



## **The Georgia Association of Chief of Police 2017/18 Goals**

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### **Chiefs Peer Group Ad-Hoc Committee**

Regretfully, many of our own Georgia Police Chiefs have experienced the trauma of an officer being severely injured or killed in the line of duty. Whether the death, or injury results from an automobile accident or a felonious assault the result is that police chiefs must know what resources are available to them and the members of their department in their time of need.

The intent of this committee is for experienced police chiefs and perhaps a mental health professional, to get together and discuss providing feedback to each other from their personal experiences in dealing with these traumatic events. Suggested conversation may involve; suggested incident scene actions and procedures, recommended procedures for conducting criminal and administrative investigations, suggestions for working with the media, and mental health and wellness considerations and procedures and providing financial support to the injured officers or to the family of officers who perish in a line of duty death.

To facilitate this goal quickly, I asked the GACP Executive Director to integrate into our 2017 Summer Training Conference Training Program a class which can enlighten the attendees on what services are available through state, federal and not for profit services.

### **Campus Agency Chiefs Ad-Hoc Committee**

The Campus Police Chiefs committee will be encouraged to meet during our association's WTC and STC conferences to discuss topics of interest relating specifically to "Campus Policing".

### **The State Certification Committee to Be Given a Special Charge**

Effective May 1, 2018, many law enforcement units may not be afforded percentage decreases in their law enforcement insurance liability rates if they are not State Certified or diligently seeking Certification. Because of this factor alone, I will be asking the State Certification Committee co-chairs to evaluate the State Certification Program to see if a secondary program can be developed allowing agencies to comply with acceptable "Reasonable Law Enforcement Standards" which would allow for an insurance reduction. Besides the co-chairs of the State Certification program, I will be requesting the Director of Local Government Risk Management Services, or his designee be part of this committee.

### **Public Service Announcements**

GACP sponsored/involved PSA spots addressing law enforcement and interaction with the public.

Because of the recent tension between law enforcement and civilians, public service announcement (PSAs) should be developed showing support of the GACP to move forward towards community involvement, healing, and mutual understanding. The public service announcement shows that as a community we must stand with our law enforcement officials and there can be positive interaction between the two.