



# THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

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BY THE GOVERNOR:

**WHEREAS:** Law enforcement officers protect the citizens of this state each and every day, facing uncertainty, danger, and new challenges with each shift so that their neighbors do not have to; and

**WHEREAS:** In recent months, events across the country have demonstrated the need to improve training courses while also fostering and strengthening the ties and trust between law enforcement officers and the community; and

**WHEREAS:** When law enforcement officers don the uniform each day, situations ranging from the ordinary to the unexpected and dangerous require officers to rely on their training to provide the appropriate response; and

**WHEREAS:** The training received by the law enforcement officers of this state must be reevaluated to ensure it reflects the variety of situations officers are asked to confront in their daily interactions with the community; and

**WHEREAS:** Currently, all Peace Officer Standards and Training Council-certified officers are required to complete the Basic Law Enforcement Officer Training Course; and

**WHEREAS:** We must reexamine the content of this Course by setting competency-based standards and determining the appropriate duration of the Course along with any other revisions deemed appropriate; and

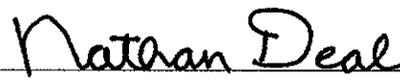
**WHEREAS:** Teaching to a competency-based standard will better prepare officers to address the challenges of policing in a modern society by emphasizing both the critical thinking and tactical skills needed in today's environment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY**

**ORDERED:** That the following law enforcement officials, legislators, and community leaders are appointed to serve on the Law Enforcement Training Review Commission:

- Ken Vance, Co-Chair - Executive Director, Peace Officer Standards and Training Council
- C.G. Wigginton, Co-Chair – Director, Georgia Public Safety Training Center
- Bert Flewellen - Public Affairs Director, Department of Community Supervision
- Dan Kirk - Assistant Director, Georgia Bureau of Investigation
- Scott Woodell - Director of Training, Department of Public Safety
- Senator Tyler Harper – Chairman, Senate Public Safety Committee
- Representative Alan Powell – Chairman, House Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee
- Verda Colvin – Judge, Bibb County Superior Court
- George Hartwig – District Attorney, Houston Judicial Circuit
- Eddie DeLoach – Mayor, City of Savannah
- Sonja Fillingame – City Manager, City of Union City
- Michael Persley – Police Chief, City of Albany
- Mitch Ralston – Sheriff, Gordon County
- Gerald Couch – Sheriff, Hall County
- Vivadon Horton – Barnesville-Lamar County Community Foundation
- Pat Strode – National Alliance on Mental Illness

This 25<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016.

  
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GOVERNOR