

July 1, 2010

Open Letter to GAFC Members and Unification Partners

From: GAFC President Craig Tully
Re: Draft of GFSTC Rules Committee Work

As you know, GAFC is taking the work of the GFSTC rules committee and what will be the subsequent actions of the Council regarding rule change recommendations under Title 25 of the official Georgia code as a very serious matter. So there is no misunderstanding, we welcome rule clarifications, rule amendments and new rules if they help us better understand our responsibilities under state law.

On our webpage, www.gafc.org we have included the proposed rule changes that are in draft form just as we received them from the GFSTC. In addition, we took the liberty of converting that document to Microsoft Word, enlarged the type, put spaces between the lines and included note sections to help those who study the document make comments and convey their views to us. Our document copy work is an exact replica of what was presented to us with the exception of formatting which was difficult to convert.

The instructions for conveying your concerns are in our July newsletter, which should reach our members by no later than July 3rd. Individuals, staff members of fire departments and our unification partners are asked to review the rules and send us their feedback. Naturally, any of your study work could prove useful to regional associations of Chiefs and other Fire Officers. Our Board, and in particular our Regional Vice Presidents, stand ready to receive any comments on the document. All this is in preparation for the July 21 meeting of the Council. Lyn Pardue indicated to us that the Council will review a draft at that time and it is our understanding that the Council will not take action until a later date.

Comment pages as referenced above can be filled out by computer or hand written and sent to our Secretary, Chief Robert Singletary at rsingletary@warnerrobinsga.gov or comments faxed to (478) 255-6721.

FYI, the GFSTC rules committee will meet at the GPSTC in Forsyth on July 7th at 10:00 AM. We are certain that the committee will welcome commentary on the draft. GAFC does not plan to officially comment on the content of the draft until feedback is received from the membership and allied organizations. Naturally, any of our members acting as individuals are free to offer their opinions to the rules committee at any time.

Thanks for your attention to this important matter.

cc: GAFC Board of Directors
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