

**Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police
Executive Board Meeting
Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Forsyth, GA
December 9, 2014**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the President, Chief Keith Glass.

President Keith Glass asked Executive Director Rotondo to read the roll.

Roll Call

President, Chief M. Keith Glass
1st VP, Chief George N. Turner
2nd VP, Chief Billy Grogan
3rd VP, Warden Dennis S. Nelson
4th VP, Chief Joseph W. Wirthman
Immediate Past President, David L. Lyons
Chairman of District Reps., Chief George Stagmeier
Executive Director, Frank V. Rotondo
General Counsel, Michael A. Caldwell

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 Warren Summers, Norcross PD; Chief Gene Wilson, Conyers PD; Connie Sampson, Associate Vice President/Chief of Police - GA State University; Chief Frank Waits, Vidalia PD; Michael Steele, President of One Focus International, Tampa FL (Guest)

Presentation of Previous Minutes

- Executive Director Rotondo presented for review the minutes of the previous board meeting. **Motion made by Chief George Turner, seconded by Chief Joseph Wirthman, to accept the minutes of the November 6, 2014 Board Meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

Financial Report

- Executive Director Rotondo presented the financial reports dated September 30, 2014. **Motion made by Chief David Lyons, seconded by Chief Joseph Wirthman to accept the financial reports dated September 30, 2014 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

In addition to the presentation of the financial report, Executive Director Rotondo spoke about GACP's future investment strategies, which include diversification of the

CDs to an endowment management service. During the discussion, several board members spoke about future diversifications to include the distribution of a portion of GACP Association funds to a benefit cause such as a college scholarship foundation. Investments strategies will be discussed at a later date.

Executive Director's Report

➤ Legislative Initiatives

Executive Director Rotondo spoke about numerous projected legislative initiatives that will be deliberated during the upcoming legislative session. They are as follows:

- Medical Cannabis Oil Legislation

There have been no major changes to the Medical Cannabis Chart that was previously presented to the Executive Board. One small change was made and was noted to all board members.

Concerning Medical Cannabis as prescribed for pain, numerous members of the board felt that if Medical Cannabis legislation becomes law in GA, it should only be prescribed for children. Pain may be a very subjective term and may open up the door for legalization of marijuana.

- Probation Tolling

A brief overview was provided.

- Modification of Firearms Regulations

It is believed that a representative will introduce legislation that will allow guns on campuses.

- Drones

A brief overview was provided.

- Military 1033 Program

Guest, Colonel Michael Steele (RET), spoke briefly about his interpretation of projected modifications of the Military 1033 program.

- Eyewitness Identification

A brief overview of last year's bill was provided along with what Executive Director Rotondo believes will be introduced this 2015 session.

- License Plate Readers

A brief overview was provided.

- Eavesdropping Warrants

There is a section to current law which may preclude the use of body cameras while in a private premise or building, unless accompanied by a warrant or with all of the parties consenting. (O.C.G.A. 16-11-62 & 16-11-60, Article 3)

- No-Knock Search Warrants

Executive Director Rotondo spoke with a state representative who will be introducing changes to the No-Knock Search Warrant Section of the GA Code. That state representative provided Executive Director Rotondo with his template of the bill and upon completion of Director Rotondo's review, he will report back to the executive board with his findings.

- Racial Profiling

A bill was pre-filed by Representative Tyrone Brooks entitled "Bias Based Profiling".

- Commercial Trucking Weight and Size

Executive Director Rotondo believes a bill will be introduced extending the weight and possible size limits of commercial trucking vehicles and containers.

- Metal Theft Legislation

President Keith Glass, Assistant Chief Fred Stephens (Athens-Clarke County PD) and Executive Director Rotondo attended a meeting with lobbyists from the recycling industry. The lobbyists indicated they will have a bill introduced to clarify sections of the GA Code that pertain to metal theft and recycling.

- Cell Phone Legislation

Chief Turner noted for the board that he believes a bill will be introduced allowing only hands-free usage of cell phones while driving.

*The consensus of the board is that positions will not be taken on any of the aforementioned pieces of legislation until the bills have been thoroughly vetted by Executive Director Rotondo and others.

- New GPSTC Director

Assistant GPSTC Director, Keith Howard, introduced the new Director of the Public Safety Training Center, Chris Wigginton, to all members in attendance at GACP Board meeting. Mr. Wigginton spoke briefly about his recent appointment and his philosophy regarding training.

- State Asset Forfeiture Reports

Executive Director Rotondo provided GACP designated state asset forfeiture reports to the members of the Executive Board. After a brief discussion, Executive Director Rotondo indicated he will be emailing samples of these reports to all members of the association, along with a cover letter encouraging them to use the sample documents when reporting forfeitures to the state as per the OCGA annotated. Additionally, the sample/template documents will be available on the GACP website.

- Director of Operations Position

Executive Director Rotondo deferred to Chief David Lyons regarding his thoughts about filling the Director of Operations Position, which is now vacant at GACP. After a discussion, the board requested that Executive Director Rotondo make some minor changes to several job descriptions.

President's Report

- None

Board Reports

- Chief Turner spoke briefly about GACP being a leader with respect to bias-based profiling, especially in light of some nationally known incidents that may be determined to be racially based. After a discussion, Executive Director Rotondo was asked by Chief Gene Wilson if he could set aside some time at the Winter Training Conference for a panel discussion regarding race relationships within our state's

communities. Adding to this request were comments by Chief Warren Summers indicating a real need for this type of training in order for GACP to maintain its status as an outstanding law enforcement organization. Further information will be forthcoming on this issue.

- Chief Grogan indicated that in January 2015, he will be relinquishing his interim position as City Manager for the City of Dunwoody to the newly-hired employee. Chief Grogan will resume his duties as Police Chief after the new City Manager is sworn in.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- None

Adjournment

- **A motion was made by *Chief David Lyons* and seconded by *Chief Joseph Wirthman* to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.**