

GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE 2006 GOALS CONFERENCE

The 2006 GACP Goals Conference was held at the Georgia Law Enforcement Command College, Columbus State University, Columbus, Ga. on April 13, 2006 with President-elect Hubert Smith presiding with Dr. Curtis McClung as facilitator.

The following goals were presented, discussed and passed by attendees.

Goal #1

Provide health screening at the 2007 Winter Conference.

Comment – This is a continuation of an existing program that is deemed successful and attendees urged that the program be continued.

Goal #2

Schedule a joint meeting with the Georgia Sheriffs Association in the Fall of 2006 to discuss legislative issues and other matters of mutual interest.

Comment – This goal was approved after a general discussion about the need for a joint meeting.

Goal #3

Host a hospitality function for members of the General Assembly during the 2007 Winter Conference.

Comment – The concept of such a function was approved but no consensus could be reached as to the type and location of the function. It was decided that the type of function and the location be left to the discretion of the President and Executive Board.

Goal #4

Appoint a committee to study the feasibility of developing guideline disciplinary policy. The committee will include a representative from the Georgia Municipal Association.

Comment – Comments were made about the difficulty in developing a guideline disciplinary policy for use by a police department when the policy may conflict with overall city policy. For a guideline to be feasible, it would need in-put and endorsement by the Georgia Municipal Association and the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia.

Goal #5

Continue providing scholarships for law enforcement executives to attend the Georgia Law Enforcement Command College.

Comment – Concern was expressed about the limited amount of money available for scholarships. The President will appoint a Fund Raising Committee for the purpose of raising additional funds for scholarships.

Goal #6

Increase membership of federal officers in the GACP.

Comment – President-elect Hubert Smith will personally contact the heads of federal law enforcement agencies in Georgia and invite them to join the GACP. He will be urging other GACP members to encourage federal law enforcement management officials to join the GACP.

Goal #7

Appoint a committee to explore the impact that changing demographics and future crime trends may have on law enforcement in Georgia.

Comment – A report from the committee should be available for dissemination at the Summer Conference 2007. The incoming President will appoint a member to chair the committee.

Goal #8

Explore the feasibility of a state-wide retirement program for police officers in Georgia.

Comment – This goal generated considerable interest and discussion. It was pointed out that other occupational groups (i.e. teachers) receive retirement supplement checks from the state and law enforcement officers should be included. The President will appoint a study committee regarding this goal. Volunteering to serve on the committee were Chief Woody Blue, Chief Jimmy Smith and Attorney Mike Caldwell.