

**Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police
Executive Board Meeting
Chief's Day at the Capitol – Atlanta, Georgia
March 14, 2019**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the President, Chief Joseph Wirthman.

President Wirthman read the roll call.

Roll Call

President, Chief Joseph Wirthman
1st VP, Chief Wesley Walker
2nd VP, Chief Tony Tanner
3rd VP, Chief J. Frank Waits
4th VP, Chief Bruce Hedley
Immediate Past President, Warden Dennis Nelson
Chairman of District Reps., Chief Bruce Carlisle
Executive Director, Frank V. Rotondo
**General Counsel, Michael A. Caldwell
***Indicates Board Member not in attendance*

It should be noted that Chief Joseph Wirthman and Chief Bruce Hedley had to leave at 9:30 for the Capitol Building for an award ceremony. 1st Vice President, Chief Wesley Walker, took over on behalf of Chief Wirthman's absence.

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

Others in Attendance: Chief Butch Ayers, Gwinnett County PD; Chief Michael Jones, Adairsville, PD; Chief Jonathan Baggett, Berry College PD; Asst. Chief Jason Kellett, Adairsville PD; Chief Tim Wallis, Lawrenceville PD; Chief Eric Finch, Montezuma PD; Michael S. Jones, Suwanee PD; Director Dan Branch, Buford Dept of PS; Chief John Gaissert, Athens Technical College PD; Capt. Ronnie Cass Mooney, Suwanee PD; Marshal Debbie Jones, Gainesville PD; Chief Greg Stone, Jeffersonville PD; Chief Investigator Ryan McNeal, GA Board of Dentistry; Chief James Mize, Toccoa PD; Chief Joseph Kump, Ivey PD; Chief Andre Parker, Columbus Airport Dept. of PS; Chief Adam Lowe, Gray PD; Captain Billy Boney, Centerville PD; Director Lester Drawdy, Reinhardt Dept. of PS; Chief Investigator Jason Rogers, Cobb County Solicitor's Office; Deputy Director Wesley McCall, Alpharetta Dept. of PS; Chief John Robison, Alpharetta Dept. of PS; Chief James Gray, Fayetteville PD; Lt. Robert Mask, Fayetteville PD; Chief Chad Deyton, Union County Schools PD; Chief Michael Baxter, Blairsville PD; Chief Jeff Boatwright, Roosevelt PD, Assistant Chief Daniel Carson, Lavonia PD; Chief Raymond Couch, Manchester PD; Capt. Shannon Westbrook, Lavonia PD; LE Coord. Dan Greathouse, ROCIC; Chief Thomas Trawick, Clayton Co. Public Schools PD; Chief Tyrone Oliver, Social Circle PD; Chief (ret) Diallo Bennett; Marshal (ret) Leonard Thrower; Asst. Chief Thadius Brown, Clarkston PD; Chief Christine Hudson, Clarkston PD; Chief Dan Flynn, Marietta PD; Chief Jonathan McMillan, Hoboken PD; Sgt. Danny Norris, Hoboken PD; Chief Harold Myers, Fayette County Marshal's Office; Chief Craig Cooper, Barnesville PD; Maj. Anthony Kendall, Barnesville PD; Chief Ty Matthews, Roberta PD; PEACE Officer Randall Harris, Roberta PD; Chief Investigator Scott Cagle, GA Dept of Juvenile Justice; Director Paul Guerrucci, GWCC; Chief Walt Ingram, Edison PD; Chief William Westenberger, Kennesaw PD; Capt. Kevin Mitchell, Kennesaw PD; Chief Anthony Davis, Hartwell

PD; Chief James Morgan, Jackson PD; Capt. David Akins, Jackson PD; Chief Jamie Reynolds, Forest Park PD; Lt. Terrell Cochran, Forest Park PD; Chief John Powell, Glynn County PD; Lt. David Haney, Glynn County PD; Chief Chad Cardin, GA Northwestern Technical College PD; Chief Jeremy Rider, Tunnel Hill PD; Chief Billy Grogan, Dunwoody PD; Chief Dray Swicord, Milledgeville PD; Chief Victor Cuyler, Sandersville PD; Nick Annan, Homeland Security; Chief Cozie Ray, Vienna PD; Chief Tim Jarrell, Mount Airy PD; Chief Darryl Halbert, Fulton County PD; Chief Charles Spann, Atlanta Technical College PD; Chief Gary Yandura, Brookhaven PD; Asst. Chief Antonio Catlin, DeKalb County PD; Chief Tony Bailey, Powder Springs PD; Capt. James Jermon, Vidalia PD; Marshal Richard Berkowitz, DeKalb County Marshal's Office; Chief Frank McCann, Cartersville PD; Chief Ronald Applin, Atlanta Public Schools PD; Chief Mike Earley, McCaysville PD; Asst. Chief William Cole, McCaysville PD; Chief Johnny Searce, Blue Ridge PD; Chief Ken Henderson, Young Harris College Dept. of PS; Asst. Chief Charlton Rich, Young Harris College Dept. of PS; Chief Jonathan Hemphill, Zebulon PD; Chief Novin Darsey, Molena PD; Chief Jason Smith, Warm Springs PD; Chief Salvador Solano, Nahunta PD; Chief Cliff Jordan, Ashburn PD; Chief Johnny Walker, Randolph County School PD; Chief Willie Thomas, Turner County BOE PD; Chief William Ryder, Sycamore PD; Chief Investigator Keith Blander, DeKalb County Solicitor General's Office; Chief Shane Edmisten, Douglas PD; Deputy Chief Boykin Jones, DeKalb County Solicitor General's Office; Chief Investigator William Sanders, Fulton County Solicitor General's Office; Chief Mark Scott, Americus PD; Director Mike Tracy, GA Southwestern State Univ. PD; Chief ken Williams, Hazlehurst PD; Chief Wayne Dennard, Acworth PD; Chief Michael Bailey, Milner PD; Maj. William Yates, Fulton County PD.

Presentation of Previous Minutes

President Wirthman presented the minutes of the February 9, 2019 board meeting for review. **Motion made by Chief Tony Tanner and seconded by Chief Frank Waits to accept the minutes of the February 9, 2019 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 January 31, 2019 at least one week prior to GACP's Board Meeting as per policy. **Motion made by Chief Tony Tanner and seconded by Chief Frank Waits to accept the financial report dated January 31, 2019 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Rotondo stated the itinerary for the day and items on the agenda.

- Anti-Defamation League - Allison Padilla-Goodman and Shelley Rose
Executive Director Rotondo introduced Allison Padilla-Goodman and Shelley Rose from the Anti-Defamation League regarding the Hate Crime Bill and stated GACP embraces the current bill.
 - Allison Padilla-Goodman spoke first and provided history of their organization. Ms. Padilla-Goodman conveyed their No Place for Hate Campaign and stated the Anti-Defamation League is working with law enforcement nationwide on this campaign.
 - Shelley Rose spoke about the penalty enhancement part of the bill and encouraged those in attendance to speak with their representatives.

Executive Director Rotondo requested Chief Billy Grogan give his input about the Holocaust Museum in Washington DC.

- Chief Grogan informed all in attendance that the museum has a display on how this form of hate had affected law enforcement and puts into perspective how any form of hate can affect law enforcement and the communities.

□ Star & Shield Insurance – Allen Durham, President

- Executive Director Rotondo advised that Mr. Durham would be late.

It should be noted that Mr. Durham of Star & Shield Insurance Services arrived after the adjournment of the board meeting and spoke to the members after lunch but prior to Goals Conference Meeting.

□ Updated Legislative Review

Executive Director Rotondo gave an oversight of current legislative issues. Some of the bills discussed included but was not limited to: HB 75/SB 25 – School Bus Bill, HB 282 – Sexual Assault Kits, HB 325 – POST Council Records, HB 342 – Issuance of Vehicle Citation to Vehicle Owner, HB 470 – DNA Sampling, HB 471/SB 208 – Implied Consent, SB 15 – Keeping GA Schools Safe Act, and SB 222 – Criminal Justice Reform.

Executive Director Rotondo spoke about POAB indicating clarity and improvement is needed for law enforcement. Executive Director Rotondo explained the process over the years and highly advised those present to become vested in the program.

The POAB discussion was put on a brief hold so that Chief Walker could introduce Secretary of State Brad Raffensberger who introduced himself and gave a brief history of his experience. Secretary of State Raffensberger indicated he supports public safety 100%.

Executive Director Rotondo continued speaking about POAB and Chief Grogan mentioned the previous disparity between Fire and Police and questioned if there was anything that could be done to change that.

□ Defer to Assistant Executive Director Dwayne Orrick – Progress of Risk Reduction Certification (RRC)

- Assistant Executive Director Orrick spoke briefly on RRC advising that the highest liability is vehicle operations and he further produced the 10 policy directives as follows:
 1. Hiring Issues
 2. Property & Evidence
 3. Vehicle Operations
 4. Search & Seizure
 5. Use of Force
 6. Arrest Procedures
 7. Off Duty/Extra Duty Assignments
 8. Other Equipment
 9. Mental Health
 10. Multi-Jurisdictional Task Forces

Warden Dennis Nelson thanked Assistant Executive Director Orrick and the GACP staff for their work on the RRC Program.

President's Report

- *President, Chief Joseph Wirthman*
 - Not present for this portion

Executive Board's Report

- *1st VP, Chief Wesley Walker*
 - No report at this meeting
- *2nd VP, Chief Tony Tanner*
 - No report at this meeting
- *3rd VP Chief J. Frank Waits*
 - No report at this meeting
- *4th VP, Chief Bruce Hedley*
 - Not present for this portion
- *Chairman of District Representatives, Chief Bruce Carlisle*
 - No report at this meeting
- *Immediate Past President, Warden Dennis Nelson*
 - No report at this meeting

Old Business

- None

New Business

- None

Adjournment

Motion made by Chief Frank Waits and seconded by Chief Tony Tanner to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.