recovers from his knee surgery.

Vice-Chairman Wood reminded the BPS members to file their Financial Disclosure Form Affidavit. Vice-Chairman Wood reminded everyone the BPS will meet in February and March at the DNR Board Room. In April, the group will be in the Glennville area, for May in Waynesboro and Plant Vogtle, and are discussing going to Milledgeville in September and for October, the school event will be hosted by Chief Craig Tully in SW GA.

Vice-Chairman Wood thanked Mrs. Vonnie Stewart (DOC) for her assistance with the BPS meeting and the room.

Mr. Wayne Abernathy asked Commissioner McDonough how the trooper was doing that was dragged by a vehicle last October. Commissioner McDonough advised TFC Jay Thompson, a CIU member received significant injuries and is still experiencing some issues, has seen him a couple of times for promotion boards, lost a lot of weight, but is slow and with steady good progress, he is doing good.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Secretary-Mark Revenew