

**Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police  
Executive Board Meeting  
Georgia Public Safety Training Center  
Forsyth, GA  
June 25, 2014**

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**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by the President, Chief David Lyons.

President David Lyons asked Executive Director Rotondo to read the roll.

**Roll Call**

President, Chief David Lyons

1<sup>st</sup> VP, Chief M. Keith Glass

2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Chief George N. Turner

3<sup>rd</sup> VP, Chief Billy Grogan

4<sup>th</sup> VP, Chief Steve Land

\*\*Immediate Past President, Chief Frank Waits

Chairman of District Reps., Chief George Stagmeier

Executive Director, Frank V. Rotondo

General Counsel, Michael A. Caldwell

\*\* Indicates Board member not in attendance.

In accordance with the GACP Constitution and Bylaws, it was noted that a quorum of Executive Board members were in attendance.

**Others in Attendance:** Chief Dennis Nelson, Metter P.D.; Inspector Rusty Andrews, GBI; Chief Adam Lowe, Gray P.D.; Investigator Justin Wells, Gray P.D.; Chief Chuck Kettle, Barnesville P.D.; Deputy Chief Craig Cooper, Barnesville P.D.

**Presentation of Previous Minutes**

- Executive Director Rotondo presented for review the minutes of the last board meeting. **Motion made by Chief Billy Grogan, seconded by Chief Steve Land, to accept the minutes of the May 27, 2014, Board meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Financial Report**

- Executive Director Rotondo presented the financial reports dated April 30, 2014. **Motion made by Chief George Stagmeier, seconded by Chief Billy Grogan to accept the financial reports dated April 30, 2014, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Executive Director's Report**

- Life Membership

Executive Director Rotondo requested the board's consideration for life membership Chief Ellis Jackson of the Thomasville Police Department. Director Rotondo indicated that under ordinary circumstances, Chief Jackson would not be eligible for life membership under the GACP Constitution and Bylaws due to the years of service as a chief requirement. In Chief Jackson's case, he has only 7 years as a police chief; however, the premise of his retirement from service was based upon his years of service to the city and his physical limitations resulting from an accident while in the line of duty. **Motion made by Chief**

**Steve Land, seconded by Chief George Stagmeier, to approve the Life Membership of retired Chief Ellis Jackson. Motion passed unanimously.**

Executive Director Rotondo requested the board's consideration of life membership for Chief Richard Darby of the Cornelia Police Department. **Motion was made by Chief Keith Glass, seconded by Chief George Stagmeier, to approve Life Membership for retired Chief Richard Darby. Motion passed unanimously.**

➤ On-line Training

Executive Director Rotondo spoke briefly about the GPSTC/POST on-line training issue. Executive Director Rotondo noted that POST approved waivers for 9 classes. The names of those 9 classes, as well as other memorandums pertinent to the online in-service training issues, will be published in the next newsletter on or about July 1, 2014. Executive Director Rotondo encouraged all in attendance not to be apathetic in evaluating their officers' training records and to take appropriate departmental actions.

➤ HB 60/Firearms Training

Executive Director Rotondo indicated he contacted retired police Chief Frank Simons and asked him to provide firearms training with reference to HB 60 and other firearm bills. Chief Simons agreed to make himself available throughout the state if district representatives could provide him with a training venue and a guarantee that a reasonable amount of law enforcement personnel would be in attendance. Chief George Stagmeier, Chairman of the District Representatives indicated he would send out a memo to District Representatives informing them of Chief Simons' willingness to provide the training.

➤ Sample Policy Manual

Executive Director Rotondo presented a hard copy of the revised Law Enforcement Sample Policy Manual. He indicated once the manual is approved by the Insurance Division of the GMA, he would have the sample placed on the GACP website. Additionally, Executive Director Rotondo indicated CDs of the sample policy manual would be provided on or before the 2015 Winter Training Conference.

➤ New Employees

Executive Director Rotondo indicated he filled two openings at the GACP office. He also apprised the board of some of the new employees' credentials. The new employees are Monica Duran and June Killian.

➤ GBI/DEA Container Project

Executive Director Rotondo deferred to Inspector Rusty Andrews to give an overview of the GBI/DEA Container Project.

### **President's Report**

➤ IACP Candidate

President Lyons spoke briefly about providing assistance to Chief Lou Dekmar as he seeks to acquire a position on the IACP executive board as their 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President. Chief Lyons and Chief Dekmar drove from Atlanta to Tennessee to speak with the Tennessee Chiefs regarding their endorsement.

➤ Court Decision-Search Warrants for Blood Draw

Chief Lyons spoke briefly about the court decision regarding the obtainment of a search warrant when necessary to draw blood in DUI cases.

➤ Immunity for Private Universities

Chief Lyons opened a discussion regarding a court case concerning Agnes Scott University's private status and ineligibility for immunity. After a lengthy discussion, **a motion was made by Chief George Turner, seconded by Chief Steve Land, that GACP's General Counsel, Michael Caldwell, work toward compiling a legal road map that would outline the possibility of obtaining immunity for private universities when making law enforcement arrests. Motion passed unanimously.**

### Board Reports

➤ 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Chief Keith Glass – Chief Glass mentioned he is looking forward to the Summer Training Conference and the training opportunities presented at the conference.

➤ 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Chief George Turner - Chief Turner asked the Executive Board if he could supply one of his officers to speak very briefly at the upcoming GACP Summer Conference Board meeting July 26, 2014. He will speak about the statewide auto theft database.

➤ 3<sup>rd</sup> VP, Chief Billy Grogan – Chief Grogan spoke briefly about his distribution of raffle tickets to help financially support Lou Dekmar's campaign bid. The raffle will be conducted at the GACP Summer Conference and noted that the authorization for the raffle was approved by the Gwinnett County Sheriff.

Chief Billy Grogan indicated he believed that during next year's legislative session, that law enforcement should be aware that no-knock search warrant legislation will be introduced.

➤ 4<sup>th</sup> VP, Chief Steve Land and Chairman of District Representatives, Chief George Stagmeier - Chief Land and Chief Stagmeier indicated they would continue encouraging all district representatives to conduct training meetings monthly or at least quarterly.

### Old Business

None

### New Business

None

### Executive Session

➤ **Motion made by Chief Keith Glass, seconded by Chief George Stagmeier, to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Motion passed unanimously.**

➤ **Motion made by Chief Keith Glass, seconded by Chief Billy Grogan, to exit the Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.**

➤ Items discussed in Executive Session

The yearly evaluation of Executive Director Rotondo as per his employment contract.

Motion was made by *Chief Steve Land*, seconded by *Chief Billy Grogan*, to award Executive Director Rotondo a 3% salary increase; however, if possible, make the salary increase applicable to his retirement program under Nationwide. Motion passed unanimously.

**Adjournment**

- Motion made by *Chief Steve Land*, seconded by *Chief George Stagmeier*, to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.