

Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police
Executive Board Meeting
Chief's Day at the Capitol – Dept. of Public Safety
Atlanta, Georgia
March 14, 2017

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.

Roll Call

President, Chief Billy Grogan

1st VP, Warden Dennis Nelson

2nd VP, Chief Joseph Wirthman

3rd VP, Chief Wesley Walker

4th VP, Chief Tony Tanner

**Immediate Past President, Chief (ret) George N. Turner

Chairman of District Reps., Chief William Westenberger

Executive Director, Frank V. Rotondo

**General Counsel, Michael A. Caldwell

***Indicates Board Member not in attendance*

Under the GACP Constitution and By-Laws, a quorum of Executive Board Members was in attendance.

Others in Attendance: Chief Charles Webb, Baldwin PD; Chief Charles Spann, Chattahoochee Tech PD; Deputy Chief Al Campbell, Chattahoochee Tech PD; Chief Marc Riley, Aragon PD; Chief Melody Maddox, GA Piedmont Tech PD; Chief Deputy Marshal Richard Berkowitz, DeKalb Co. Marshal's Office; Chief Zach Ardis, Commerce PD; Marshal Steve Mann, DeKalb Co. Marshal's Office; Special Agent in Charge Bruce Haynes, Norfolk Southern PD; Chief Harold Myers, Fayette Co. Marshal's Office; Chief John Gaissert, Athens Tech PD; Chief Tony Bailey, West Point PD; Chief Walt Ingram, Edison PD; Chief Donny Williams, Chamblee PD, Chief Novin Darsey, Molena PD; Chief Jonathan Hemphill, Zebulon PD; Chief Mike Richardson, Thomaston PD; Chief Frank McCann, Cartersville PD; Chief Bruce Carlisle, Lavonia PD; Chief Joseph Chevalier, Jr, Morehouse School of Medicine PD; Colonel Eddie Henderson, GA Dept. of Natural Resources PD; Deputy Director Wesley McCall, Alpharetta PD; Director John Robison, Alpharetta PD; Chief Scott Halter, Dallas PD; Asst. Chief William Boshell, Dallas PD; Chief Cliff Jordon, Ashburn PD; Chief William Ryder, Sycamore PD; Capt. Gloria Hodgson, Union City PD; Chief Melvin Dean, Fulton Co, Schools PD; Chief Frankie Gutierrez, Warm Springs PD; Chief Adam Lowe, Gray PD; Sgt. Matthew Hearne, Aragon PD; Chief Ty Matthews, Roberta PD; Capt. Randall Harris, II, Roberta PD; Chief Lawrence Meyer, III, Brooklet PD; Chief Mark Scott, Americus PD; Chief Rob Rodriguez, Cordele PD; Asst. Chief Matthew London, Lavonia PD; Chief Ronald Applin, Atlanta Public Schools PD; Chief Roy Brunson, Tunnel Hill PD; Chief Jason Parker, Dalton PD; Chief Keith Meadows, College Park PD; Major Wade Yates, Fulton Co. PD; Deputy Chief Darryl Halbert, Fulton Co. PD; Major Ty Hayes, Fulton Co. PD; Chief Tyrone Oliver, Social Circle PD; Chief Wayne Dennard, Acworth PD; Deputy Chief Keith Zgonc, Sandy Springs PD; Chief Ken DeSimone, Sandy Springs PD; Chief Jeff Boatwright, Roosevelt PD; Chief Raymond Couch, Manchester PD; Chief Wesley Favors, Woodbury PD; Chief Wayne Frazier, Greenville, PD; Chief Steve Whitlock, Grantville PD; Chief Lakeisha Fleming, Leary PD; Capt. Dan Stone, Colquitt PD; Chief Anthony Worsley, Colquitt PD; Marshal Lonza Edmondson, Troup Co. Marshal's Office; Sgt. Robert Eastman, Grovetown PD; Chief Charlie Meadows, Jr., Harlem PD; Chief Scott Wheatley, Grovetown PD; Capt. Paul Conroy, Avondale Estates PD; Chief Lynn Thomas, Avondale Estates PD; Chief Robert Kelley, Stone Mtn. Park PD; Deputy Chief Joseph Dorsey, MARTA PD; Chief Wanda Dunham, MARTA PD; Deputy Chief Michael Burrows, MARTA PD; Capt. Ken Harmon, Commerce PD; Chief Dray Swicord, Milledgeville PD; Chief Steve Lynn, Perry PD; Major Betonian Mabry, East Point PD; Major Judith Canup, East Point PD; Chief Tommy Gardner, East Point PD; Lt. Jim Wiley, Chamblee PD; Director Chris Wigginton, GPSTC; Deputy Director Tony

Hightower, GPSTC; Deputy Chief Ronald Prince, Cobb Co. PD; Chief Dan Flynn, Marietta PD; L.E. Coordinator Dan Greathouse, ROCIC; Chief Investigator William Sanders, Fulton Co. Office of Solicitor General; Colonel Douglas Oliver, Douglas Co. SO; Chief Deputy, Kenneth Comer, Douglas Co. SO; Chief Michael Earley, McCaysville PD; Asst. Chief William Cole, McCaysville PD; Chief Joseph Spillane, GA. State Univ. PD; Chief Joe Little, Jr., Clark Atlanta Univ. PD; Chief Roosevelt Smith, Lithonia PD; Chief Vernal Sutherland III, Fairburn PD; Capt. Charles Barstow, Milton PD; Chief George “Rich” Austin, Milton PD; Chief Bernie Quarterman, Walthourville PD; Chief Terry Enoch, Savannah Chatham Co. Public Schools PD; Chief Investigator Ryan McNeal, GA Board of Dentistry Investigations; VP Connie Sampson, GA State University PD.

- Prior to starting the official meeting, Colonel Mark McDonough of the GA Department of Public Safety, gave a brief statement introduced his Command Staff and indicated the Capitol Police and Post 50 now use the building where the meeting was taking place and he encouraged those in attendance to take advantage of the day to speak with their Representatives and Senators.

Presentation of Previous Minutes

Executive Director Rotondo presented the minutes of the previous board meeting for review. **Motion made by Chief Tony Tanner and seconded by Chief Joseph Wirthman to accept the minutes of the February 5, 2017 Board Meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

President Grogan introduced House Representative Ed Setzler to discuss HB390

- Representative Setzler indicated the Bill does not change the laws as to the act, i.e. complete stop at a stop sign, but it does affect the penalties when a 3-point moving violation is adjudicated. Discussions and questions were presented by Chief Grogan and Chief Wirthman as to the number of fatalities and what, if any, increased court proceedings will take place with this change.

Financial Report

Executive Director Rotondo distributed to all board members a copy of GACP’s financial report dated January 31, 2017 one week prior to GACP’s Board Meeting as per policy. **Motion made by Chief Joseph Wirthman and seconded by Chief Wesley Walker to accept the financial reports dated January 31, 2017 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

Special Announcement - President Grogan announced to the members that Director Dan Branch had to relinquish his responsibility as Chairman of District Reps due to additional work load responsibilities mandated by the City Manager. President Grogan indicated he has asked Chief Bill Westenberger to replace Director Branch. President Grogan also indicated Chief Tony Baily as the District Rep for District 3.

Executive Director’s Report

- Life Membership – Steve Mann, DeKalb County Marshal’s Office
 - Executive Director Rotondo asked the Board to consider Life Membership for Chief Steve Mann of DeKalb County Marshal’s Office, who will be retiring effective April 1, 2017. Executive Director Rotondo advised that Chief Mann has been in law enforcement for 34 years of which 13 were as Marshal. Executive Director Rotondo advised Chief Mann qualifies for Life Membership. **Motion made by Warden Dennis Nelson and seconded by Chief Tony Tanner to grant Life Membership to Steve Mann effective April 1, 2017. Motion passed unanimously.**
- Chief’s Day at the Capitol
 - Executive Director Rotondo recognized members who were first-time attendees to the Chief’s Day at the Capitol event and gave a brief description of the agenda for the day.

- Legislation – will be discussed later in meeting
- Follow Up to WTC
 - Executive Director Rotondo gave recognition to Training Coordinator Monica Duran for her invaluable time and energy for a successful conference. Executive Director Rotondo also explained the 60-mile radius rule for reimbursement purposes and how GACP might be receiving additional reimbursement from the state. Executive Director Rotondo also recognized Member Relations Coordinator Cathy Oehler and stated she handles all membership related issues.

President's Report

- Legislative Session/Goals Conference/Leadership
 - President Grogan encouraged members to stay for the Goals Conference and encouraged members to attend District meetings.
 - President Grogan articulated his desire for members to take on a leadership role and be more involved by running for the Board.

Executive Board's Report

- *2nd VP, Chief Joseph W. Wirthman*
 - Nothing to Report
- *1st VP, Warden Dennis Nelson*
 - Warden Nelson stated he attended the Public Safety Memorial Committee meeting at GPSTC. This committee selects deceased public safety officials who died in the line of duty and honor their dedication and commitment.
- *4th VP, Chief Tony Tanner*
 - Chief Tanner asked about the campus carry bill. Executive Director Rotondo indicated he would address the bill when conducting his Legislative Overview Training.
- *Immediate Past President, Chief George N. Turner*
 - Not in attendance
- *Chairman of District Representatives, Chief William Westenberger*
 - Chief Westenberger gave an update on First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) and explained how evacuation routes, security etc. is managed.
- *General Counsel, Michael A. Caldwell*
 - Not in attendance

President Grogan deferred to Director Chris Wigginton of GPSTC

- Director Wigginton discussed the testing process for potential new hires and the importance of determining and justifying what officers are doing.

Executive Director Rotondo presented his report in the form of a training program dealing with legislative matters. Some of the bills discussed included, but was not limited to: Citizen's Bill of Rights for Police Accountability, the Georgia Sheriff's Association's (GSA) Resolution, the 911 Bill, along with SB 1, HB 9, HB 65, HB 79, HB 116, HB 146, HB 280, HB 292, SB 15, SB 84, SB 105, SB 149, and SB 154.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- None

Adjournment

Motion made by *Warden Dennis Nelson* and seconded by *Chief Wesley Walker* to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.