

**Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police
Executive Board Meeting
Georgia Public Safety Training Center, Forsyth, GA
September 19, 2005 – 10:00am**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the President, Chief Bryan Golden.

Roll Call

President, Chief Bryan Golden

1st VP, Chief Hubert Smith

2nd VP, Chief Dwayne Orrick

3rd VP, Chief Stacey Cotton

4th VP, Chief Michael Jones

Immediate Past President, Chief Louis M. Dekmar

Chairman of District Reps., Chief James A. Smith

Parliamentarian, Chief C. Frank Strickland

Executive Director, Frank V. Rotondo

**General Counsel, Michael A. Caldwell

** Indicates Board member not in attendance.

Others in Attendance: Sgt. Kostial, LaGrange PD; Chief Homer E. “Bud” Smith, Hampton PD; Retired Colonel, Ronnie Alton; and Chief David Coldwell, Lake City PD

Presentation of Previous Minutes

- **Motion made by *Chief Louis M. Dekmar*, seconded by *Chief Hubert Smith*, to accept the July 23, 2005 Executive Board minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

Financial Report

Executive Director Rotondo spoke briefly regarding this end-of-year financial report. Some of the items he addressed included, but were not limited to, account codes 1950, 5601, 2100, and 3300.

- **Motion made by *Chief Louis M. Dekmar*, seconded by *Chief Dwayne Orrick*, to accept the Financial Report as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

Executive Director’s Report

- **Standard Language/Plain Language Radio Codes**
Executive Director Rotondo indicated that throughout the nation public safety personnel were eliminating Ten Codes in favor of standard language or plain language radio codes. Sgt. Kostial of the LaGrange PD spoke briefly about the elimination of Ten Codes and indicated that by October of 2006 Ten Codes must be eliminated by law enforcement agencies in order for them to receive any federal monies.

Motion made by *Chief Louis M. Dekmar*, seconded by *Chief Hubert Smith*, to have a GACP resolution drafted in support of the elimination of Ten Codes and in favor of standard language/plain language. Motion passed unanimously.

- Hurricane Katrina Follow-Up

Both Executive Director Rotondo and President Golden spoke briefly regarding GACP's involvement in following the law enforcement needs associated with Hurricane Katrina. Chief David Coldwell of Lake City indicated that he transported some needed police equipment to a Mississippi law enforcement jurisdiction. 4th Vice President, Chief Mike Jones, stated that Gwinnett County law enforcement personnel assisted the Lawrenceville Police Department with securing relief locations.

- **New GPOST Firearm Rule**
Executive Director Rotondo indicated that several emails were sent out from the GACP office regarding the proposed new firearm rule. The Executive Director fully expects the firearm rule to pass the POST Council on Tuesday, September 20, 2005 and to be implemented on January 1, 2006.
- **LAW Publication/Printing Costs**
LAW Publication printing costs for the annual GACP directory and quarterly newsletter was discussed. The Executive Board strongly endorsed the publication of the newsletter on the GACP website only. However, it was requested that GACP print hard copies of GACP directories for all members. Executive Director Rotondo indicated that he would attempt to negotiate with LAW Publications to reduce printing costs.
- **Involuntary Committals of the Mentally Ill**
Executive Director Rotondo believes that there will be an attempt to change OCGA 37-3-42 dealing with involuntary committals. After a discussion on the issue, the Executive Board concurred that they would support the proposed change if legislation was introduced this session eliminating the words "the person is committing a penal offense" under Subdivision A, Section 1. 2nd Vice President, Chief Dwayne Orrick, requested that when a chance occurs in the aforementioned OCGA session, that the Executive Director lobby to have the code section changed so that law enforcement is not responsible for the evaluation of the mentally ill person.
- **Training**
At the request of the Executive Board, Executive Director Rotondo sent out an email to all GACP members asking for their opinion on executive training needs. A composite of the results of that email was given to each Executive Board member. The Board requested Executive Director Rotondo send correspondence to the Governor asking that he consider additional funding to satisfy executive level training needs.

President's Report

- **Insurance Committee**
President Golden stated that he has asked the chairman of the newly formed Ad Hoc Committee on Life Insurance, Butch Chan, to explore the possibility of life insurance for all members. It is his hope that Chief Chan will have the results before the Winter Training Conference in February 2006.
- **Chaplains Training**
President Golden indicated that he attended and spoke at the recently conducted Chaplains Training Conference in Toccoa. He found the experience to be very rewarding.
- **Police Vehicle Pursuits**

President Golden charged Chief Louis M. Dekmar with chairing an ad hoc committee to look at liability issues with respect to police vehicle pursuits. President Golden requested that Chief Dekmar and others on the committee, upon completion of this assignment, present to the Executive Board and ultimately the membership, a white paper on the topic.

Executive Board Reports

- 1st VP, Chief Hubert Smith, no report.
- 2nd VP, Chief Dwayne Orrick, no report.
- 3rd VP, Chief Stacey Cotton, spoke briefly about the Alarm Committee and the progress made towards establishing policy, which would be available for all GACP members.
- 4th VP, Chief Michael Jones, no report
- Immediate Past President, Chief Louis M. Dekmar, read a letter from a recipient of GACP's Operation Noble Eagles pin and certificate thanking our organization for their kindnesses. Also, Chief Dekmar indicated he attended an Alarm Committee meeting in New York City at the urging of Glen Mowery, former Deputy Police Chief of Charlotte-Mecklenburg, North Carolina.
- Chairman of District Representatives, Chief James Smith, indicated that he would be attempting to have the District Representatives meet in Forsyth, Georgia, in conjunction with the October GACP Board meeting.
- Parliamentarian, Chief Frank Strickland, no report.

President Golden opened the meeting for any member to state a concern. Col. Ronnie Alton spoke briefly about military bases closing in Georgia. Chief Bud Smith spoke briefly about the proposed Georgia Law Enforcement Museum.

New Business

None

Old Business

None

Adjournment

- **Motion made to adjourn by *Chief Louis M. Dekmar*, seconded by *Chief Hubert Smith*. Motion passed unanimously.**