

**Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police
Executive Board Meeting
Hilton Atlanta Airport Hotel, Hapeville, GA
February 18, 2007 – 4:00pm**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the President, Chief Hubert Smith.

President Smith asked Executive Director Rotondo to read the roll call. The following Board members were in attendance:

Roll Call

President, Chief Hubert Smith
1st VP, Chief Dwayne Orrick
**2nd VP, Chief Stacey Cotton
3rd VP, Chief Michael Jones
4th VP, Woodrow Blue
Immediate Past President, Chief Bryan Golden
Chairman of District Reps., Chief Deputy Mike Malone
Executive Director, Frank V. Rotondo
General Counsel, Michael A. Caldwell
** Indicates Board member not in attendance.

Others in Attendance: Chief John B. Davidson, Lilburn PD; Chief Jay Stripling, Lumpkin PD; Chief Louis Dekmar, LaGrange PD; Director Dale Mann, Georgia Public Safety Training Center; Chief Stan York, Statesboro PD; Chief Frank Waits, Vidalia PD; Alice Johnson, Georgians for Gun Safety; State Certification Director Mike Edwards, GACP; Chief Freddie Hill, Jefferson Board of Education PD; Chief Frank Simons, Valdosta PD; Chief John Wesley Harden, Sandersville PD; Chief William McBride, Medical College of Georgia PD; Chief James Chadwick, Dalton PD; Chief (Retired) Lewis Harper, College Park PD; Director Vernon Keenan, Georgia Bureau of Investigation; Glen Mowrey, Security Industry Alarm Coalition (Retired Charlotte-Mecklenburg PD); Bob Pence, retired FBI; Chief Don Fisher, North Carolina Association Chief of Police President; Chief Rick Clark, Coastal Georgia Community College PD; and Chief Marshal Dan Merck, Stephens County

Presentation of Previous Minutes

- It was agreed upon by the president that the minutes of the last board meeting would be addressed at the March meeting because incorrect minutes were placed in each board packet. (See President's Report below for further information.)

Financial Report

- **Motion made by *Chief Deputy Mike Malone*, seconded by *Chief Mike Jones*, to accept the Financial Report as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

Executive Director's Report

- Life Membership
Executive Director Rotondo offered for consideration the application for Life Membership of C. Jerry Spicer, the Public Safety Director of the Stone Mountain Park Department of Public Safety. Executive Director Rotondo indicated that retired Director Spicer meets the necessary qualifications. **Motion made by *Chief Deputy Mike Malone*,**

seconded by *Chief Bryan Golden*, to grant Life Membership to retired Director C. Jerry Spicer. Motion passed unanimously.

Special Notation: President Hubert Smith requested that Executive Director Rotondo determine the feasibility of providing a pocket badge similar to that worn by Executive Board members to any Life Member who would like to have one.

- State Certification Overview
Executive Director Rotondo deferred to GACP State Certification Director Mike Edwards for an overview of the accord between GACP and GIRMA with respect to policy development.
- Legislative Update
Executive Director Rotondo spoke briefly regarding several controversial bills including, but not limited to, HB 6, HB 77, HB 89, HB 143, HB 149, HB 308, HB 314, and SB 43. Ms. Alice Johnson representing Georgians for Gun Safety spoke briefly about several gun related pieces of legislation. Additionally, Bob Dallas, Director of the Governor's Office of Highway Safety, spoke briefly regarding HB 77. Upon completion of all presentations, Board members made the following motions:

Motion made by *Chief Mike Jones*, seconded by *Chief Deputy Mike Malone*, to oppose HB 89. Motion passed with one dissenting vote, Chief Dwayne Orrick.

Motion made by *Chief Bryan Golden*, seconded by *Chief Mike Jones*, to oppose HB 308 which deals with eyewitness identification. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by *Chief Deputy Mike Malone*, seconded by *Chief Mike Jones*, to oppose one concept in HB 6 dealing with officer liability, and HB 143 & SB 43 because they forbid employers from having the ability to curtail firearm possession in parking areas owned or operated by the employer. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by *Chief Deputy Mike Malone*, seconded by *Chief Bryan Golden*, to oppose HB 77 which deals with repealing the law allowing the placement of cameras at intersections with traffic control devices. Motion passed unanimously.

- 2007 Winter Training Conference
Executive Director Rotondo spoke briefly about pending conference activities.

President's Report

- January 16, 2007, Executive Board Minutes
President Smith noted for all attendees that each Board member had received an email copy of the January 16, 2007, GACP Board meeting minutes in a timely fashion. Upon presentation of a copy of the emailed minutes to each board member in attendance, President Smith requested that the Board approve the January 16, 2007, minutes as presented. **Motion made by *Chief Deputy Mike Malone*, seconded by *Chief Dwayne Orrick*, to accept the January 16, 2007, minutes as presented to the Executive Board members. Motion passed unanimously.**

Executive Director Rotondo stated that an official, approved copy of the January 16, 2007, minutes will be presented to each Board member for their records at the next GACP Executive Board meeting.

Executive Board Report

- 1st VP, Chief Dwayne Orrick, no report.
- 2nd VP, Chief Stacey Cotton, not present.
- 3rd VP, Chief Michael Jones, no report.
- 4th VP, Chief Woodrow Blue, no report.
- Immediate Past President, Chief Bryan Golden, no report.
- Chairman of District Representatives, Chief Deputy Mike Malone, no report.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Centralized Academy
Georgia Public Safety Training Center Director Dale Mann thanked the GACP Executive Board for their resolution in support of the centralized academy concept.
- Friends of the Court Brief
Chief Louis Dekmar indicated that he was appreciative of the Executive Board paying the cost to print the Amicus Curiae brief regarding police maneuvers (i.e. the Precision Immobilization Technique) and remitting that brief to the U.S. Supreme Court for consideration. Chief Dekmar further stated that GACP's involvement in this very important issue showcases our reputation as a professional management association.
- Alarm Industry
Glen Mowrey, Retired Deputy Police Chief of Charlotte-Mecklenburg, NC, spoke briefly regarding the alarm industry's endeavor to supply all law enforcement agencies in Georgia with a model alarm policy.

Adjournment

- **Motion made to adjourn by *Chief Woodrow Blue*, seconded by *Chief Mike Jones*. Motion passed unanimously.**