

## **BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

May 11, 2017

Georgia Bureau of Investigation-Decatur, GA

### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Wayne Abernathy  
Mr. Danny Bryant  
Mr. Kacy K. Cronan  
Mr. Steve Cronic  
Mr. Lester L. Rampy, Jr.  
Chief Mark Revenew  
Mr. Charles D. Sikes  
Mr. Peter J. Skandalakis  
Sheriff Joey Terrell  
Chief Craig Tully  
Mr. Ellis Wood

### **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Commissioner Gregory Dozier  
Sheriff Dane Kirby

### **OTHERS:**

Mr. Joe Drolet, Senior Assistant Attorney General  
Ms. Cheryl L. Buie, Board Liaison, Department of Public Safety  
Colonel Mark W. McDonough, Commissioner, Department of Public Safety  
Lt. Colonel Russell Powell, Department of Public Safety  
Major Tommy Waldrop, Department of Public Safety/GSP  
Major Hank Fielding, Department of Public Safety/GSP  
Major Johnny Jones, Department of Public Safety/MCCD  
Major Billy Boulware, Department of Public Safety/MCCD  
Captain Buddy Johnson, Department of Public Safety/GSP  
Lieutenant Richard Harris, Department of Public Safety/GSP  
SFC Brandon Dawson, Department of Public Safety/GSP  
SFC Chris Stallings, Department of Public Safety/GSP  
SFC Thomas Kustra, Department of Public Safety/GSP  
TFC Kendell McKoy, Department of Public Safety/GSP  
TFC Harold Tisdale, Jr., Department of Public Safety/GSP  
TFC Thomas Burkett, Department of Public Safety/GSP  
Ms. Joan Crumpler, Department of Public Safety  
Mrs. Amy Stancil, Department of Public Safety  
Ms. Lanie Weathers, Department of Public Safety  
Director Vernon M. Keenan, Georgia Bureau of Investigation  
Mr. Dan Kirk, Assistant Director, Georgia Bureau of Investigation  
Dr. Jonathan Eisenstat, Chief Medical Examiner, Georgia Bureau of Investigation  
Dr. George Herrin, Crime Lab Director, Georgia Bureau of Investigation  
Mrs. Connie Buck, Fiscal Officer, Georgia Bureau of Investigation  
Mrs. Deborah Anderson-Purcell, Facilities Manager, Georgia Bureau of Investigation  
Ms. Machel Jones, Executive Assistant, Georgia Bureau of Investigation  
Mrs. Nelly Miles, Public Information Officer, Georgia Bureau of Investigation

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Director Chris Wigginton, Georgia Public Safety Training Center  
Mr. Tony Hightower, Deputy Director, Georgia Public Safety Training Center  
Mr. David Wall, Georgia Public Safety Training Center  
Mr. Bruce Stanford, Georgia Public Safety Training Center  
Mr. Tim Melton, Georgia Public Safety Training Center  
Ms. Cheryl Greathouse, Georgia Public Safety Training Center  
Ms. Cindy Franklin, Comptroller, Georgia Public Safety Training Center  
Mrs. Olivia Duke, Office of Planning and Budget  
Sheriff Scott Worsley, Miller County Sheriff's Department  
Mrs. Joyce White, State Director for Senator David Perdue's Office  
Mr. Jakob Dawson, Life Scout of Troop 37, Meansville, GA  
Mrs. Maureen Bryant  
Ms. Tina Harrington  
Director Homer Bryson, GEMA/HS  
Mrs. Lisa Bryson, Department of Juvenile Justice  
Chief Danny Bowman, Forsyth County Fire Chief  
Mr. David Moellering, GA Highway Contractors Association  
Mr. Dan Garcia, President, CW Matthews Construction Company  
Mr. Ryan Hooker, Vice-President, Ellis Wood Contracting Company  
Mr. Matt Wood, Ellis Wood Contracting Company  
Mr. Frank Dabbs  
Mr. Mike Copeland

Vice-Chairman Ellis Wood called the May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Board of Public Safety meeting to order.

Board member Charles Sikes gave the invocation, followed by Chief Craig Tully who led the group in prayer.

Director Vernon Kennan, Georgia Bureau of Investigation led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Keenan welcomed everyone to the GBI Headquarters Complex. Director Keenan noted next to the meeting room is a free-standing facility being expanded, the morgue facility. Director Keenan shared the GBI is responsible for doing autopsies for 153 of the 159 counties in the state of Georgia and will do over 3,000 autopsies a year and another 1500 partial autopsies, external exams, which makes it a very busy operation. Director Keenan remarked that two years ago, he came to work on a Monday morning and the chief medical examiner met with him and told Director Keenan they had 26 more bodies at HQ than what they have capacity in the morgue for, and when asked what they did with the bodies, the chief medical examiner told him they had the bodies stacked in the sally port, and had opened up the doors to keep the cold air coming in. Director Keenan stated he knew that was not the way to do business and he wrote an issue paper for the governor, outlining the GBI's need to expand the morgue capacity. Director Keenan stated the governor put the request in his budget and went to the legislature and they funded 6.5 million dollars to expand the morgue, and to create office space for the

doctors and for two additional doctors, which will be hired on July 1<sup>st</sup>, with a total of 15 doctors. Director Keenan declared the morgue facility will have the capacity for 100 bodies, 50 in and 50 out. Director Keenan introduced Dr. George Herrin who is responsible for all the crime lab systems in Georgia, and noted there are six other regional laboratories in different parts of the state. Director Keenan added the GBI will be constructing a 39 million dollar morgue facility and crime lab in Chatham County, Pooler, GA. Director Keenan stated the building will require another 11 million dollars to furnish the lab and buy the instruments for the crime lab. Director Keenan again welcomed everyone to GBI Headquarters and added they are honored to have everyone here.

Vice-Chairman Wood mentioned special guests at the BPS meeting. Vice-Chairman Wood noted Board member Lester Rampy was in attendance after being out sick for several months and thanked him for his effort to come to the meeting today. Vice-Chairman Wood recognized Mrs. Joyce White, State Director for Senator David Perdue, Director David Moellering of the GA Highway Contractors Association, Mr. Dan Garcia, President of C. W. Mathews Company, Mr. Ryan Hooker, Vice-President of Ellis Wood Contracting, and son, Mr. Matt Wood, Mr. Frank Dabbs and Mr. Mike Copeland.

Chief Craig Tully introduced newly elected Miller County Sheriff Scott Worsley.

Mr. Danny Bryant introduced his wife Maureen and real-estate associate, Ms. Tina Harrington.

Vice-Chairman Wood welcomed GEMA Director Homer Bryson and wife Lisa Bryson.

Mr. Lester Rampy told everyone he appreciates the cards, letters, packages and the kindness of everyone during his illness.

Chief Mark Renew presented Director Homer Bryson with a Resolution for his service on the Board of Public Safety.

Director Bryson stated he will cherish the time he served on the Board of Public Safety and it was truly an honor and will always be grateful for this.

Chief Craig Tully presented Forsyth County Fire Chief Danny D. Bowman with a Resolution for his service on the Board of Public Safety.

Chief Bowman shared he thinks the only other time he has been more honored in his life was to serve his country during Vietnam, to serve on the BPS and make friends, to have grown up on Confederate Avenue, born in 1950 in Lakewood Heights, it is like coming back home seeing the uniforms of the GSP and serving alongside the GBI and the GPSTC.

Vice-Chairman Wood called for approval of the April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 minutes. Chief Mark Renew made the motion to approve the BPS minutes. 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 his report by giving an overview of the GOHS Thunder Task Force stating they designate areas in the state that are having problems with fatalities. Commissioner McDonough commented that Hall County, per capita, had the highest numbers of fatalities in the state and the Thunder Task Force, a combination of the local agencies involved in traffic enforcement along with GSP went to Hall County for three days. Commissioner McDonough stated Houston County had a spike in fatalities and the Thunder Task Force responded to that area and just recently there was a spike of fatalities in the Chatham-Savannah area, where the Thunder Task Force responded. Commissioner McDonough shared the Thunder Task Force can chart out the instances of accidents, fatalities and injuries before the traffic enforcement is concentrated and literally watch the whole thing trail off for months after this. Commissioner McDonough advised this is a proven way of helping out areas where fatality spikes occur. Commissioner McDonough stated in the Chatham-Savannah area, the Thunder Task Force worked three days and the GSP had 324 arrests, 24 DUIs, 270 warnings and 406 traffic stops with numerous felony drug arrests and two wanted fugitives. Commissioner McDonough added when combining the activity of the police departments in the area, there were over 900 arrests and one can see the multiplying effect of the local agencies and GSP with traffic enforcement in one area. Commissioner McDonough stated GOHS will be able to mark out the impact and the lasting impact of the enforcement over the next couple of months. Commissioner McDonough stated when one hears about the Thunder Task Force there is a little bit of controversy that comes with it, as law enforcement outside the area participates with the task force.

Commissioner McDonough presented the 2016 Pursuit Summary Report and noted pursuits were up again last year with 816 pursuits, and noted somewhere in the state there are 2-3 pursuits every day. Commissioner McDonough stated Troop C had the most pursuits with the Nighthawks North having the most in Troop C and in Troop I, it is the Nighthawks South, along with the Criminal Interdiction Unit doing the most chasing, as these troopers are working until 3:00-4:00 am and the people they come across do not want to go to jail. Commissioner McDonough stated the highest percentage of pursuits occur at the beginning of summer, the end of summer, and in December around the holidays. Commissioner McDonough noted there are more pursuits on Mondays and Fridays than any other day and the patrol initiated 576 of the 816 pursuits, with 213 additional pursuits by other agencies. Commissioner McDonough stated GSP became the primary pursuer in 727 of the pursuits and the younger troopers do more chasing than the older troopers. Of all the pursuits, Commissioner McDonough stated 155 pursuits were terminated and concerning information learned after the pursuit, it is people that are DUI, driving with a suspended license, wanted for some reason and stated the profile for 674 pursuits is the W/M with average age of 28, drunk, wanted or some form of suspension on his license. Concerning fatalities in pursuits, Commissioner McDonough stated there were 9 fatalities in crashes that resulted from the pursuits and there were zero fatalities when the pursuit was terminated with a PIT. Commissioner McDonough stated the data shows using the PIT to end chases, and to get the chases stopped as quickly as possible, specifically shows the PIT is a viable thing to stop death and injury in a pursuit.

Mr. Wayne Abernathy asked Commissioner McDonough how many dollars in drug money has been confiscated. Commissioner McDonough replied the DPS does not publicize this, but every year with the CIU and troopers across the state, it ends of being tens of millions of dollars and in the past decade, the dollar amount alone in cash proceeds exceeds over 300 million dollars and in the same decade, the value of drugs that are seized. Commissioner McDonough added on an annual basis, the total would be about 25-30 million dollars across the board, but is not something publicized. Mr. Steve Cronin commented the CIU is doing a great job of getting the drugs off the street. Commissioner McDonough stated Capt. Kermit Stokes runs the CIU and has been out with an injury for the last couple of months and is one of the driving forces behind this group and all the members on the unit do a fantastic job.

Commissioner McDonough introduced and recognized five troopers that were involved in the response to the I-85 bridge collapse. Commissioner McDonough introduced TFC Kendall McKoy and noted one can see the actions that he has taken and the things that he has been involved in with the patrol. Commissioner McDonough noted TFC McKoy is a road trooper that works the hard road and has scars on his body have come from the action of doing his job. Commissioner McDonough stated TFC McKoy has been involved in a motorcycle accident, has tussled with people on the side of the roadway, has a portion of a finger missing, he is a guy that does the hard job every day. Commissioner McDonough introduced TFC Harold Tisdale, Jr., and stated the bandage that he is wearing on his arm is not by accident, he got into a tussle with a violator the other day and even though he is of small stature, the fact is that dude is in jail and TFC Tisdale is here, who is the son of Post 47 Commander SFC Harold Tisdale. Commissioner McDonough added TFC Tisdale's fight is in the heart. Commissioner McDonough introduced TFC Thomas Burkett who does not have any marks on his body because he is a pretty man. Commissioner McDonough stated a couple of years ago, TFC Burkett was involved in a stop with two wanted people in Muscogee County which resulted in an officer involved shooting, but effected both arrests and has been awarded several awards for his bravery in that action. Commissioner McDonough stated he pointed this out, as at any given time on the patrol, there are between 25-30 troopers that are out on workman's comp issues because of fights and because of things the troopers are involved in. Commissioner McDonough recognized TFC John Giunta, who was also involved in the response of the I-85 bridge collapse, was in a fight the other day, dislocated his thumb and is not here today due to surgery on his thumb and it is another example of the job they do and what they get involved in. Commissioner McDonough recognized SFC Thomas Kustra, Post Commander at Post 51-Gwinnett and stated SFC Kustra is a one man wrecking ball as he was recognized by MADD and given the trooper of the year award. Commissioner McDonough added in one year's time, SFC Kustra made 444 DUIs and his prosecution rate exceeded the 90 percentile and with that work ethic from a trooper as an NCO, SFC Kustra was one of the supervisors that just happen to be on his way home from a chiefs meeting and ended up at the incident. Commissioner McDonough stated SFC Kustra and SFC John Cronin supervised 35 DPS people, to include 32 troopers and 3 M CCD officers in the clearing of the traffic from spaghetti junction down to the fire and from the connector up to the fire, in a span of three hours, right in the middle of rush hour traffic on a Thursday evening. Commissioner McDonough presented a time-lapsed video which showed the motor troopers directing and getting the people turned around and away from the bridge. Commissioner McDonough stated an eye witness, Fulton County Sheriff Ted Jackson, who was in the crowd in his vehicle, and was stuck at the bridge when the officers responded, stated people in and around him were

panicking, screaming and out of control as they are looking at something that might take their life and there is nothing they can do and when the troopers showed up and started handling business, everything quieted down, everything came into order and they handled business. Commissioner McDonough stated this focus went all the way to Washington, DC and the troopers were invited to the White House by President Trump. Commissioner McDonough stated the night before the troopers met with President Trump, they went bowling at the White House and had an awesome time, and the next day they had their meeting with President Trump and others, and afterwards, all went into the Oval office for a private photo with President Trump.

Commissioner McDonough shared a clip of his response to a reporter's question after the I-85 collapse.

Commissioner McDonough introduced Mr. Dan Garcia, President of CW Matthews Paving Company. Mr. Garcia stated he first met Commissioner McDonough the night of the I-85 collapse and thanked Commissioner McDonough and the DPS and noted without DPS, his company could not have accomplished all they have done so far. Mr. Garcia thanked the DPS for their off duty officers working on their projects. Mr. Garcia shared a time lapsed video of the rebuilding after the I-85 collapse and then shared a lot of the factors that help to complete the project in 40 days.

Commissioner McDonough noted a little piece of the story at the beginning of it and wished DOT Commissioner Russell McMurry was present, and noted this is a perfect example of when government can get out of the way. Commissioner McDonough stated Governor Deal was on the phone with President Trump immediately, 10 million dollars were secured from that phone call, Governor Deal was on the phone with Secretary Chao immediately, and within 72 hours DOT Commissioner McMurry and his planning group were able to essentially get all the government required permitting, which was then handed over to CW Matthews and Commissioner McDonough added, look what can get done when government gets out of the way.

Commissioner McDonough introduced Mr. Jakob Dawson, son of SFC Brandon Dawson, Post Commander of Post 34-Manchester, who is doing an Eagle Scout project. Mr. Dawson stated his donated project would consist of removing current aged bushes and hedges from around the building at Post 34, prepare and create new hedge rows, lay down weed barrier and landscape edging, plant new bushes, apply pea gravel to fill the inside of the edging and hedge rows, and plant seasonal flowers in the front porch area. Mr. Dawson shared the labor to complete the project would be performed by volunteers consisting of adults and scouts associated with his Troop. Vice-Chairman Wood reminded the BPS members they will be asked to vote on the donation later on in the meeting.

Vice-Chairman Wood commented and recognized an initiative that Matt Wood and Ryan Hooker put together a few months ago to go to Albany for a tornado cleanup detail. Vice-Chairman Wood added when their convoy that GSP assisted with, arrive in Albany, there were two of the biggest lowboys that he had ever seen in his life and Mr. Dan Garcia's people had beat them down there and were unloading and then Mr. Frank Dabbs and Mr. Mike Copeland had a group waiting on them, a very collaborative effort and thanked everyone for the help.

Director Vernon Keenan, Georgia Bureau of Investigation announced the GBI has been asked to be part of a pilot project for a national initiative to collect officer use of force data. Director Keenan stated all of the major law enforcement organizations in the United States went to the FBI and asked them for help in designing and implementing a program to collect officer use of force data. Director Keenan advised agencies asking for this help is the Association of Criminal Investigative Agencies, International Association of Chiefs of Police, National Sheriff's Association, Major County Sheriffs Association and Major County Police Chiefs Association, and other law enforcement organizations, all went to the FBI saying they could not continue to operate with having the data on officer use of force cases being collected by the media and being presented out there, saying this is our information and important to us. Director Keenan stated the program was designed to collect data in three fields: when an officer uses force which resulted in death or an officer uses force which resulted in physical injury or when an officer discharges their firearm at someone. Director Keenan advised the implementation design has already been completed, the project is ready to go forward, but before they turn it loose nationally they wanted to go to several states and several law enforcement agencies and ask them to pilot the project. Director Keenan stated the project is very user friendly and Georgia was logical to come to because the GBI investigates just about all of the use of force cases in these three areas in Georgia. Director Keenan noted Colonel McDonough has agreed to partner with the GBI to take information for this project and upload into the data base and before a case is uploaded from a local law enforcement agency or sheriff's department, the GBI will go to them and get their permission, will ask them to upload the data and if they are not willing or unable to do it, the GBI will do it for them. Director Keenan declared this information is so important to law enforcement professionals and cannot rely on the Washington Post and the Guardian Newspaper to tell us about the uses of force in the US and to paint that picture. Director Keenan advised when this data is collected nationally, and the data is reviewed and assessed, it will change many of the ways that law enforcement are trained, change use of force policies, change some of the tactics that are used in law enforcement and with knowing what happens in this state, can see patterns that need to be changed in the way that law enforcement handles some of their tactics. Director Keenan stated when this is done nationally, it will be a tremendous benefit to law enforcement, and with Georgia being one of the pilot states, we will be uploading the information as soon as the final go ahead is given from the US Department of Justice.

Director Keenan reminded everyone of the Coastal Crime Lab groundbreaking to be held on June 26, 2017, at 1100 hours in Pooler, Georgia.

Director Kennan introduced the GBI personnel at the BPS meeting.

Mr. Dan Kirk, Assistant Director, Georgia Bureau of Investigation, recognized Dr. George Herrin, Jr., who was awarded with the 2017 Briggs J. White Award at the annual meeting of the American Society of State Crime Laboratory Directors (ASCLD), which is in recognition of excellence through leadership and forensic science management, while demonstrating the highest level of creativity, integrity and dedication to duty, resulting in significant advances and crime laboratory management.

Director Chris Wigginton, Georgia Public Safety Training Center began his report by stating the GPSTC touched 17,942 public safety professionals in the month of March at the training center, which reflects his mission since he took over the GPSTC and the numbers continue to increase monthly.

Director Wigginton recognized Glenn Corbitt and Chad Wilson who have spearheaded a project and are in the fourth course, the Use of Force Instructor in the State of Georgia. Director Wigginton advised the GPSTC is taking a program and actually teaching people what they can do by case law, by statute, not putting restrictions on them, but educating them on how force can be administered appropriately. Director Wigginton added this is a demanding two week course, with Glenn and Chad working hours behind the scene to get this curriculum up and running. Director Wigginton stated the course going on this week, the fourth one, instructors are being brought in from other agencies, and troopers are involved this week and are getting live feedback before it is put on line to the officers out on the street. Director Wigginton added the GPSTC is doing the research and pushing this out to make sure the training center is ahead of the curve. In the State of Georgia, Director Wigginton stated Georgia is ahead of the national curve when it comes to use of force and thanked Mr. Corbitt and Mr. Wilson for their work on the project.

Director Wigginton recognized the basic mandate instructors, stating the ladies and gentlemen that deal with the basic mandate students, the clientele, getting people that should be in training and people that should not be in training, adding about 90% of time is spent dealing with the few that should not be at the training, which takes up a lot of time. Director Wigginton stated the students have to be taught in 11 weeks, in how to be a halfway attorney, a law enforcement officer, a doctor, a counselor, to wear many hats, and see that every day and a lot of those hats do not get recognized unless there is a use of force incident or something bad. Director Wigginton noted the GPSTC has changed the philosophy for the mandate students, running a form of a para military basic mandate, the students need to have structure, need to understand a chain of command, understand responsibilities, and need to understand accountability and integrity. Director Wigginton stated for so long, the students have been taught how not to engage with society and the public while being at the academy. Director Wigginton stated the students will now stop and engage the public when meeting other people at the academy and will also take on community projects. Director Wigginton added the group at the academy as a whole has to take on a project, cadets find the project, have to initiate the resources for the project and have to see it completed. Director Wigginton stated the Forsyth Academy group has a totes for tots' project, collecting backpacks, snacks, and school supplies as a group and giving to children in foster care. Director Wigginton stated another group of cadets are working with disabled veterans, going out spending the day doing yard work and repairing things around the veteran's' house. Director Wigginton noted these are cadets that are not law enforcement officers yet, trying to get the cadets engaged in their community to understand it is twofold, needing to make sure they serve the 90% that is there to support law enforcement, but also trying to deal with the 10%, and not lowering the standards, the 10% still needs to be dealt with, still needs to be arrested, still needs to be incarcerated, some of them will have to have force applied to get them to the jail, we understand that, but also have to deal with the 90% and get back in good standings with the citizens of the State of Georgia.

Director Wigginton stated the GPSTC has opened up the center to a lot of different groups, it is all about education and communication on what the training center does. For so long, Director Wigginton stated law enforcement has kept things pretty secretive. Director Wigginton shared the majority of the Court of Appeals Judges were at the GPSTC about a month ago, they had never been to the GPSTC because they had never been invited. Director Wigginton stated the Court of Appeals Judges look at cases that law enforcement does every day, and while at GPSTC the judges were in the use of force simulator, were on the track performing a PIT maneuver and when two of the judges left after the training and the tour, they stated the information they learned will affect how they decide and write their future decisions. Director Wigginton expressed that statement is strong, when you have two judges out of the group of Court of Appeals Judges tells us that. Director Wigginton stated he wants to educate people about what the training center does and sometimes use of force is used inappropriately, but a lot of times it is appropriate. Director Wigginton declared force is ugly and has never seen two grown people fighting, people want to play the tape in the afternoon and want to see something like a ballet dance, a use of force incident is not that way, and it is ugly and have to explain and get people to understand that use of force is going to shock you when you see it, but it is what it is.

Director Wigginton advised the Public Safety Memorial Ceremony will be held May 22, 2017, with 12 personnel that will be recognize, 9 killed in the line of duty by gunfire.

On June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017, Director Wigginton stated the GPSTC Anniversary celebration will be held, along with the ribbon cutting for the driving track.

Director Wigginton stated the Fire Academy just took possession of the new ladder truck. Director Wigginton asked Mrs. Joyce White to thank Senator Perdue for assistance with the Federal AFG Grant that assisted with the purchase of the ladder truck.

Vice-Chairman Wood commented there are a lot of improvements and changes at the training center, and the GPSTC touches many lives.

Concerning the PIT maneuver, Director Wigginton added being a former trooper, he has used the PIT maneuver multiple times and it does save lives, no doubt about it. Director Wigginton stated when he arrived at the GPSTC, he heard from chiefs and sheriffs who wanted their officers to have PIT training and classes were not available and with a little research, the class was only being offered three times a year with a 16 person capacity. Director Wigginton advised they have PIT training scheduled 17 times this year.

### **DONATIONS**

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

One Stalker DSR2X Patrol Radar	\$ 3,078.50	Candler County Sheriff's Office
Six Stalker Dual SL Radars	\$ 12,918.00	Camden County Sheriff's Office

Twenty-three Stalker DSR2x Radar Units	\$ 65,803.00	GBI West Metro DEO
Five Optim Fiberscopes	\$ 26,356.90	GBI West Metro DEO
One K-9 Drug Dog	\$ 6,000.00	GBI West Metro DEO
Landscaping, Labor and Materials for Post 34-Manchester	\$ 1,450.53	The Dawson Family Eagle Scott Project

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

Mrs. Connie Buck, Fiscal Officer, Georgia Bureau of Investigation requested approval of the following donation:

2015 Honda Odyssey Mini-Van	\$ 29,000.00	Terrell County Sheriff's Office
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The motion to accept this donation was made by Mr. Pete Skandalakis, which was seconded by Sheriff Joey Terrell, and voted approved by the Board members.

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

Plants and Materials	\$ 4,619.62	H and R Fire and Safety
Plants and Materials	\$ 4,619.62	Hidden Pond Plant and Tree Farm
Forty Rail Timbers	\$ 600.00	Norfolk Southern Corp.
1000 Wood Pallets	\$ 10,000.00	Husqvarna
24 Stacks of 22 Pallets	\$ 4,292.00	Pallet One
30 Training Vehicles	unknown at this time	Hall County Sheriff's Dept.

The motion to accept these donations was made by Mr. Danny Bryant, which was seconded by Mr. Steve Cronic, 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 approve authorizing the Georgia Department of Public Safety to seek and accept the transfer of custody of real property known as Buildings 10, 13 and the Pole Barn with the approximate 13.75

acres of adjoining land, driveways, parking lots and the helicopter pads located at the Confederate Avenue complex in the City of Atlanta, which is currently property in the custody of the Georgia Department of Defense.

Chief Craig Tully made the motion for the for the Board of Public Safety to authorize the Commissioner of Public Safety to request the Governor of the State of Georgia to issue an Executive Order transferring such property known as Buildings 10 and 13, the Pole Barn and the approximate 13.75 acres of surrounding and adjoining land, driveways, parking lots and helipad(s), located at 935 East Confederate Avenue, SE, in the City of Atlanta to the custody, possession, interest and control of the Georgia Department of Public Safety. This was seconded by Sheriff Joey Terrell and voted approved by the BPS members.

Vice-Chairman Wood reminded the BPS of the upcoming meetings.

Mr. Wayne Abernathy shared that in May of this year, he will have been serving on the Board of Public Safety for 34 years.

GBI Director Vernon Kennan and Facilities Director Deborah Anderson-Purcell offered a tour of the new morgue facility after the BPS meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Chief Mark Revenew  
Secretary