

**Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police
Executive Board Meeting
Georgia Public Safety Training Center, Forsyth, GA
February 14, 2005**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the President, Chief Louis Dekmar, at 10:00am.

Roll Call

President, Chief Louis M. Dekmar

1st VP, Chief Bryan Golden

2nd VP, Chief Hubert Smith

3rd VP, Chief Dwayne Orrick

4th VP, Chief Stacey Cotton

Chairman of District Reps., Chief Deputy Mike Malone

**Immediate Past President, Chief George Potter

Executive Director, Frank V. Rotondo

**General Counsel, Michael A. Caldwell

** Indicates Board member not in attendance.

Others in Attendance: Retired Col. Ronnie D. Alton and GPSTC Director Dale Mann

Presentation of Previous Minutes

- **Motion made by *Chief Hubert Smith*, seconded by *Chief Dwayne Orrick*, to accept the minutes of the 01/09/05 Executive Board meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

Financial Report

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

Executive Director's Report

- **Legislative Overview**
Executive Director Rotondo informed all attending members that there were several issues of concern with respect to House and Senate bills. Bills addressed were HB 30, HB 45, HB 62, HB 92, HB 101, SB 64 and SB 151.

Motion was made by *Chief Dwayne Orrick*, seconded by *Deputy Chief Mike Malone*, to support HB 101 in the form of a letter to the author and a resolution. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made *Chief Deputy Mike Malone*, seconded by *Chief Bryan Golden*, to allow Executive Director Rotondo to use his discretion in determining whether a resolution was needed regarding GACP's opposition to SB 151. Motion passed unanimously.

Additionally, Chief Dekmar asked Executive Director Rotondo to prepare a letter to Rep. Mac Crawford with respect to training funds.

- **State Certification Program Director**
Executive Director Rotondo indicated that a current GACP employee, Mike Mertz, would be taking on the position of GACP State Certification Director, as well as coordinating GACP's Domestic Violence Grant Program. Chief Dekmar asked the attending members if they had any concerns regarding the transfer of this employee to perform both functions. No concerns were addressed.
- On a related issue regarding state certification, Chief Stacy Cotton spoke openly about an ad hoc committee he chairs with reference to obtaining funds for the State Certification Program. After a discussion on the issue, it was determined that the ad hoc committee should be tabled and maybe reconvened if needed.

President's Report

- **State Board of Pardons and Parole**
Chief Dekmar asked the Executive Board for authorization to sign a letter which would be sent to the State Board of Pardons and Parole, to oppose an inmate's release.

Motion made by *Deputy Chief Mike Malone*, seconded by *Chief Bryan Golden*, to have Chief Dekmar sign the letter opposing an inmate's release and send the letter to the Parole Board. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Early Release of Inmates**
A discussion ensued with respect to general opposition to the early release of inmates who have caused the death of a law enforcement officer. Chief Dekmar asked Executive Director Rotondo to send a letter to the State Board of Pardons & Parole asking that GACP be informed of the early release of any inmate who has caused the death of a law enforcement officer.

Executive Board Reports

- Immediate Past President, Chief George Potter – Not in attendance.
- 1st VP, Chief Bryan Golden, set the dates for the goals conference for April 19-20, 2005. Further information will be sent to the Executive Board members when it becomes available.
- 2nd VP, Chief Hubert Smith, noted that he has heard from several members who had concerns regarding the Winter Training Conference and the attendance of chiefs at the capitol.

- 3rd VP, Chief Dwayne Orrick, spoke briefly about the IACP mentoring program and its importance to law enforcement.
- 4th VP, Chief Stacey Cotton, spoke about his involvement with the alarm industries and noted that a general set of guidelines has been established that law enforcement agencies may use in respect to false alarms.
- Chairman of District Reps., Deputy Chief Mike Malone, spoke briefly about district training and how some districts continued to have excellent training programs while other districts appear to not have any meetings.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- **Military Base Closings**
Col. Alton spoke briefly about pending military base closings in Georgia. Furthermore, Col. Alton apprised attending members that the 48th infantry brigade had been sent to Iraq.

Adjournment

- **Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by *Chief Stacey Cotton*, seconded by *Chief Hubert Smith*. Motion passed unanimously.**