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Interim Chief / Major Robert Bryson Attends Training for Newly Appointed Heads of Law Enforcement Agencies

Tybee Island, GA – (November 2, 2010) Tybee Island Interim Police Chief/ Major Robert Bryson attended the Chief Executive Training Class for newly appointed chiefs of police and heads of law enforcement agencies at the Dr. Curtis McClung Training Center in Duluth, GA., from October 4th through October 13th, 2010.

The 60-hour course, administered and provided by the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police (GACP), is required by state law for all newly appointed heads of law enforcement agencies. Interim Chief Bryson, who was appointed to the interim position effective June 10, 2010, will also be required to attend 20 hours of management/executive level training each year.

Major Bryson has been serving as the interim police chief for the City of Tybee since June of 2010. The search for a permanent chief is expected to be completed in early 2011.

The curriculum is designed to give newly appointed law enforcement administrators training on police management, as well as inform them of laws and policies affecting their departments. Topics covered in the course include: Managerial Liability and EEOC, Police Manpower Allocation, Budget Administration, Political & Practical Realities, Office & Role of the Police Chief, Ethics, Media Relations, Departmental Organization, Employee Selection Process, Georgia POST Council, Promotional Systems, Open Records Act, Developing Policies, Law Enforcement Forum, Leadership/Management Role of the Chief, Employee Performance & Employee Discipline, Legislative Process along with other timely topics.

"Georgia law enforcement agencies are continuing to provide the best level of service to the citizens they serve despite significant budget reductions," said GACP President Woodrow W. Blue, Jr. of the Milledgeville Police Department. "This program provides professional law enforcement training to assist the chief executives in discussing innovative ways to address these concerns, while still maintaining high standards of excellence".

Interim Chief Bryson was among 49 law enforcement administrators attending the course. The GACP provides the executive training for newly appointed heads of law enforcement agencies twice a year, along with several other training programs throughout the state. It is the largest professional association for law enforcement administrators in Georgia, and one of the largest in the country. The membership of over 1,700 includes

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executives representing municipal and county law enforcement agencies, college and university police departments, corporate and private security firms and numerous state and federal agencies.

About Tybee Island, GA.: The City of Tybee Island, Georgia is on the outermost barrier island off the Savannah area coast. With a wild bird sanctuary, over three miles of ocean beaches, and salt marshes on the back river, outdoor recreation activities abound for visitors to the island. As a key defense point to the important Savannah port, Tybee's Fort Screven, Tybee Fort Theater, Fort Pulaski, and the Tybee Island and Cockspur Lighthouses combine with the unique architectures of the island's raised cottages to form a rich backdrop for history buffs. Attracting a strong artistic community, there are several local supporting art galleries. Keeping the island interesting year round are several arts festivals, the Annual Pirate Fest, the Beach Bum Parade, St Patrick's Day celebrations, the Hot Rod Run, the Beach Bash, and the Christmas Parade, as well as fireworks displays on Independence and New Year's Days off the Walter W. Parker Pier and Pavilion. The Marine Science Center cooperates with Georgia's DNR to protect threatened sea turtle species by searching for nests, protecting their eggs, and making sure hatchlings make it to sea. For visitor information, stop by <http://www.tybeevisit.com/>, and to find more about the City of Tybee Island, visit our web site at <http://www.cityoftybee.org/>.

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