

**Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police
Executive Board Meeting
Jefferson Police Department
Jefferson, GA
December 16, 2015**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the President, Chief George Turner.

President George Turner asked Executive Director Rotondo to read the roll.

Roll Call

President, Chief George Turner

1st VP, Chief Billy Grogan

2nd VP, Warden Dennis S. Nelson

3rd VP, Chief Joseph W. Wirthman

4th VP, Chief Wesley Walker

Immediate Past President, Chief M. Keith Glass

*Chairman of District Reps., Chief George Stagmeier

Executive Director, Frank V. Rotondo

General Counsel, Michael A. Caldwell (arrived during meeting)

**Indicates Board Member not in attendance*

In accordance with the GACP Constitution and By-Laws, it was noted that a quorum of Executive Board Members was in attendance.

Others in Attendance: Director Daniel Branch, Buford Dept. of Public Safety, Chief Jimmy Williamson, UGA PD, Chief Randy Johnson, Lawrenceville PD, Chief Bill Westenberger, Kennesaw PD, Asst. Chief Matthew London, Lavonia PD, Chief Roy Whitehead, Snellville PD, Capt. Greg Perry, Snellville PD, (Ret) Chief Armand Chapeau, (Ret) Director Willie Bolton, Chief Mark Welsh, Elberton PD, Chief Marty Bozeman, GDOT, Chief Carl Moulder, Auburn, PD, Asst. Chief Michael West, Gwinnett PD, Chief Brandon Sellers, Commerce PD, Lt. Ken Harmon, Commerce PD, Chief Anthony “Tony” Tanner, Waycross PD, Chief Wayne Rickard, Gwinnett Schools PD, Capt. William Wellmaker, Gwinnett Schools PD, Chief Bruce Hedley, Lilburn PD, Chief Investigator Donald Kelly, Gwinnett County Solicitor’s Office, Chief Terry Esco, Braselton PD, Chief Michael Jones, Suwanee PD, Asst. Chief Lou Solis, Jr., Braselton PD, Major Gale Higginbotham, Gwinnett PD, Chief Gene Wilson, Conyers PD, City Manager Joe Herschell, City of Jefferson, Deputy Chief Clifford Poole, Univ. of North Georgia PD, Chief Justin Gaines, Univ. of North Georgia, Maj. Stan Sayers, Hartwell PD, Chief Anthony Davis, Hartwell PD, Lt. Ed Starks, Hartwell PD, Deputy Chief Jay Parrish, Gainesville PD, Chief Chad Nichols, Baldwin PD, Chief Carol Martin, Gainesville PD, Chief David Spillers, Flowery Branch PD, Marshal J.S. Cline, Dacula Marshal’s Office, Chief Randy Johnson, Lawrenceville PD, Chief Randy Belcher, Duluth PD, Asst. Chief Jacquelyn Hood, Duluth PD.

Presentation of Previous Minutes

Executive Director Rotondo presented the minutes of the previous board meeting for review. **Motion made by Chief Glass, and 2nd by Chief Wirthman to accept the minutes of the November 10, 2015 Board Meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

Financial Report

Executive Director Rotondo distributed to all board members a copy of GACP's financial report dated October 31, 2015. **With respect to GACP's financial report a motion was made by *Chief Walker* and 2nd by *Chief Grogan* to accept the financial reports dated October 31, 2015 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

Executive Director's Report

➤ Life Membership

- Executive Director Rotondo requested the Board consider the following for Life Membership. Each member met the criteria for Life Membership as outlined by the GACP's Constitutional Bylaws:

- ✓ Retired Chief Wayne Cain, Dublin PD
- ✓ Chief Richard "Dick" Martin, Clarkesville PD

Motion was made by *Chief Nelson* and 2nd by *Chief Grogan* to approve the Life Membership status of Retired Chief Wayne Cain and Chief Richard "Dick" Martin. Motion passed unanimously.

➤ Follow-Up Resolution Drafts

- Executive Director Rotondo requested the Board consider the following two (2) resolutions:

- ✓ Commitment for Support for Decertification Law Enforcement Database:

Executive Director Rotondo spoke briefly about this database as it relates to law enforcement and he spoke to Ken Vance of POST Council who would not oppose the passing of a resolution of this nature, which would have impact on POST Council. Motion made by *Warden Nelson* and 2nd by *Chief Grogan* to approve the resolution

- ✓ Support for Universities/College Law Enforcement (Full Service) to Conduct Sexual Assault Investigations:

Executive Director Rotondo indicated that there is at least one Bill at the State House which would require all sexual assault investigations to be conducted outside the University police chiefs' territorial jurisdiction. Based upon a recent event dealing with a University police chief making a statement regarding the handling of sexual assault investigations, a motion was made by *Chief Glass* and 2nd by *Chief Walker* to table this resolution.

➤ Legislative meeting with Chairman Wendel Willard

- Executive Director Rotondo indicated a legislative meeting with Wendel Willard had to be rescheduled for January 6, 2015. That legislative meeting deals with possibly

modifying the Open Records Act regarding body worn cameras and digital data storage and recordings.

➤ **Asset Forfeiture Reporting**

- Executive Director Rotondo indicated he will be sending out a memo, hopefully in the next few weeks, referencing the proper procedures for filling out the Asset Forfeiture Reporting forms regarding a change in the law O.C.G.A. 9 – 16 – 19 taking place January 1, 2016.

➤ **Follow-Up Law Enforcement Meeting**

- Executive Director Rotondo indicated that he and Chief Grogan along with many other law enforcement officials attended a meeting hosted for PAC (Prosecuting Attorney Council) with respect to law enforcement testimonies at Grand Jury proceedings. The outcome of that meeting was that the drafted language for a proposed Bill needs to address several areas of concern before it is crafted sufficiently to become acceptable legislation.

➤ **Chief's Day at Capitol**

- Executive Director Rotondo indicated that Chief's Day at the Capitol is scheduled for February 15, 2016. Further information will be forthcoming generating more detailed information.

➤ **Chiefs Delinquent Training Hours**

- Executive Director Rotondo deferred to Director June Killian with respect to training issues.
 - ✓ Director Killian told the members in attendance that there was a list of approximately 20 police chiefs who failed to show the 20 hours required on POST record this year. Director Killian went on to say that it is taking an inordinate amount of staff time to deal with the police chiefs who appear to be delinquent in acquiring their needed "chief hours". Discussion of the Board revealed that the Executive Board was in favor of allowing the police chiefs to monitor their own hours relieving the GACP staff of the monitoring. Furthermore, the Board indicated that if the chiefs did not receive their hours of training they will be notified by POST Council that their certification is suspended or revoked. The bottom line, the police chiefs must monitor themselves, not GACP.
 - ✓ Director Killian spoke briefly about the 2016 approved hours of training memo that was posted on the GACP website that revamps what is supposed to be chiefs training hours for the calendar year 2016.

➤ **GACP Office Closure**

- Executive Director Rotondo indicated, based upon the request of GACP general counsel and to stay within the FLSA (Fair Labor Standards Act) Regulations, will be

closing the GACP office the Thursday & Friday, January 28th and 29th, after the Winter Training Conference. However, the Executive Director will be available for emergency telephone calls.

➤ **District Representatives Training**

- Chief Turner requested Chief Grogan speak briefly about his concern regarding District Representatives training. In response to Chief Grogan's inquiry and statement, Executive Director Rotondo noted that Chief Stagmeier sent out a memo asking if they would have instructors to teach in other parts of the state other than their own districts.

President's Report

- Chief Turner requested all members to be continuously vigilant seeking intelligence information with respect to subversive groups and activities within their cities, counties and agency. Chief Turner encouraged all the members to use their Federal and State partners to help them.
- Chief Turner spoke briefly about receiving a memo from Chief Dan Flynn from Marietta PD in which Chief Flynn suggested GACP make a firm statement in the form a resolution in supporting the rights of community members to obtain fair and impartial policing services, which includes, but is not limited to, government transparency training, etc. Chief Turner asked Executive Director Rotondo to inform Chief Flynn that he was being asked to chair a committee containing at least 2 members of the Association, Chief Welch, Resolutions Committee Chairman and Chief Gene Wilson a Legislation Co-Chairman.

Executive Board's Report

- *1st VP, Chief Billy Grogan*
 - Nothing to report at this time
- *2nd VP, Warden Dennis Nelson*
 - Indicated that at last night's Clayton County Board meeting, Interim Chief Michael Register was appointed as the new Clayton County Police Chief.
- *3rd VP, Chief Joseph W. Wirthman*
 - Nothing to report at this time
- *4th VP, Chief Wesley Walker*
 - Nothing to report at this time
- *Immediate Past President, Chief M. Keith Glass*
 - Chief Glass expressed, particularly during this time of year, that he was encouraging all in attendance to embrace their family and friends.
- *Chairman of District Representatives, Chief George Stagmeier*
 - Not in attendance

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Chief Williamson, University of Georgia Police Department encouraged all the members in attendance to develop a model preparedness plan, which included integration of other needed emergency specialists to provide the services necessary to their communities during times of crisis. The chief particularly accented the inclusion of emergency medical personnel, fire personnel and private partnership personnel such as security companies.

Adjournment

- **A motion was made by *Chief Grogan*, seconded by *Chief Glass* to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.**