



PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA

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POAG 2025 Annual Conference – St. Simons Island

General Track

Monday, September 8th

8 AM - 10 AM	Legal Update	Dale Mann, GPSTC-Ret.
10 AM – 12 PM	Elder Abuse & Child Victim Crimes	Kelli Owen, GPSTC
12 PM - 1 PM	Luncheon & Awards Banquet	John Edwards, POAG
1 PM – 3 PM	Hemp Enforcement	Bruce Stanford, GDA LE
3 PM – 5 PM	State Opioid Adapted Response*	Pat Strode, GPSTC

Tuesday, September 9th

8 AM - 10 AM	Gangs in GA*	Rhett Moore, GBI
10 AM - 12 PM	Human Trafficking*	Ryan Hilton, GBI
12 PM - 1 PM	Lunch	
1 PM - 5 PM	Use of Force, De-escalation, & Community Policing*	Todd Kriebel, GPSTC

Wednesday, September 10th

8 AM – 12 PM	Silent Smuggling: The Hidden Trade of Animal Trafficking in Georgia	Eddie Tompkins, DNR Lynn Stanford, DNR
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* Governor's Initiative Credit



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Executive Track

Monday, September 8th

8 AM - 10 AM	Legal Update	Dale Mann, GPSTC-Ret.
10 AM - 12 PM	CRT for the Executive	Pat Strode, GPSTC
12 PM - 1 PM	Luncheon & Awards Banquet	John Edwards, POAG
1 PM – 5 PM	Command Staff's Primer on Critical Thinking	Dr. Butch Beach

Tuesday, September 9th

8 AM - 10 AM	Command Staff's Perspectives and the Art of Political Astuteness	John Edwards, POAG
10 AM - 12 PM	Contemporary Policy Concerns in Law Enforcement Leadership	Tom Kirkbride, Attorney
12 PM - 1 PM	Lunch	
1 PM - 3 PM	Command Staff Collaboration and Executive Insights	Vernon Keenan, GBI-Ret.
3 PM - 5 PM	Injury Prevention, Mitigation, and Reduction Policies	Rachel Lacy, Optim Health

Wednesday, September 10th

8 AM - 10 AM	The Executive Perspective - Leading Today, Tomorrow and into the Future	Brad McKinney GPSTC
10 AM - 12 PM	Contemporary Issues in Leadership	Nick Ellis, City of Jesup