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SUBJECT: Policy for Law Enforcement Officers Serving in the GSDF.

1. GSDF membership is open to and includes a number of law enforcement officers representing various agencies and jurisdictions. The high standards, dedication and professional experience these members bring with them are of significant benefit to the GSDF.
2. The purpose of this Policy Memorandum to clarify any questions that may exist or arise regarding perceived conflicts between GSDF membership responsibilities and the obligations of a GSDF member who is also a law enforcement officer
4. There is a frequently stated belief that law enforcement officers are on duty at all times (24/7):
 - a. This would appear to be an agency or departmental policy.
 - b. No statutory grounds requiring a law enforcement officer to be on duty at all times have been found.
3. Accordingly, and with no intent to discourage law enforcement personnel from becoming productively serving members of the Georgia State Defense Force, the following policies shall apply concerning any perceived conflicts of duty.
 - a. Law Enforcement Officer members of the GSDF shall at all times while on duty with or wearing the uniform of the GSDF fully comply with the “No Weapons” policy of the GSDF
 - b. Law Enforcement Officer members of the GSDF shall not engage in any police or law enforcement related activities while in the uniform of the GSDF.
 - c. If a GSDF member who is also a Law Enforcement Officer needs to take any action outside the proscribed mission of his GSDF unit, or contrary to standing GSDF rules and regulations, he/she must first remove all insignia of the GSDF from his/her uniform.
 - d. Law Enforcement members of the GSDF who engage in law enforcement related activities outside of their GSDF unit mission or contrary to standing GSDF rules,

regulations and the provisions of this Policy Memorandum may not be afforded the statutory immunities provided for members of the GSDF

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