

**Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police  
Executive Board Meeting  
Georgia Public Safety Training Center  
Forsyth, GA  
Wednesday, December 12, 2012**

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**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by the President, Chief J. Frank Waits.

President J. Frank Waits requested Executive Director Frank Rotondo read the roll call.

**Roll Call**

President, Chief Frank Waits

1<sup>st</sup> VP, Chief David Lyons

2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Chief M. Keith Glass

3<sup>rd</sup> VP, Chief George N. Turner

4<sup>th</sup> VP, Chief Steven Heaton

Chairman of District Reps., Chief George Stagmeier

Immediate Past President, Stan York

\*\*General Counsel, Michael A. Caldwell

Executive Director, Frank V. Rotondo

\*\* Indicates Board member not in attendance.

**Others in Attendance:**

Chief Joseph Wirthman, Jefferson PD; Chief Bruce Hedley, Lilburn PD; Chief H.C. "Skip" Clark II, Peachtree City PD; Director of Public Safety, Chief Connie Sampson, Georgia State University PD; Chief Billy Grogan, Dunwoody PD

**Presentation of Previous Minutes**

- **Motion made by *Chief Keith Glass*, seconded by *Chief David Lyons*, to accept the minutes of November 13, 2012. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Financial Report**

- Executive Director Rotondo presented the financial reports. **Motion made by *Chief George N. Turner*, seconded by *Chief Keith Glass*, to accept the financial reports dated October 31, 2012. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Executive Director's Report**

➤ **Life Membership**

Executive Director Rotondo requested the board consider Life Membership for retired Chief C. Frank Simons, Valdosta PD. **Motion made by *Chief Keith Glass*, seconded by *Chief Stan York* to grant Life Membership to Chief Simons upon his retirement on January 1, 2013. Motion passed unanimously.**

- **Reclassification of Title 40 - Motor Vehicle Crimes**  
Executive Director Rotondo introduced Chief Joseph Wirthman. Chief Wirthman spoke briefly about legislative action pertaining to the reclassification of Title 40 - Motor Vehicle Crimes. The board, in substance, encouraged Chief Wirthman and Chief Kelly to continue to review possible Title 40 changes.
  
- **POST Equivalency Exam**  
POST Executive Director Ken Vance took part in the meeting to explicitly give an overview of the POST Equivalency Exam (commonly referred to as the EOT Exam). Upon completion of Director Vance's overview, President Waits authorized an ad hoc committee to review and make recommendations to go to POST council regarding the effectiveness of the EOT Exam as it relates to obtaining quality law enforcement officers in Georgia. That committee shall consist of a member of the GACP staff, Chief Bruce Hedley, Chief Connie Sampson, Chief Skip Clark, a law enforcement officer who is a sheriff official, and board member, Chief Steven Heaton.
  
- **Pre-filed HB 1 (Comprehensive Civil Forfeiture Procedures)**  
Executive Director Rotondo spoke briefly about pre-filed HB 1 (Comprehensive Civil Forfeiture Procedures). After a brief discussion regarding the pre-filed bill, President Waits indicated that he was encouraging all GACP members to monitor the bill and to pass their concerns, if any, to GACP Executive Director Rotondo.
  
- **Executive Director's Concerns**  
Executive Director Rotondo spoke briefly about several of his concerns:
  1. An inordinate number of police chiefs who have failed to obtain their police chief training hours for 2012
  2. The Winter Conference Training venues for the year 2014 and going forward
  3. The lifting of the ban on the law enforcement component regarding HB 87 (commonly referred to as the Immigration Bill) and the interpretation of law enforcement's role regarding the administration of HB 87.

### **President's Report**

- President, Chief Frank Waits - None

### **Executive Board Reports**

- 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Chief David Lyons – None
- 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Chief M. Keith Glass stated that he would like a more positive relationship established between GACP and the Georgia Sheriff's Association.

- 3<sup>rd</sup> VP, Chief George N. Turner also expressed concern about the relationship between GACP and the Georgia Sheriff's Association.
- 4<sup>th</sup> VP, Chief Steven Heaton also expressed concern regarding the erosion of the relationship between GACP and the Georgia Sheriff's Association. However, he was firm on his commitment that if GACP opposes a concept or a bill proposed by the Georgia Sheriff's Association that we should continue to remain firm to our principles and not yield to political pressure.

Chief Heaton noted for all board members that he clearly supports the proactive approach that GACP has taken with respect to police chief Assessment Centers. After a brief discussion, all members of the board concurred with Chief Heaton's support.

Chief Heaton would like to see if GACP Training Director Paul Maharry could filter information to the board members regarding Taser downloading techniques.

- Immediate Past President Stan York restated several comments made by Chief Heaton, particularly noting that it is imperative that the board members remain unified when supporting or opposing legislative initiatives.
- Chairman of District Representative, Chief George Stagmeier - None

### **Old Business**

- None

### **New Business**

- None

### **Adjournment**

- **Motion made by *Chief David Lyons*, seconded by *Chief George Turner*, to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.**