

Goals Conference 2005-2006

The 2005-2006 Goals Conference was held at the Georgia Law Enforcement Command College, Columbus State University, Columbus, Georgia on April 20, 2005.

Meeting attendance included: *Chief Lou Dekmar, Chief Bryan Golden, Chief Hubert Smith, Chief Stacey Cotton, Chief Steve Land, Chief Deputy Mike Malone, Chief Ted Cochran, Chief Lewis Harper, Chief (Ret) Oz Armour, Chief Ken Callahan, Chief Woodrow Blue, Chief Charles Lloyd, Chief Frank Simons, Chief David Kerr, Chief Mike Jones, Marshal Reuben Hairston, Executive Director Frank Rotondo, Attorney Mike Caldwell, and Curtis McClung, Ph.D.*

Goals Conference Minutes

The conference convened at 9:00am with Chief Bryan Golden, incoming President, presiding. In his opening remarks Chief Golden thanked everyone for coming to the Goals Conference and stated that as President, he would work hard to continue the progress that the Association had made. He also expressed a desire for the association to look for ways to provide additional services for the membership.

Chief Golden presented a list of topics to be discussed with a view toward developing goals from these topics. Chief Golden asked Dr. McClung to facilitate the discussion and goal-setting process. Dr. McClung began by presenting the first topic on Chief Golden's list of topics.

1. Topic: Explore the feasibility of providing life insurance for members of the Association.

Discussion: The topic was discussed in detail, including a review of past efforts by the Association to provide life insurance. It was discussed how the previous attempt at providing life insurance failed because it was funded internally by GACP. It was decided that the matter should be explored.

Goal: The President will appoint a committee after the 2005 Summer Conference to research the matter of providing life insurance to GACP members and prepare a report for presentation at the 2006 Winter Conference.

2. Topic: GACP to provide a minimum of one 8 hour training program in each district at no cost to attendees.

Discussion: During the discussion of this topic it was pointed out that some districts had good attendance at their district meetings and were providing training while other districts had poor attendance and little or no training. District Representatives should make every effort to increase attendance and provide training. It was also discussed that the Training Director would assist any district with training needs.

Goal: District Representatives should coordinate their training efforts with the GACP Training Director and seek his assistance in advertising their training programs through the web page and newsletter.

3. Topic: Provide health screening at the 2006 Winter Conference.

Discussion: Health screening is a continuation of an existing program and goal that has proven to be successful. All voted to continue this program.

Goal: Provide health screening at the 2006 Winter Conference.

4. Topic: Schedule a joint meeting with the Georgia Sheriff's Association (GSA) in the fall for the purpose of discussing legislative issues and other matters of mutual interest.

Discussion: Some attendees questioned the need for a formal meeting with the GSA and doubted that much would be accomplished for a variety of reasons. Others supported the legislative joint meeting concept. After a general discussion it was decided that instead of having a business meeting with the GSA, GACP should schedule an informal social event and invite members of the GSA to attend.

Goal: Schedule an informal social event in the fall of 2005 and invite members of the GSA to attend.

5. Topic: Sponsor a cookout for members of the Legislature during the 2006 Winter Conference.

Discussion: It was pointed out that at this time of the year many other evening events are scheduled and it is doubtful that an appropriate date or time for a cookout would be available. A recommendation was made that instead of having an evening cookout, the GACP host a breakfast for members of the Legislature at the 2006 Winter Conference.

Goal: During the 2006 Winter Conference GACP invites the legislators to our social/hospitality function. Additionally, if this is used, we would encourage chiefs to contact their Senators and Representatives making them aware of the social.

6. Topic: Obtain a nationally known speaker/trainer for conference training programs.

Discussion: Comments were made in support of this topic citing a number of speaker/trainers who had presented outstanding programs at past conferences. It was also mentioned that obtaining speakers/trainers with national reputations requires advance scheduling and considerable cost.

Goal: The Training Committee will obtain the services of a nationally known speaker/trainer for the GACP conferences.

This concluded the topics of interest prepared by Chief Golden. Those present were invited to present additional goals for consideration but none were presented.

The 2005-2006 Goals Conference adjourned at 11:15am.