

**Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police
Executive Board Meeting
Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Forsyth, Georgia
October 11, 2016**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the President, Chief Billy Grogan.

President Billy Grogan read the roll call.

Roll Call

President, Chief Billy Grogan
1st VP, Warden Dennis Nelson
2nd VP, Chief Joseph Wirthman
**3rd VP, Chief Wesley Walker
4th VP, Chief Tony Tanner
**Immediate Past President, Chief George N. Turner
**Chairman of District Reps., Director Dan Branch
Executive Director, Frank V. Rotondo
**General Counsel, Michael A. Caldwell
***Indicates Board Member not in attendance*

In accordance with the GACP Constitution and By-Laws, it was noted that a quorum of Executive Board Members was in attendance.

Others in Attendance: Chief Mark Scott, Americus PD; Chief Bill Westenberger, Kennesaw PD and Chief Jackie Battle, Dougherty County PD; additionally, Miss Debbie Fuse and Mr. Frank Catroneo of the Georgia Prostate Cancer Coalition were present.

Presentation of Previous Minutes

Executive Director Rotondo presented the minutes of the previous board meeting for review. **Motion made by Warden Dennis Nelson and seconded by Chief Tony Tanner to accept the minutes of the September 6, 2016, Board Meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

Financial Report

Executive Director Rotondo distributed to all board members a copy of GACP's financial report dated July 31, 2016. **Motion made by Chief Joseph Wirthman and seconded by Warden Dennis Nelson to accept the financial reports dated July 31, 2016, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

Notation: In addition to the presentation of the financial report, Executive Director Rotondo handed out to all board members a copy of the GACP Incorporated Audit Report for the year ending June 30, 2016 and the GACP Foundation Report for the year ending June 30, 2016. Executive Director Rotondo noted several areas in the GACP audit for information purposes for all in attendance, which highlighted GACP's strong financial posture.

Executive Director's Report

- Training Follow-Up (Clean-up Summer Training Conference, New Chief's School, Administrative Staff Conference)
 - Executive Director Rotondo spoke briefly about the follow-up from the Summer Training Conference, New Chief's School and the Administrative Staff Conference.

- Winter Training Conference – Contracts, Hotels, etc.
 - Executive Director Rotondo stated at this point contracts have not been signed with respect to the chosen venue site of Athens Classic Center and hotels, etc.
- GSP 's Colonel Mark McDonough wanted to know if the GACP was going to initiate relief aid to the people on the coast of Georgia impacted by Hurricane Matthew. After an extensive conversation, it was decided not intervene at this time. Some of the reasons noted were:
 - A majority of the financial hardships that affected the residents on the coast of Georgia may be met by GEMA's intervention;
 - No parallel can be drawn with the need shown in Baton Rouge, LA where 40,000 homes were destroyed with 100,000 citizens displaced;
 - There is a distinct economic difference between the financial impact with Hurricane Matthew on the coast of Georgia and the flooding that occurred in Baton Rouge, LA. The Board agreed they would provide support if support was needed and asked for.

Executive Director Rotondo deferred to Chief Grogan to discuss the Prostate Cancer Coalition

- President Grogan introduced Debbie Fuse and Frank Catroneo
 - After a brief presentation, President Grogan thanked the two members of the Cancer Coalition and said that a member of the association will get back to them regarding their proposal.
- Executive Director Rotondo indicated he received a call from State Representative Kevin Tanner. Representative Tanner wanted to know if the GACP would support a bill that would decriminalize those that possess residuals of a dangerous drug in a syringe. A clear consensus by the Board was that they will not embrace that type of legislation.

Executive Director Rotondo indicated that Chief Frank Waits is doing very well after having open heart surgery and that member Rick Townsend has undergone medical treatment and is awaiting results of that treatment.

President's Report

- FBI Training/Auschwitz Institute –
 - Chief Grogan indicated that the FBI is doing a pilot program in which 30 people would be invited to participate in a special FBI training with the Auschwitz Institute, 10 of which will be coming from Georgia. Once the training is completed, the effectiveness of that training will be brought back to the Board for discussion.
- Chief Grogan received information from NOBLE regarding their program of going into K-12 schools to talk about police encounters. The president believes we should embrace the program.
- President Grogan, as well as other participants, spoke about the desire to have more DOJ panel discussions throughout the state.
- Chief Grogan received a call from Chief Rusty Grant of Roswell PD. Chief Grant's belief is that GACP should convene a panel of reporters to discuss social turmoil from the police perspective and after the panel discussion the reporters would have the liberty of using firearms simulators.

Executive Board's Report

- *1st VP, Warden Dennis Nelson*
 - Warden Dennis Nelson indicated that his sister Didi is in Piedmont Hospital. Didi is GACP's DOJ partner for the State of Georgia.
- *2nd VP, Chief Joseph W. Wirthman*
 - Nothing to report

- *3rd VP, Chief Wesley Walker*
 - Not Present
- *4th VP, Chief Tony Tanner*
 - Chief Tanner had heard from the membership in the southern part of the state that they appreciated GACP's benevolence in sending flowers during their time of sorrow.
- *Immediate Past President, Chief George N. Turner*
 - Not Present
- *Chairman of District Representatives, Director Dan Branch*
 - Not Present

Old Business

- Chief Bill Westenberger mentioned to all in attendance that he was GACP's First Net representative and that the federal government is placing aside billions of dollars to obtain enhanced communication.
- Chief Westenberger said that he would like to see GACP offer some Procedural Justice training in conjunction with the DOJ office.

New Business

- None

Adjournment

Motion made by *Chief Joseph Wirthman* and seconded by *Chief Tony Tanner* to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.