

**Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police  
Executive Board Meeting  
Georgia Public Safety Training Center  
Forsyth, Georgia  
September 6, 2016**

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Modified 9/28/16

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by the President, Chief Billy Grogan.

President Billy Grogan asked Executive Director Rotondo to read the roll call.

Notation – Because of an automobile accident on I-75 in Henry County, the Board meeting officially convened at approximately 10:40am.

**Roll Call**

President, Chief Billy Grogan

1<sup>st</sup> VP, Warden Dennis Nelson

2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Chief Joseph W. Wirthman

3<sup>rd</sup> VP, Chief Wesley Walker

4<sup>th</sup> VP, Chief Tony Tanner

Immediate Past President, Chief George N. Turner

Chairman of District Reps., Director Dan Branch

Executive Director, Frank V. Rotondo

General Counsel, Michael A. Caldwell – arrived at approx. 11:15am

*\*\*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:** Chief John Robison, Powder Springs PD; Chief James Callaway, Morrow PD; Chief Deputy Reginald Scandrett, Dekalb County Sheriff's Office; Robert Ford, Law Enforcement Professional; Chief Mark Kissel, Cherokee County School Police; Vice President Connie Sampson, GA State University; Interim Director Billy Mixon, Command College.

**Presentation of Previous Minutes**

Executive Director Rotondo presented the minutes of the previous board meeting for review. **Motion made by Warden Dennis Nelson and seconded by Chief Tony Tanner to accept the minutes of the July 23, 2016, 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 June 30, 2016. **Motion made by Chief Joseph W. Wirthman and seconded by Chief George N. Turner to accept the financial reports dated June 30, 2016, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

### **Executive Director's Report**

- **Life Membership**
  - Executive Director Rotondo requested Life Membership for retired Chief Casey Taylor of the Arlington Police Department. Executive Director Rotondo indicated that he met the criteria for Life Membership. **Motion made by Director Dan Branch and seconded by Chief George N. Turner to grant Life Membership to Chief Casey Taylor. Motion passed unanimously.**
  
- Executive Director Rotondo asked Interim Director Billy Mixon to make some comments on the future growth of the Command College.
  
- **Voting at Summer Training Conference/Change in Hours**
  - Executive Director Rotondo indicated that during a GACP staff meeting a suggestion was made by GACP staff members, which he agrees with, that the voting hours associated with the Summer Training Conference should be changed. After a lengthy discussion, a consensus could not be reached with changing the voting hours; therefore, President Grogan requested this item be tabled and resurrected at a future date.
  
- **NOBLE's Law Enforcement Initiative**
  - Robert Ford & NOBLE Vice President Reginald Scandrett spoke for about 10 minutes regarding some NOBLE initiatives designed to help law enforcement and the community understand their respective roles when encountering law enforcement officials. NOBLE presented several ideas they wish to pursue and requested GACP's support in some of these training endeavors.
  
- **Employee Benefit Modification (IRS 457 Plan)**
  - Executive Director Rotondo requested the Board consider permitting him the liberty of contacting Nationwide, our 457 plan advisor, regarding modifying our plan to allow up to a 6% match. Executive Director Rotondo, gave all voting members a spreadsheet projecting the additional cost to GACP. Additionally, Executive Director Rotondo stated increasing this benefit would be helpful in retaining employees. **Motion was made by Chief George N. Turner and seconded by Chief Tony Tanner to go forward with the aforementioned modification if allowable by the plan. Motion passed unanimously.**
  
- **Convoy of Care**
  - Executive Director Rotondo deferred to President Grogan to speak about the Convoy of Care; however, before he asked the president to speak, the Executive Director wanted to particularly thank the president and all of the other members of the Association for their assistance in making the Convoy of Care a great success.
  - Chief Grogan spoke about the Convoy of Care and said we should all be proud of Law Enforcement for their successful efforts to make this endeavor a huge success.

➤ **Meeting with Advisors to Governor**

- Executive Director Rotondo noted that he would be meeting with two of the Governor's advisors to speak about criminal justice reform and the future role of local law enforcement with respect to law enforcement's future endeavors.

**President's Report**

➤ **GACP Public Safety Video**

- President Grogan spoke about his desire for GACP to not necessarily produce Public Safety Announcements (PSA's), but to produce two-minute social media snapshots for the general public regarding: traffic stops/how the public should act, police encounters with the general public, departmental initiative regarding community relations programs, etc. President Grogan further stated he would like some of the social media events/videos to be projected on YouTube. He asked the Board to think about scenarios for this project.

**Executive Board's Report**

➤ *1<sup>st</sup> VP, Warden Dennis Nelson*

- Warden Nelson indicated that he attended a District 10 meeting and the training was "outstanding". President Grogan then intervened and asked Chief Callaway of the Morrow PD to stand and thanked him in helping establish the training program along with Chief Allen of Jonesboro PD.

➤ *2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Chief Joseph W. Wirthman*

- Chief Wirthman indicated that he received numerous complaints regarding the Summer Training Conference; the quality of the material presented, the confusion regarding training hours, and scanning, etc. President Grogan indicated that we would be discussing these complaints in the Executive Session, since it dealt with personnel issues.

➤ *3<sup>rd</sup> VP, Chief Wesley Walker*

- Nothing to report

➤ *4<sup>th</sup> VP, Chief Tony Tanner*

- Nothing to report

➤ *Immediate Past President, Chief George N. Turner*

- Chief Turner indicated he had a meeting with the FBI director regarding crime data as it relates to violence trends. Other initiatives discussed were citizen and police encounters dealing with the mentally ill, resources available to help local law enforcement as it relates to the President's Task Force on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing.

➤ *Chairman of District Representatives, Director Dan Branch*

- Nothing to report

**Old Business**

- President Grogan asked Chief Mark Kissel to speak a little about his mission to look at our State's mandated training program as the Chair of GACP Ad Hoc Committee. Chief Kissel spoke briefly about looking at encouraging POST Council to modify the training curriculum as needed so that law enforcement may provide better quality services to the public they serve. Chief Kissel requested Executive Director Rotondo contact him in reference to the availability of the GACP training room for the end of September to conduct a meeting.

**New Business**

- None

**Executive Session**

- **A motion made by *Chief Joseph W. Wirthman* and seconded by *Warden Dennis Nelson* to adjourn and go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Motion made by *Director Dan Branch* and seconded by *Chief Joseph W. Wirthman* to exit Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.**

**The focus of the Executive Session dealt with Summer Training Conference concerns as it relates to employee performance.**

**Adjournment**

**Motion made by *Chief Joseph W. Wirthman* and seconded by *Chief Tony Tanner* to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.**