

Minutes
Law Enforcement Committee
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, S. E.
Suite 1252 East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334

March 24, 2014

Attending:

Committee Members

Duncan Johnson, Jr., Vice Chairman
Nancy Addison
William Bagwell
Walter Hudson
Rob Leebern
Bodine Sinyard
Philip Wilheit, Board Chair, ex-officio

Board Members

Dwight Evans
Phyllis Johnson
Bill Jones
Ray Lambert
Aaron McWhorter
Paul Shailendra
Brother Stewart
Dee Yancey

Visitors

Bettie Sleeth, Home Builders Association of GA
Michael Pisciotta, GA Agribusiness Council
Andrew Schock, TCF
Scott Tanner, Joe Tanner and Associates
Hunter Hopkins, GA Petroleum Council
Chris Manganiello, Georgia River Network
Leah Barnett, GA Conservancy
John Eberhart, GA Earth Alliance
Buck Dixon, Georgia House of Representatives

Staff Members

Mark Williams
Jud Turner
Homer Bryson
Dave Crass
Dan Forster
Eddie Henderson
Becky Kelley
Spud Woodward
Steve Friedman
Kyle Pearson
Zachary Harris
Lauren Curry
Cathy Barnette
Taylor Brown
Russ Pennington
Doralyn Kirkland
Mary Walker
Keith Bentley
John Bowers
Jeff Cown
Antoinette Norfleet
Mike Harris
John Bowers
Sam O'Neal

The March 24, 2014 meeting of the Law Enforcement Committee was called to order by Chairman Philip Wilheit.

Chairman Wilheit called on Duncan Johnson, Vice Chairman of the Law Enforcement Committee.

Vice Chairman Johnson called on Lt. Sam O'Neal, who gave a briefing on the Critical Incident Reconstruction Team (C.I.R.T.).

Lt. O'Neal stated C.I.R.T. was started in 1997. He further stated there are currently 16 C.I.R.T. investigators state wide. He added it takes over 300 hours to complete all C.I.R.T. training courses.

Lt. O'Neal stated C.I.R.T. investigation is required on all serious injury and fatality hunting and boating incidents.

Lt. O'Neal stated in 2013 C.I.R.T. investigated 12 fatal boating incidents, 3 non-fatal boating incidents, and 5 drownings that originated from vessels. He further stated in 2013 C.I.R.T. investigated 3 fatal hunting incidents and 7 non-fatal hunting incidents.

Discussion ensued concerning a fatal hunting incident that occurred on a WMA.

Ms. Johnson asked if Lt. O'Neal felt that 16 C.I.R.T. investigators was an adequate number.

Lt. O'Neal stated he did feel like 16 was an adequate number.

Mr. Sinyard asked who handles the C.I.R.T. training.

Lt. O'Neal stated the majority of the training is handled at the Public Safety Training Center. He further stated some training is handled out of state for boating investigation classes and hunting reconstruction classes.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.