

**Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police  
Executive Board Meeting  
Omni Hotel at CNN Center, Atlanta, GA  
January 23, 2011**

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**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by the President, Chief Woodrow Blue.

President Blue requested Executive Director Rotondo read the roll call.

**Roll Call**

President, Chief Woodrow Blue

1<sup>st</sup> VP, Chief Stan York

2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Chief Frank Waits

3<sup>rd</sup> VP, Chief David Lyons

4<sup>th</sup> VP, Chief M. Keith Glass

Immediate Past President, Chief Stacey Cotton

Chairman of District Reps., Chief George Stagmeier

Executive Director, Frank V. Rotondo

General Counsel, Michael A. Caldwell

\*\* Indicates Board member not in attendance.

In accordance with the GACP Constitution and Bylaws, it was noted that a quorum of Executive Board members were in attendance.

**Others in Attendance:** Chief Frank Simons, Valdosta PD; Chief Jeff Cato, West Point PD; Chief Louis Dekmar, LaGrange PD; Sgt. Chuck Groover, Covington PD; Chief Clark Miller, Oxford PD; Lt. Chris Cooke, Dalton PD; GPAC President Cheri Pickard, Johns Creek PD; Chief Frank Hooper (Ret.), Gainesville PD; Chief Billy J. Hancock, Ocilla PD; Col. Ronnie Alton, USA (Ret.), GACP Chairman of the Military Affairs Committee; Director of State Certification Mike Edwards, GACP; Glen Mowrey, Security Industry Alarm Coalition Liaison; Bob Pence, SAC (Ret.) FBI; Chief Mike Wilkie, Acworth PD; Michael Turner, U.S. Dept. of Defense, Tbilisi; Melody Jackson, Senior Police Advisor, INL, Washington, D.C.; Dr. Robbie Friedmann, Director, GILEE; Chief Brian Kelly, Gainesville, PD; Chief Michael Jones, Suwanee PD; Deputy Chief Janet Moon, Suwanee PD; Chief Don Ford, Habersham BOE PD; Chief Billy Grogan, Dunwoody PD; Chief Bill Westenberger, Kennesaw PD; Chief Jason Parker, Dalton PD; Chief Dan Flynn, Marietta PD; Chief Mark Welsh, Elberton PD; Director Vernon Keenan, GBI; Didi Nelson, Law Enforcement Coordinator, U.S. Attorney's Office; Chief Charles Walters, Gwinnett PD; Chief Randy Johnson, Lawrenceville PD; Major Paul King, Lawrenceville PD; Cap. Jeff Smith, Lawrenceville PD, Ellen Cormier, GACP Administrative Manager

**Presentation of Previous Minutes**

- Executive Director Rotondo presented the minutes of the board meetings on November 17, 2010, and January 13, 2011. **Motion made by Chief Stan York, seconded by Chief George Stagmeire, to accept the minutes of the November 17, 2010, meeting and the January 13, 2011, meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Financial Report**

- Executive Director Rotondo presented the financial reports dated November 30, 2010. **Motion made by Chief Frank Waits, seconded by Chief David Lyons, to accept the Financial Reports dated November 30, 2010, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**
- Request for International Law Enforcement Volunteers

Executive Director Frank Rotondo introduced Melody Jackson, Senior Police Advisor, U.S. Department of State, representing Pro-telligent International, who gave a brief overview of their program relating to law enforcement officers volunteering to assist other countries with various law enforcement training. This program will pay the officer's salary (including furloughed officers) for the volunteer period. She encouraged those in attendance to promote this program.

Mike Turner, Police Advisor, also noted that he is looking for law enforcement officers to volunteer to assist with training overseas.

### **Executive Director's Report**

- **State Certification 5<sup>th</sup> Edition Standards**  
Executive Director Frank Rotondo introduced State Certification Director, Mike Edwards, who provided an update on the status of the 5<sup>th</sup> Edition Standards. Director Edwards thanked the State Certification Committee for their hard work and noted that each board member was presented with a copy of the revisions recommended by the committee.

Chief Frank Hooper, Co-Chair of the State Certification Committee, also thanked the committee members, as well as Donna Tuborgh, GACP Administrative Assistant, for their dedication and hard work. After a lengthy discussion, Chief Hooper requested that the Executive Board review the document which highlights the suggested changes to the Standards and to provide direction and feedback to the committee at the February board meeting. It was noted that eight to ten months would be required for the transition to the new Standards.

- **State Certification Flag**  
Executive Director Rotondo expressed appreciation to the Hapeville Police Department for their suggestion that a flag be available for state certified agencies and announced that the new State Certification flag is now available for distribution. One flag will be provided each certified agency along with a document that will require a signature acknowledging receipt of the flag. Additional flags, including future replacement of the original, may be purchased from GACP.
- **CALEA Rule Impact**  
Executive Director Rotondo introduced Chief Lou Dekmar of the LaGrange Police Department and asked him to address recent changes implemented by CALEA regarding certification assessors. Executive Director Rotondo expressed his concern about the adverse impact to the State Certification Program.
- **Lab Committee Report**  
Dr. Robbie Friedmann gave a brief history of the Crime Lab Committee and noted that Executive Director Frank Rotondo and Chief Stacey Cotton recently met with Bill Riley, Attorney for the Speaker of the House, to discuss the Crime Lab Committee's findings. Dr. Friedmann announced that the report will be available to all members on the GACP website.

**Motion made by *Chief Stacey Cotton*, seconded by *Chief Stan York*, to accept the Crime Lab Report as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

- **Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange (GILEE)**  
Chief Cotton reported that a group of GSU students are under the belief that GILEE and law enforcement are promoting and supporting apartheid. The students have demanded GILEE be

shut down, but Dr. Mark Becker, President of Georgia State University, has expressed his support of law enforcement and the GILEE program.

**Motion by *Chief Stacey Cotton*, seconded by *Chief Frank Waits*, for the GACP Executive Board to write a resolution commending and expressing appreciation to Dr. Mark Becker, GSU President, for his support in rejecting the request by some students that GSU end their relationship with GILEE. Motion approved unanimously.**

- Future GACP Winter Training Conference  
Executive Director Rotondo noted that although the Georgia Sheriff's Association's (GSA) was notified in advance of the dates for the GACP Winter Training Conference, the GSA's conference was held at the same time as GACP's conference, forcing vendors to choose which conference to attend. To avoid this issue next year, GACP is looking into the possibility of changing the dates for the 2012 winter conference. Executive Director Rotondo encouraged all in attendance to thank the vendors who exhibited at our conference this year.
- Dr. Curtis E. McClung/Motorola Award  
Executive Director Rotondo spoke briefly regarding the Dr. Curtis E. McClung/Motorola Award. **Motion made by *Chief Stan York*, seconded by *Chief David Lyons*, to implement a new rule stating that only one submission per department, per year, will be allowed. Motion passed unanimously.**
- Legislation  
Executive Director Rotondo spoke briefly regarding several pieces of legislation including, but not limited to, the DNA bill, personnel bill, modification for P.S., and speed detection devices for educational law enforcement personnel.
- Pain Clinics  
Executive Director Rotondo noted the problems caused by the many disreputable pain clinics in the Atlanta area. After a lengthy discussion, **motion was made by *Chief David Lyons*, seconded by *Chief Frank Waits*, to draft a resolution acknowledging that the influx of pain clinics to Georgia has presented negative and possibly illegal activity and that GACP supports legislation that will allow monitoring of these clinics and address these issues. Motion passed unanimously.**
- Department of Public Safety (DPS)/Peer Support Grant  
Executive Director Rotondo announced that the DPS is seeking a grant from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) to provide a director in charge of mental health counseling. Additionally, the DPS was seeking assistance from CJCC to provide minor financial support to the GILEE Program. GACP's Executive Director prepared letters he will be sending to CJCC in support of these programs.

### **President's Report**

- Committee to Review State Law Enforcement Training  
President Blue noted that a new committee is being formed to review law enforcement training in Georgia and the extensive cuts to training programs. The committee will be chaired by Dr. Robbie Friedmann who requested that anyone interested in joining this committee contact him.

### **Board Reports**

- 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Chief Stan York – None
- 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Chief Frank Waits – None
- 3<sup>rd</sup> VP, Chief David Lyons – Chief Lyons reported that arresting officers issuing a DS 1205 Form, which begins the administrative license suspension process in Georgia, are unclear as to whether or not the 1205 Form requires notarization. It was suggested that law enforcement agencies contact their State legislators regarding this issue.
- 4<sup>th</sup> VP, Chief M. Keith Glass – None
- Immediate Past President, Chief Stacey Cotton – None
- Chairman of District Representatives, Chief George Stagmeire - None

#### **Old Business**

- None

#### **New Business**

- Military Affairs  
Col. Ronnie Alton, Military Affairs Chair, requested permission from the GACP board to review a military affairs award program, sponsored by the IACP, to determine if GACP should endorse the IACP award program.

#### **Adjournment**

- **Motion made by *Chief Frank Waits*, seconded by *Chief Stan York*, to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.**