

**BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY**  
November 19, 2015  
Georgia Public Safety Training Center

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Wayne Abernathy  
Chief Danny Bowman  
Mr. Daniel M. Bryant  
Mr. Kacy K. Cronan  
Retired Sheriff Steve Cronic  
Mr. Lester L. Rampy, Jr.  
Chief Mark Revenew  
Mr. Brian Rickman  
Mr. Charles Sikes  
Sheriff Joey Terrell  
Chief Craig Tully  
Mr. Ellison G. Wood

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Commissioner Homer Bryson  
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/GSP  
Major Hank Fielding, Department of Public Safety/GSP  
Major Jason Johnson, Department of Public Safety/GSP  
Major Johnny Jones, Department of Public Safety/MCCD  
Major Billy Boulware, Department of Public Safety/MCCD  
Captain Mark Lambert, Department of Public Safety/GSP  
Captain Buddy Johnson, Department of Public Safety/GSP  
Captain Jeremy Vickery, Department of Public Safety/MCCD  
Captain Mark Perry, Department of Public Safety/GSP  
Ms. Joan Crumpler, Department of Public Safety  
Ms. Lanie Weathers, Department of Public Safety  
Mrs. Amy Stancil, 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  
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  
Mr. Chadd Wilson, Georgia Public Safety Training Center  
Mr. David Wall, Georgia Public Safety Training Center

Mr. Carlos Ortiz, Georgia Public Safety Training Center  
Mr. Tim Melton, Georgia Public Safety Training Center  
Mr. Ray Saxon, Georgia Public Safety Training Center  
Mr. Richard Dixon, Georgia Public Safety Training Center  
Mr. Billy Dixon, Georgia Public Safety Training Center  
Mr. Hal Braswell, Georgia Public Safety Training Center  
Ms. Cheryl Greathouse, Georgia Public Safety Training Center  
Mr. Marty Smith, Georgia Public Safety Training Center  
Mr. Adam Ham, Georgia Public Safety Training Center  
Mr. Lloyd Strickland, Georgia Public Safety Training Center  
Ms. Penny Hodges, Georgia Public Safety Training Center  
Mr. Jeff Dean, Georgia Public Safety Training Center  
Mr. Marty Smith, Georgia Public Safety Training Center  
Mr. John Fleisch, Office of Planning and Budget  
Mr. Harlan Proveaux, Deputy Director, GEMA/Homeland Security  
Mrs. Louise Rampy  
Mrs. Maureen Bryant  
Mr. Scott Stowers, Deputy Chief, Gainesville Fire Department  
Mr. Eric Stover, Gainesville Fire Department  
Chief David Dyer, Union County Fire Department  
Mr. Gordon Anderson, Firefighters Standard and Training

Vice-Chairman Ellis Wood called the November 19, 2015, Board of Public Safety meeting to order.

Director Chris Wigginton, Georgia Public Safety Training Center introduced Mr. Jeff Dean, Manager of the Fire Academy who gave the invocation and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice-Chairman Wood advised the Governor's office has made a recommendation to fill the Member-At-Large #7 Board appointed seat with Mr. Charles D. Sikes. Chief Mark Renew made the motion to appoint Mr. Charles D. Sikes to the Member-At-Large #7 Board appointed seat, which was seconded by Sheriff Joey Terrell, and voted approved by the BPS members.

Mr. Sikes stated he was honored to be in the presence of the Board, his life has been a peace officer with the GA Bureau of Investigation back home in Statesboro and overseas in the United State Army, Marine Corps, Armed Forces, etc. Mr. Sikes stated he was honored to be on the Board and thanked them for their vote of confidence and for allowing him to join the Board.

Vice-Chairman Wood congratulated Mr. Brian Rickman on his recent appointment to the Georgia Court of Appeals and asked everyone to stand in honor of Mr. Rickman. Mr. Rickman stated when he came to the BPS he was a person that worked in public safety and in leaving the BPS he can say he learned how to be a public safety professional. Mr. Rickman stated for those who know him, knows that he does not mince words, does not say things he does not truly mean and sometimes will say things that he should not in the interests of the truth. Mr. Rickman stated as he goes into another part

of his career, he would not be where he is at without the BPS and noted there is outstanding and excellent, wonderful leadership in Governor Deal, outstanding unbelievable leadership at the Department of Public Safety, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Georgia Public Safety Training Center. Mr. Rickman noted the Governor is the Chairman of the BPS, but Mr. Ellis Wood runs the show and the BPS has the most unbelievable leadership in Mr. Wood. Mr. Rickman shared with his leaving, public safety in Georgia is in absolute wonderful great shape and it has been an honor to have a seat at the table and be a part of the BPS.

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

Director Vernon Keenan shared he has been with the GBI for 42 years and Charles Sikes was with the GBI before he came on. Director Keenan shared Mr. Sikes worked for SAC Johnny McGlamery who was one of the most professional GBI supervisors to work for the GBI. Director Keenan stated SAC McGlamery started a new game plan in the way investigations were conducted in the GBI and Mr. Sikes was part of this team. Director Keenan stated prior to SAC McGlamery initiating his program, when the GBI was asked to conduct an investigation, the agents went out by themselves and did the investigation. Director Keenan noted SAC McGlamery started the team approach with the investigations in when there would be a big case, he would bring together all of the agents in the office and would collectively pursue the investigation, and SAC McGlamery would direct the investigation. Director Keenan acknowledged Mr. Sikes grew up under SAC McGlamery, working his way up through the GBI in the Statesboro office, becoming one of the best SACs the GBI has ever had. Director Keenan noted if someone cannot get along with Mr. Sikes, then they have a personality flaw. Director Keenan stated Mr. Sikes was in the National Guard, rising up through the ranks to become Colonel, while at the GBI. Director Keenan noted Mr. Sikes retired from the National Guard and then went on two deployments to Afghanistan, things he did not have to do, but being the patriot that he is, he wanted to serve his country in time of war. Director Keenan stated Mr. Sikes worked with the Dept. of Defense and trained them how to do forensic work where some of the bombing incidents were occurring. Director Keenan noted Mr. Sikes' legacy in the GBI, beside his great reputation, is the men and women that he mentored in his office who then went onto become supervisors and members of the command staff at the GBI. Director Keenan told Mr. Sikes it has been his honor and privilege to work with him for 42 years and thanked him for being here.

Commissioner McDonough stated sometimes due to position, one is asked for their opinion and it is easy to give an opinion of Mr. Sikes. Commissioner McDonough stated he agreed to what Director Keenan had said about Mr. Sikes' legacy, but if anyone has spent any time around Statesboro, that part of the state, there is a cooperation amongst law enforcement that does not mirror the rest of the state, but the real legacy that Mr. Sikes leaves is the way he treated people and the mild manner demeanor is the type of thing that brings people together, and will see this with the service of Mr. Sikes on the BPS, a person that brings people together. Commissioner McDonough expressed to Mr. Sikes that it is an honor for him to be here.

Vice-Chairman Wood called for approval of the October 8th, 2015 minutes. Sheriff Joey Terrell made the motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Chief Craig Tully and voted approved by the BPS members.

### **DIRECTOR REPORTS**

Commissioner Mark W. McDonough, Department of Public Safety told Mr. Abernathy the error on the DPS Org Chart that he pointed out at the last meeting has been corrected. Commissioner McDonough advised Vice-Chairman Wood that all six technical colleges providing basic mandate training have been contacted in regards to DPS recruitment and the recruitment will continue.

Commissioner McDonough thanked Director Keenan, GBI for their Human Trafficking training assistance to train all sworn members in human trafficking for the last eight months. Commissioner McDonough noted if one spends a little bit of time on the issue, facts and figures will be thrown at you, and if your heart is not beating or if you do not have children to see the effect of this on young lives is incredible. Commissioner McDonough noted one fact that was thrown out is that each year 1.6 million children run away from home in this country and of that within 48 hours, 30% of those children that run away from home in some form or fashion are connected by those who are trying to recruit children to be put into human trafficking, specifically sexual exploitation. Commissioner McDonough acknowledge this is an issue that all peace officers need to be aware of, all sworn DPS officers are now trained and would not have been accomplished without the training from the GBI.

Commissioner McDonough advised the first wave of "Stop the Threat" has been conducted in Region 1, an all agency effort for commercial motor vehicle enforcement which was held Nov 3-5<sup>th</sup>, a 72 hour campaign and over 820 commercial motor vehicle inspections were conducted, 325 warnings issued, 448 citations issued, 52 vehicles were taken out of service, 32 out of state services were issued to drivers, and 31 of 32 were for violations for hours of services issues. Commissioner McDonough noted one of the biggest thing DPS encounters on the road is fatigue, meaning drivers are driving longer than they are supposed to. Commissioner McDonough stated the CMV101 class that has been instituted in the state, now has 16 venues and over 500 officers in the state trained in this effort. Commissioner McDonough noted with the campaign just getting started with one down, and 107 left to go over this year, it will be interesting to see the overall impact this has for commercial motor vehicle safety.

Commissioner McDonough stated he has been resistant to the modern ways concerning social media, but over time has come to realize social media is part of our modern life and part of the modern life as an agency, have got to participate in, but participate in a way that promotes DPS and promotes the officer that works the road. Commissioner McDonough stated when promoting the people that do the work, it is amazing what can happen and is evident in the power of the actions of TFC Nathan Bradley over the Halloween weekend and at last count the funding for the children has almost exceeded \$450,000.00. Commissioner McDonough introduced Ms. Lanie Weathers who presented an overview of the DPS social media.

Ms. Lanie Weathers, Social Media Manager presented a power point on Social Media for the DPS.

Mr. Wayne Abernathy asked Commissioner McDonough if anything special will be done for TFC Nathan Bradley. Commissioner McDonough stated TFC Bradley will be recognized at the upcoming trooper school graduation in March 2016.

Commissioner McDonough acknowledge this is an example of where the Department has to be very careful on how this goes. Commissioner McDonough stated TFC Bradley on his own accord, set up the go fund me page within social media and the Department stayed out of it. Commissioner McDonough noted that after this was over with, there were those that wanted to set up a go fund me page for TFC Bradley to pay for his upcoming honeymoon. Commissioner McDonough noted this is well intended but peace officers are not supposed to receive any monetary gain or any gratuity even though the mindset is very nice, something as a department is not appropriate. Commissioner McDonough stated the department has to be very careful in how we do this, for the family it was a good thing and although well intended for TFC Bradley, in no way should he gain monetarily for his actions. Commissioner McDonough noted this is an example of where you have to be very careful and step in when you need to.

Mr. Abernathy commented there are other troopers that do just as well, but do not get recognized.

Vice-Chairman Wood asked Commissioner McDonough if the DPS employees are channeling their thoughts through the social media manager. Commissioner McDonough acknowledged Lanie Weathers is the gate keeper, a big part of choosing the right person is to look at it and see if it is appropriate, does it support the overall mission, does it put it in the right light and even in choosing Lanie Weathers, there were some test questions to her and that is the guiding force, does it support the work that is being done by the personnel on the job on the road, if it does not, then it will not be on there. Commissioner McDonough noted comments come through social media and that is part of Ms. Weathers' job as well, as the administrator to, make sure the comments that are made back from the public are handled in the appropriate fashion and if the comments are not appropriate, the comments are removed.

Director Vernon Keenan, Georgia Bureau of Investigation began his report by stating when looking back at when 9/11 happened there was no such thing in the US as fusion centers and noted a fusion center is an intelligence unit on steroids. Director Keenan stated the fusion center is a multi-agency conglomeration of state and local in partnership with federal law enforcement agencies and this is how homeland security terrorism information is managed. After 9/11, Director Keenan stated the state and local law enforcement and the federal government were looking around trying to figure out what they needed to be doing, do I know everything that I need to do to keep my community safe and to keep my state safe. Director Keenan noted there was a voided of information because the fusion centers did not exist, so started doing things like guarding bridges and in GA there are all these earthen dams and if they were destroyed, people could drown, and then we started guarding the dams, because we did not know anything else to do. Director Keenan stated the state started independently looking around and deciding how to manage the information coming down to us from the federal government, much of which is confusing and the accuracy comes into question. Director Keenan stated in GA, a fusion center was set up, the Georgia Information Sharing and Analysis Center (GISAC). Director Keenan

noted intelligence is not in the name, because at that time intelligence was not a good word in law enforcement. Director Keenan stated GA got their fusion center, because on a Saturday evening he received a phone call from Governor Barnes' chief of staff that said the governor at the end of the week wanted a plan to fight terrorism in the state of Georgia. Director Keenan stated he and Director Buddy Nix sat down and drew out the frame work for the fusion center, unknown to them, other states were doing the same thing. Director Keenan noted the frame work was essentially the same, having various law enforcement organizations come together and look at the information that is available, analyze that information and see that it gets out to the appropriate bodies. Director Keenan stated Georgia was the 4<sup>th</sup> state to set up a fusion center. Director Keenan stated he was bringing this to everyone's attention because of what has occurred in France, people are constantly asking if there is something going on in the state of Georgia and if we need to be doing something. Director Keenan stated he knows they will not go back to guarding the overpasses and the dams, because that was just to have something to do. Director Keenan stated the fusion center, GISAC, is housed in the same building with the FBI and have representatives from the sheriffs associations, the chiefs association, fire academy, public health and the Department of Homeland Security and have direct relationship with the FBI. Director Keenan stated the GBI analysts are in the FBI centers and the FBI has analysts that work with the GBI. Director Keenan stated information comes into GISAC from all levels of federal government and it is GISAC's responsibility to look at the information, siphon out information threats which would relate to the state partners and local law enforcement and tells people when you are not hearing anything from GISAC, it means there is nothing happening that relates to the state of Georgia. Director Keenan stated when the terrorists attacks occurred in France, every two hours, the Dept. of Homeland Security and the FBI were holding joint conference calls with all the fusion centers relaying what they knew at the time it was occurring from the federal government, and there was nothing relating to the state of Georgia or any other state in the US. Director Keenan stated within GISAC they have the top secret conference room so that if something is extremely serious, then law enforcement would be called into this room to hear whatever the President had to say or whoever had that level of information. Director Keenan stated there is constant flow of information coming into GISAC and they are responsible in seeing if something relates to the state of Georgia or to a particular community, that information is funneled directly down to them, and when you do not hear anything that means there is nothing relating to the state of Georgia. Director Keenan stated today, the FBI is having a meeting with agency heads who have representatives on the Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF), the investigative arm of Homeland Security and if GISAC gets information that relates to terrorism or a terrorist, this is sent to the JTTF who initiates the investigation. Director Keenan stated the meeting with the agency heads will relate what he just told the BPS, there is nothing relating to the state of Georgia. Director Keenan stated if this changes, they would make sure the appropriate bodies at local law enforcement know about it, all the state leadership knows, to include the governor.

Mr. Wayne Abernathy stated he had heard through news reports, there were investigations in all 50 states and asked Director Keenan if this was related to what he had been speaking about. Director Keenan stated there are always ongoing investigations and will have a dozen or more in the state, but is not related to what has happened in France. Director Keenan stated the JTTF has GBI agents assigned to it and they will make arrests and will be prosecuted for supporting the terrorists' organizations, but those are ongoing investigations.

Director Keenan stated they receive a lot of information from local law enforcement agencies through Suspicious Activating Reporting (SAR) and noted DPS has the template in their CAD system. Director Keenan stated when any officer observes behavior indicative of terrorism or planning for terrorism that information can be sent to GISAC, and then it is GISAC's responsibility to vet the information to see if it has some level of creditability and then send it on up to the agency that has the responsibility, either the FBI or the Dept. of Homeland Security. Director Keenan stated GISAC receives hundreds of SARs every month, and the last data he looked at nationwide, the FBI had initiated over 1000 criminal investigations based on SAR reports that have come in from local law enforcement.

Director Keenan introduced Dr. Jonathan Eisenstat, new Chief Medical Examiner for the state of Georgia, noting Dr. Sperry retired on November 1<sup>st</sup>, after nearly 18 years of service as the Chief Medical Examiner at the GBI. Director Keenan shared when he came to the GBI in 1973, there was Dr. Howard and Dr. Dawson who did autopsies for the state of Georgia and when something happened around the state, Dr. Howard would get in his airplane and fly to whatever town the body was at, land and the sheriff or police chief would pick him up and take him to the funeral home; he would do the autopsy, and if it was a bad decomposition, he would do the autopsy in the middle of a field. Director Keenan stated the work load got heavy and Dr. Dawson was hired and he would not fly, but would drive. Director Keenan stated Dr. Howard and Dr. Dawson were not medical doctors. Director Keenan stated when Buddy Nix became Director of the GBI, he looked at the way autopsies were handled in the state and knew it was not sustainable; Director Nix reached out to Dr. Sperry who was working at the Fulton County Medical Examiner's Office and brought Dr. Sperry over along with five other Fulton County doctors to be contract workers for the GBI doing autopsies. Director Keenan noted later on, the GBI hired Dr. Sperry as the Chief Medical Examiner and he began to build the system at the GBI Medical Examiner's Office. Director Keenan stated Dr. Eisenstat came from New York and was promoted up to be the Deputy Chief Medical Examiner and when Dr. Sperry retired, Director Keenan stated he spoke with the Governor's staff and told them it was his intention to elevate up Dr. Eisenstat to become the Chief Medical Examiner; the governor's office agreed this was the appropriate thing to do. Director Keenan stated he asked Dr. Eisenstat to take the position and Dr. Eisenstat was sworn in by Director Keenan in his office a week ago. Director Keenan asked Dr. Eisenstat to come forward and share a little bit about his background, share what is involved in determining the cause and manner of death, what is a typical day like in a GBI Medical Examiner's life and also talk about a fellowship program, which Dr. Eisenstat is proposing to the governor that the state of Georgia move forward with.

Dr. Eisenstat shared he was raised in northern California and did not realize until his junior year in college that he wanted to go to medical school. Dr. Eisenstat stated he started out in surgery, then transferred to pathology while in New York and met his wife who was from Atlanta and knew nothing about the south at that time, got married and a wonderful job opportunity arose at the GBI, met Dr. Sperry, came back a second time, liked the way the office worked and accepted the offer to be a medical examiner and has been at the GBI since 2006. Dr. Eisenstat stated he has had a number of aspirations in his mind since joining the GBI of how he could see the office actually progressing, moving forward. Dr. Eisenstat stated when he was in New York, just after Sept. 11, doing pathology

training on Long Island, when the planes hit and offered up his help and was an interesting experience from his side because it was such a mass situation the office was going through that they stopped allowing outsiders in and because otherwise, you did not know about leakage of information, did not know who is coming in and too many people in one room can be a little bit of a problem. Dr. Eisenstat advised he started in the medical examiner's office in 2004 and as of today they are still working on remains from September 11, and learned a lot about mass disaster and became very interested in mass disaster. Other than forensics, Dr. Eisenstat stated he has extra training in pediatric pathology and forensic neuro cardiac pathology and with his new job it has led to his interest in childhood deaths, mass disaster and then also helped with sudden natural deaths, everything an ME does. Dr. Eisenstat stated over the years while at the GBI, he had spoken to Dr. Sperry and Director Keenan about things he would like to do and as he has moved up he now gets to try to push those things forward. Dr. Eisenstat stated this leads into his idea of a fellowship and nationally there are about 500 board certified forensic pathologists. Dr. Eisenstat added it is estimated there should be about 1200 certified forensic pathologists to take care of the needs of the deceased, and when saying the needs of the deceased, it is not just those that have passed, but it is public safety, the family, infectious disease, it is a new caliber of projectiles, new firearms, and all of this gets relayed back to the public and law enforcement. Dr. Eisenstat stated the ME can help identify a baby's car seat that does not work and noted one of the big things is SIDS and has helped to identify over the years that infants sleeping on their stomach is not as safe as sleeping on their back, and baby cribs have been recalled because slats would open up and children would get stuck in them. Dr. Eisenstat stated since he has been at the GBI, and noted he was trained in New York City, the cases that he has seen here, from a forensic pathology standpoint are unbelievable. Dr. Eisenstat noted with the variety and the number of cases that come through the ME's office, it has been his opinion that GBI is the prime place to have a training program. Dr. Eisenstat stated the ME's office sees everything, there are natural deaths, drug overdose deaths, have suspicious deaths, especially in the wake of Paris, there was someone who collapsed in the airport today, which is mostly under the GBI jurisdiction, they went through his bag and found something in his bag, probably going to be a remote controlled plane, but of course they thought it was a drone, we called the bomb squad to take a look at it, it is coming to our office, just a few of the cases going on in the office today.

Dr. Eisenstat explained getting a fellowship is a process that takes a lot of paperwork, have to go through a graduate medical education process, need to be affiliated with an educational institution and are using Augusta Medical University which was recently GRU, Medical College of Georgia. Dr. Eisenstat stated Augusta Medical University has agreed to be the sponsoring institution which is wonderful as this opens up research for the Medical Examiners to find underlying causes of unexpected cardiac deaths in individuals, which is his interest and research he has been looking into. Dr. Eisenstat shared the benefit of having the GBI as the training program is that not only will the fellows/residents come out fully trained in everything one could possibly want in forensics, but can also try to keep them here. Dr. Eisenstat stated there are currently nine medical examiners at HQ, two in Macon and two in Savannah and are interviewing for two more positions at HQ and this will keep the medical examiners at an average of 250 autopsies per doctor per year; the recommended number by the National Association of Medical Examiners for the GBI to be accredited. Dr. Eisenstat stressed this just shows you that we need people, there is going to be turnover in Atlanta, whether it be at GBI,

Fulton County, DeKalb, Cobb or Gwinnett who have their own ME offices, it would be wonderful to train these people here and keep them here, cause they will learn who you are and you will learn who they are, which make the transition easier.

Dr. Eisenstat stated the Medical Examiner's Office is open 24/7 investigative wise, someone on call all day, every day, who takes the basic information from the coroner/law enforcement, decides if that case needs to be brought into the office or needs to call him or the Dr. on call to make that decision. Dr. Eisenstat stated by morning there is a whole list of cases that are divided amongst the doctors on call for that day; if more information is needed, we reach out to the different agencies; if it is motor vehicle accident, we may want the SCRT report, if it is a house fire, we will want the fire marshal's report and noted they just had a fire case, where the fire marshal came to the autopsy and it was wonderful, learned there were four points of ignition, the individual had no trauma, was found in his room and then we determined it was a suicide, never would have been able to determine a fire suicide without the fire marshal's input. Dr. Eisenstat explained they have an machine called a Lodox, a high resolution radiology machine, does a full body x-ray in 13 seconds and this is important, if God forbid there is a mass disaster then we would need to x-ray all of the bodies as they come in, to make sure there is no live ammunition around the bodies; the old way would take 30 minutes per body. Dr. Eisenstat stated the body is then brought through the radiology suite, to the autopsy room, autopsy is done, can do toxicology on motor vehicle accident victims, can look under the microscope and see if there is infectious disease, or if it was a heart attack, was something missed medically and after that it takes a while to get the studies back and while waiting for the studies, will make contact with the families and law enforcement and will determine the cause and manner of death. Dr. Eisenstat declared cause of death is not always that difficult, a person who was shot or a person who is struck by a car and used Newton County as an example from yesterday when a gentleman decided to snag a purse from an elderly woman and then ran over her multiple times. Dr. Eisenstat stated the video is being brought to the office today by the coroner and they know the lady died of blunt injuries from being struck by a motor vehicle, but is it an accident or was the vehicle used as a weapon, which would make it a homicide. Dr. Eisenstat stated they discussed the case with law enforcement after looking at the video, it was a homicide, and she was purposely struck by the individual. Dr. Eisenstat advised until the case is signed out and afterwards, they always communicate with whoever they should be communicating with, which is the best way to come to the best solution. Concerning the cause of manner of death, Dr. Eisenstat declared the cause is usually obvious unless there is a sudden unexpected death in a young person, but manner is broken down into five categories. Dr. Eisenstat stated the five causes for manner is broken down into natural, accident, homicide, suicide and undetermined, and do not like undetermined, but sometimes it has to be, and this is after tests, we cannot decipher why that person died or if it is a drug overdose and at a specific level and there are suicidal ideations, but do not know if it was accidental or suicidal, we may put undetermined. Dr. Eisenstat stressed this is important due to life insurance, and closing out of an estate, and do receive calls from insurance carriers at times to discuss the ME's findings.

Mr. Wayne Abernathy asked Dr. Eisenstat if Tommy Hanson's autopsy was done at the GBI and Dr. Eisenstat responded the autopsy was performed at the GBI and when there is a high profile case such as this, he was pronounced dead on Tuesday, the day before Veteran's Day, the lab went into a rapid

mode, get the body to the lab because we would not be doing autopsies the next day, stayed a little late, did his autopsy Tuesday afternoon and are rushing his toxicology as there is suspicion it was a drug induced death. Dr. Eisenstat stated in these type of situations, they have to get the blood from the hospital from when they arrive, because the autopsy blood will not tell anything, he survived in the hospital a couple of days. Dr. Eisenstat stated this case is in the process and when the second toxicology is done, the report will be released.

Vice-Chairman Wood asked Dr. Eisenstat how much of his time or his staff's time is spent in court room environment. Dr. Eisenstat stated only a small percentage of time, as there are hundreds of subpoenas that come in and the majority of those probably plead out within the last week. Dr. Eisenstat stated he averages twice a month over the year all over the state being out of the office in a court room environment. Dr. Eisenstat spoke of another unit in the department run by Dr. Lora Darrisaw who is pediatric pathologist board certified, doing most of the child abuse cases and does live consults. Dr. Eisenstat stated if DFACs has a child that has some bruises or some injuries they can have a consult with Dr. Darrisaw and look at the photographs and decide if it is an inflicted injury or not.

Mr. Brian Rickman commented in his eight years as a DA, his office has consulted with numerous members of his staff and had some on the witness stand and they are always wonderful about schedules, being on call for court and never had anything other than an absolute perfect experience. Mr. Rickman shared a lot of families are getting a lot of closer from their services, as a compliment and a commendation the GBI Medical Examiner's office is a great office, particularly with Dr. Darrisaw, when children die, it is the hardest thing anybody goes through, that is a special calling, doing autopsies on children and she is very amazing.

Dr. Eisenstat stated his office is always open to speak to anyone, defense, prosecution, family, law enforcement, we will come to our own determination, but will do so in conjunction in speaking with others.

Mr. Kacy Cronan asked Dr. Eisenstat how far out they are from having the fellowship. Dr. Eisenstat stated the hardest part is the paperwork and will not be able to have a fellowship, as the fellowship starts in July and the paperwork as per the accreditation for graduate medical education is a year and a half process. Dr. Eisenstat stated the process was started a couple of months ago, Augusta University is excited and needs to submit their paperwork, the application has to be submitted, they will do a visit, get the approval and we will start interviewing and then July 2017, begin with the fellowship.

Director Chris Wigginton, Georgia Public Safety Training Center welcomed the Board of Public Safety to the training center and thanked those that participated the tour yesterday which gives those who participated an idea of what the training center does mainly on the advanced specialized side of the GPSTC.

Director Wigginton introduced Mr. Ray Saxon, Manager of the Basic Mandate Training section and asked all the managers for the basic training at all the regional academies to stand and be recognized.

Director Wigginton noted these instructors are the ones that touch the recruits that return to the departments each and every day. Director Wigginton advised the managers meet once a month to go over the new curriculum, due to changes in the basic mandate training throughout the country, what the demand is, what the training center needs to teach, all the while deciphering through and relaying to the cadets, because at the end of the day, the managers want to produce the most professional police officer at anyone's department. Director Wigginton thanked each of the managers for what they do each and every day throughout the regional academies.

In regards to the Commercial Motor Vehicle initiative, Director Wigginton stated the GPSTC has partnered with the DPS mainly with the MCCD section and started back in September teaching a larger block to all cadets that go to the regional academies. Director Wigginton stated the cadets are getting a little more knowledge in order to have more confidence. Director Wigginton noted with the deepening of the port and the commercial motor vehicle volume increasing, just the Department of Public Safety will have a very difficult time with the enforcement and the traffic flow and are partnering with DPS to get some of the local law enforcement agencies trained up.

Director Wigginton shared there are four new buildings that are complete since the last BPS meeting; two at the fire academy, the industrial fire building and fire protection lab, and are stocking them and will be ready for training in the near future. Director Wigginton noted the other two are at the police academy; the active shooter building and the live fire shoot house, have already started training in both of these and response from the law enforcement community has been overwhelming.

Director Wigginton stated once the shoot house was set up, a scenario was set up for Channel 5 I-team out of Atlanta who offered to do an exclusive story. Director Wigginton advised the team came down to GPSTC and stayed from 8-4 that afternoon, had a lot of questions, put them through the judgmental simulator and when they ran the story, Director Wigginton stated he was very impressed with the story as positive training for law enforcement. Director Wigginton showed the video of the shoot house scenario, showing all agencies cooperating and working together.

Director Wigginton announced the Governor's Public Safety Awards will be on Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am in the Atrium at GPSTC.

Vice-Chairman Wood, on behalf of the BPS thanked Director Wigginton and his staff for the tour and lunch yesterday as well as hosting the BPS meeting today.

Director Wigginton asked all the GPSTC staff to please stand and be recognized as they are the ones that work behind the scene to make the GPSTC work and thanked them publicly for what they do.

**DONATIONS**

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

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| Five Kustom Pro Lasers                                 | \$ | 12,465.00 | Catoosa Co. Board of Commissioners   |
| One X26P Taser, Battery Pack,<br>Cartridge and Holster | \$ | 1,049.54  | Blairsville Police Department        |
| Eight Hundred+ Teddy Bears                             | \$ | 1,100.00  | Southside Riders Association         |
| Four Black Taser Class III X2s                         | \$ | 5,083.18  | Harris County Board of Commissioners |
| One Stalker DSR 2X Radar                               | \$ | 3,057.00  | Lanier County Board of Commissioners |
| One LWRC Rifle   | \$ | 1,800.00  | Charlton County Sheriff's Department |

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

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

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| Carry-on Trailer 7x12  | \$                  | 3,531.00 | Swift Fire Protection  |
| One 6" Grinnel Sprinkler Valve<br>One 4" Grinnel Sprinkler Valve | \$ considered scrap |          | GA Power Company       |
| Kitchen Ventilation Hood   | \$                  | 1,500.00 | Forest G. Jackson, Jr. |

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

Mr. Dan Kirk, Assistant Director, Georgia Bureau of Investigation introduced Mrs. Terri Fisher, Deputy Director for the Georgia Crime Information Center.

Mr. Wayne Abernathy made a motion to adjourn the Board of Public Safety meeting and go into the Georgia Crime Information Center Council, which was seconded by Mr. Danny Bryant, and voted approved by the Board members.

**GEORGIA CRIME INFORMATION CENTER COUNCIL**

Concerning O.C.G.A. 10-1-359.5 and in order to give guidance to metal recyclers, Mrs. Fisher presented rules and regulations for the Secondary Metals Recyclers Database covering the Scope, General Definition, SMR Database Transaction Submission Procedures and the SMR Database Access.

Mr. Danny Bryant made the motion to accept the Secondary Metals Recyclers Database recommendations; which was seconded by Sheriff Joey Terrell, and voted approved by the Board members.

Mr. Lester Rampy made a motion to adjourn the GCIC Council and go back to the Board of Public Safety meeting. This was seconded by Sheriff Joey Terrell and voted approved by the Board members.

Ms. Joan Crumpler, Deputy Director, Legal Services, Department of Public Safety presented Georgia Department of Public Safety Rule 570-9 Off-Duty Police Employment for final adoption.

Mr. Lester Rampy made the motion to approve the final adoption of DPS Rule 570-9 Off-Duty Police Employment. This was seconded by Mr. Kacy Cronan and voted approved by the BPS members.

Mr. Dan Kirk, Assistant Director, Georgia Bureau of Investigation reminded the BPS of the proposed crime laboratory in Pooler, GA and thanked Chief Mark Revenew and the Pooler city manager for all of the work they have done to get the land donated to the GBI. Mr. Kirk presented a Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Pooler, Georgia for the transfer of property, 4.92 acre portion to the State of Georgia for the purposes of constructing a new regional lab facility for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation. Mr. Kirk also presented a Resolution asking the Board of Public Safety's approval for the State Properties Commission to deed to the State of Georgia in the custody of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation certain 4.92 acres of improved real property in the City of Pooler, Chatham County owned by the City of Pooler, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia.

Mr. Danny Bryant made the motion for the Board of Public Safety to request the State Properties Commission to proceed to transfer the improved real property of 4.92 acres, to the State of Georgia in custody of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation from the City of Pooler, by deed in fee simple. This was seconded by Chief Craig Tully and voted approved by the BPS members, with Chief Mark Revenew abstaining.

Vice-Chairman Wood reminded the BPS of several dates: December 8<sup>th</sup>, swearing-in of Brian Rickman for the GA Court of Appeals, December 9<sup>th</sup>, DPS Awards and December 10<sup>th</sup>, BPS meeting at DPS HQ and then December 14<sup>th</sup>, Governor's Public safety Awards at GPSTC.

Vice-Chairman Wood advised the Jan. BPS meeting will be at the DOC Board room in Forsyth, Feb and March meeting will be in the DNR Board room at the Twin Towers.

Vice-Chairman Wood asked Mr. Lester Rampy, Mr. Wayne Abernathy and Mr. Kacy Cronan to serve on the nominating committee for recommendations at the February meeting.

Mr. Kacy Cronan commented to Ms. Lanie Weathers the DPS Social Media website is a great outlet for young people, as he is questioned weekly about what it takes to become a trooper, firefighter and first responder. Mr. Cronan state the young guys see Twitter and Facebook, but do not know the steps to get started in the process for law enforcement and this would be a way to help them.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Brian M. Rickman  
Secretary