

BOARD OF HOMELAND SECURITY

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2019

1:30 TO 2:30 PM

GEMA/HS HEADQUARTERS

TRAINING ROOM

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Homer Bryson, Vice Chairperson
Philip Peacock, Secretary
Vic Reynolds
Col. Mark McDonough
Richard Woods
Gary Black
Kyle Sapp
Bill Cowsert
Alan Powell

Board Members Absent:

Chris Carr
MG Thomas Carden
Mark Williams
Kathleen Toomey
Russell McMurry
Calvin Rhodes
Erika Shields

Representatives Present:

David Allen
Larry Barnes
Col. Marc Belscamper
Major Mike England
Scott Minarcine

The Board of Homeland Security held the board meeting on December 4, 2019 at the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA/HS) Headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia. A List of Attendees, the Agenda, and the Meeting Presentation are attached hereto and made official parts of these minutes as Attachments #1, #2, and #3. Director Homer Bryson called the meeting to order at 1:32 PM.

All board members are present except Attorney General Chris Carr with the Georgia Department of Law, Adjutant General Thomas Carden with the Georgia Department of Defense, Commissioner Mark Williams with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Commissioner Kathleen Toomey with the Georgia Department of Public Health, Russell McMurry with the Georgia Department of Transportation, Executive Director Calvin Rhodes with the Georgia Technology Authority, and Chief Erika Shields with the Atlanta Police Department.

Vice Chairperson Homer Bryson welcomed everyone to the GEMA/HS Headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia and wished everyone a Happy Holidays. Vice Chairperson Homer Bryson asked for a moment of silence in honor of Representative Jay Powell who passed away last week.

Roll Call

Approval of the Minutes:

Vice Chairperson Homer Bryson presented the minutes of the November 6, 2019 meeting for discussion and approval. Colonel Mark McDonough made a motion to approve the minutes. Director Vic Reynolds seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Vice Chairperson Homer Bryson asked the Board for discussion on any old business. No further business to discuss.

New Business:

Harlan Proveaux introduced Colonel Mark McDonough, the Commissioner for the Georgia Department of Public Safety.

a) Multi-Agency Response

Colonel Mark McDonough presented on the Georgia Department of Public Safety (DPS) capabilities and response to incidents throughout the State. There are three divisions within the agency. The Capitol Police Division provides security for all elected officials, state employees, and guests at the State Capitol and all buildings on Capitol Hill. They provide street patrol within the five-mile radius of the Capitol. Capitol Police also have K9s that are funded through GEMA/HS. The Motor Carrier Compliance Division (MCCD) focuses on the enhancement of highway safety in regards to commercial motor vehicles. MCCD is responsible for the federal motor carrier rules for all of the trucking industry within and outside of the State. One-third of the budget comes from the federal government. This division works with the Port Authority, Homeland Security, and the Coast Guard to name a few. MCCD uses a troop cam to measure the distance between vehicles and the timing to make a case in court. The Georgia State Patrol (GSP) supports the efforts of all public safety agencies to reduce criminal activity, apprehend those involved, and respond to natural and manmade disasters. GSP assists with traffic enforcement, crash investigation, DUI enforcement, and support other agencies. The Motorcycle Unit consists of fifteen officers based out of Atlanta, GA. All of the proceeds of their citations actually come back to support the unit. The Motor Unit assists with the Open Roads policy enacted by the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT).

Under the Emergency Support Function (ESF), the Department of Public Safety is responsible for civil disturbance. There are nine troops around the State available to be deployed within three hours. There was a continual issue of civil protests around the State. Social media plays an important role in the participation today in any type of civil disturbance. The average cell phone battery lasts about six to seven hours. Once their phones start dying, then the protest begins to break up. DPS also received a request through GEMA/HS to provide mutual aid for another State. They assisted with the Republican Convention in Cleveland, OH by supporting the local police. The I-85 Bridge Collapse in March of 2017 was a joint response between DPS, Atlanta Fire, and GDOT. During hurricane response, DPS helps with contra-flow for evacuations and re-entry into the areas after a disaster. They also assist after a tornado occurs with debris removal. DPS coordinates all of the aviation response during that type of event. Winter weather response

involves helping GDOT with traffic strike teams. DPS has fifteen aircrafts for search and rescue; of those fourteen are helicopters. The SWAT & Dive Team supports one hundred counties in Georgia. They have five bearcats to support the SWAT teams through grant funding. DPS works with the Georgia Department of Defense (DOD) for aviation training. The Dive Team works with the Coast Guard and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources to recover ships, evidence or bodies. The Aviation Division also assists with fire suppression. All of the helicopters have a bambi bucket that can carry two hundred gallons of water and this was used during the West Mims Fires in South Georgia.

The Governor's Task Force for Drug Suppression (GTF) is comprised of six state agencies and one federal agency. The primary role is to eradicate domestic cannabis growth within the State of Georgia. The Nuclear Radiological Detection Unit is part of the MCCD and they track the nuclear waste that is transported through the State. This equipment can also be equipped to a helicopter to monitor a larger area. The Specialized Collision Reconstruction Team (SCURT) investigate about half of the fatalities in the State. The technology that they use is the same one the GBI uses for crime scenes. Every SCURT has drone capabilities to aid in their investigation. GEMA/HS has created a working group on drones to discuss the rules and regulations governing them. The Criminal Interdiction Unit consists of twenty-five troopers that work to reduce drug trafficking in the State. MCCD also has a unit specifically for school bus inspections. These inspections are done every year and there is a school bus safety program now. Every week, the driver's licenses are checked to make sure they are valid and up to date. DPS is involved with the community through Toys for Tots. DPS has a partnership with the GBI and the Fusion Center. There are two analysts that monitor things that happen in the State 24/7. Also, there is a State trooper who is one of the investigators helping the Fusion Center. The See Something, Send Something application is a joint effort between DPS, GBI, and GEMA/HS. The app has been successful in helping school safety with reporting tips. Colonel McDonough showcased the capabilities of GSP and how they work with other agencies to make Georgia safer.

Vice Chairperson Homer Bryson thanked everyone for working together and communicating over the last few years to be one team for Georgia.

The next Board of Homeland Security meeting will be on February 5, 2020 at GEMA/HS in the Training Room.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Vice Chairperson Homer Bryson adjourned the meeting at 2:29 PM.

Official Attachments:

1. List of Attendees
2. Agenda
3. Meeting Presentation

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Others Attending:

Aracelis Caraballo

Joey Greene

Gary Kelley

Garry McGiboney

Michael Nix

Laura Pfister

Javier Pico

Tina Piper

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Tommy Ratchford

Amanda Rutherford

Ashley Seay



Board of Homeland Security Meeting

AGENDA

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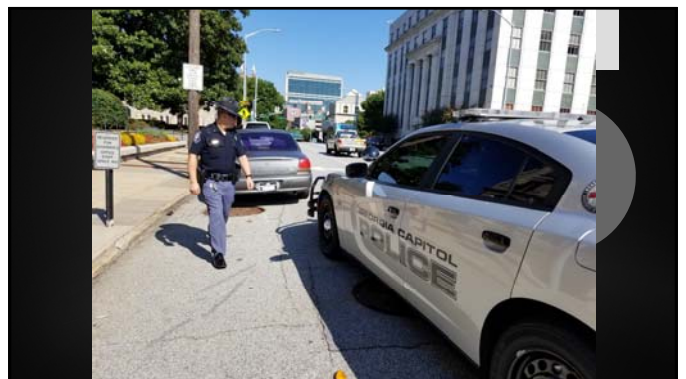
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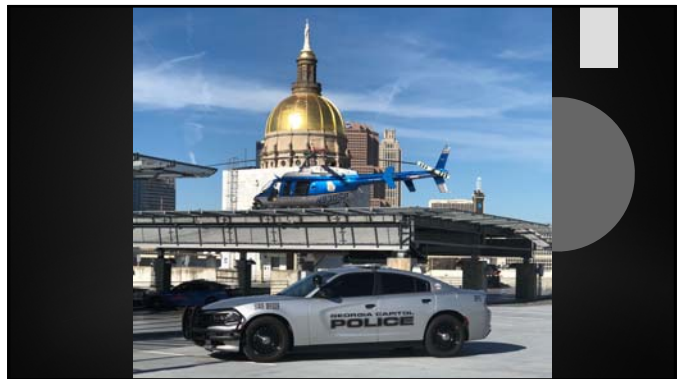
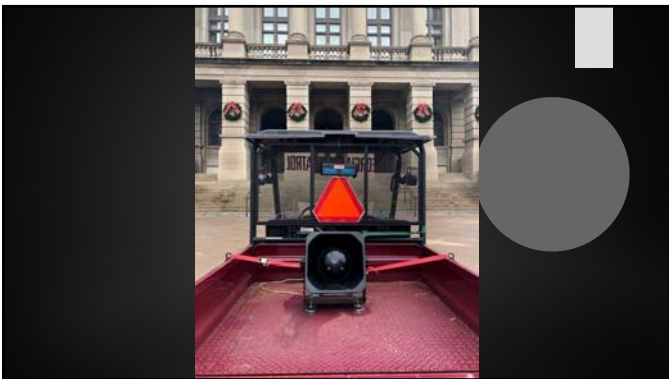
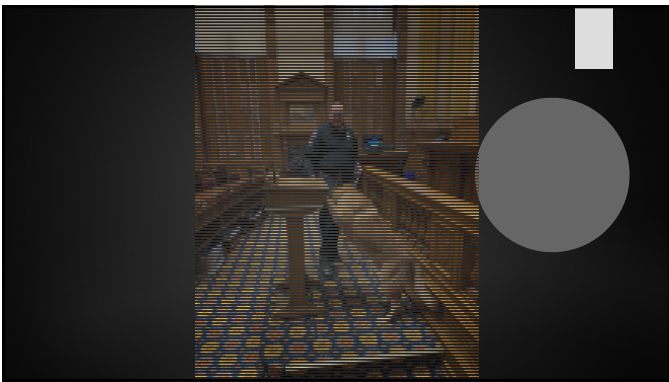
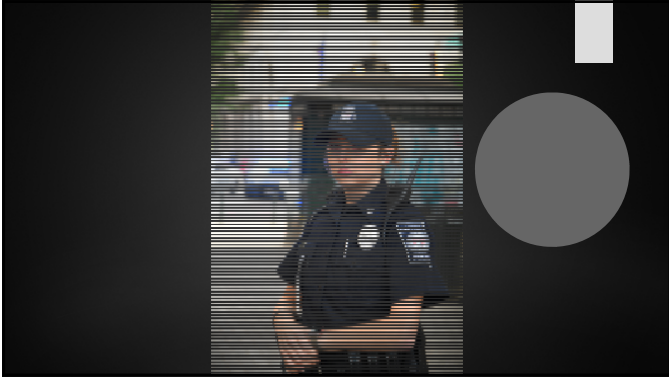
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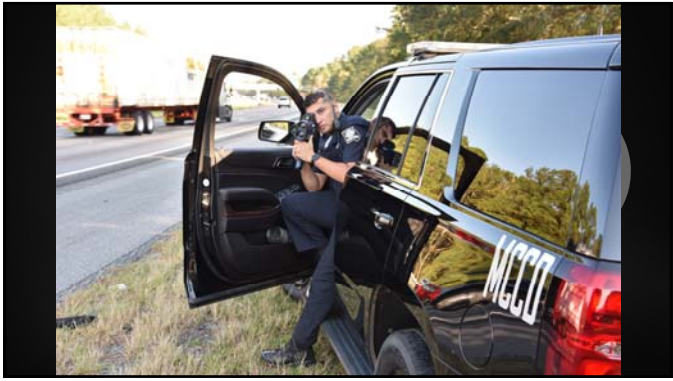
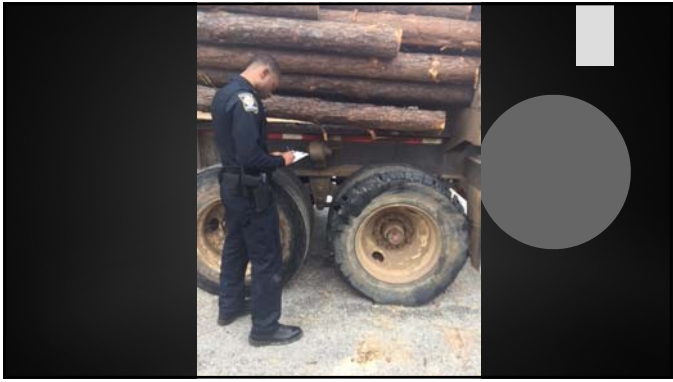
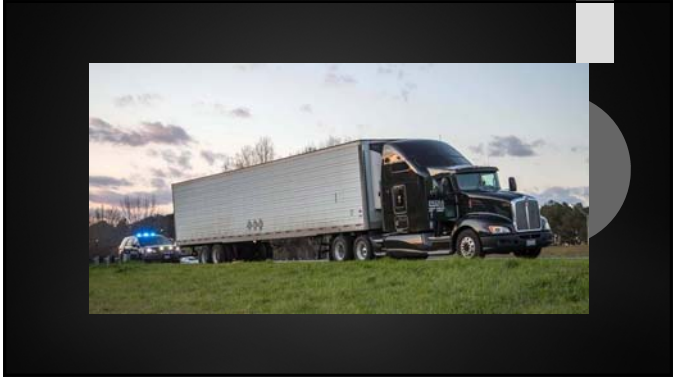
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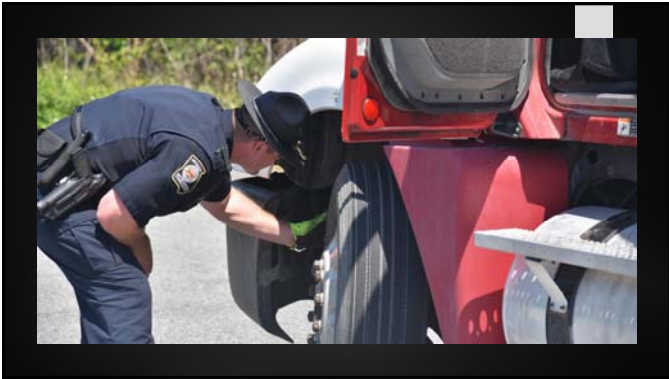
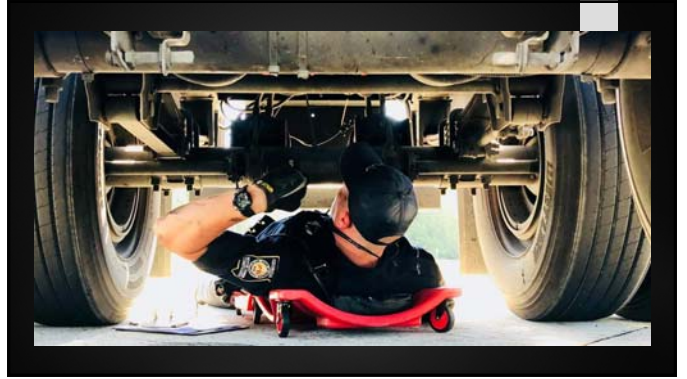
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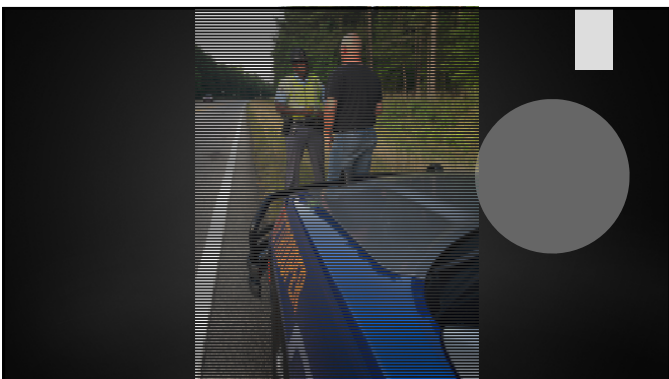
<u>Agenda Topic</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
Call to Order	Homer Bryson, Vice Chairperson GEMA/HS
Roll Call	
Approval of Minutes from November 6, 2019	
Old Business	
New Business	Harlan Proveaux, Deputy Director GEMA/HS
a) Multi-Agency Response	Colonel Mark McDonough DPS
Adjournment	

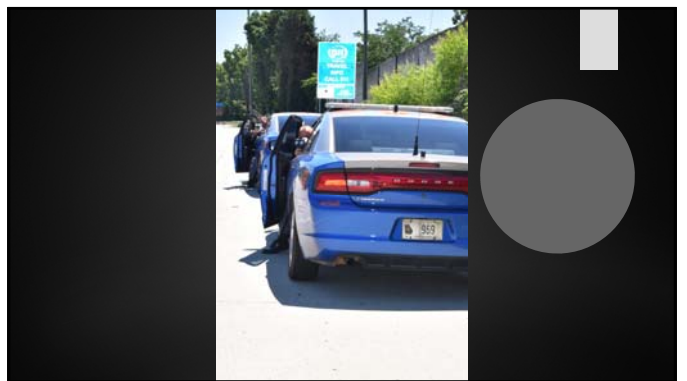
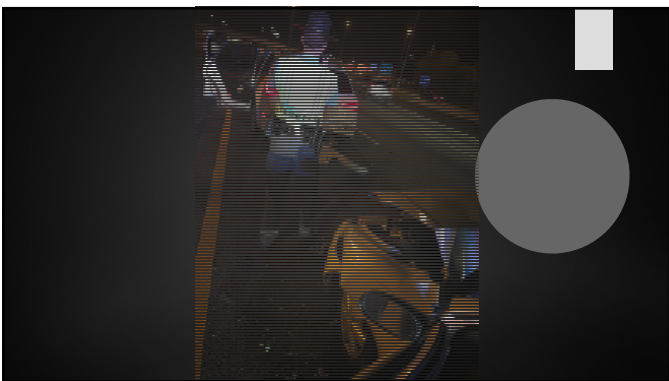
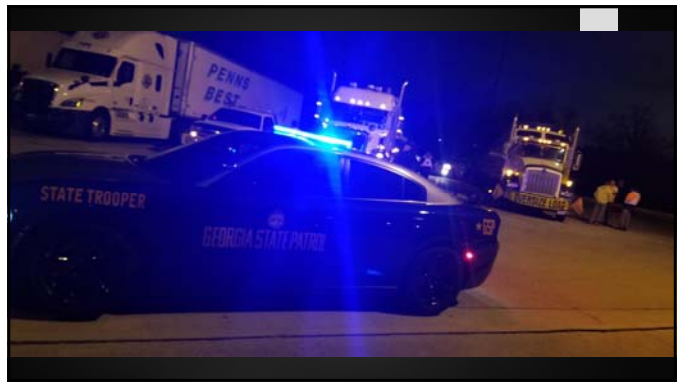
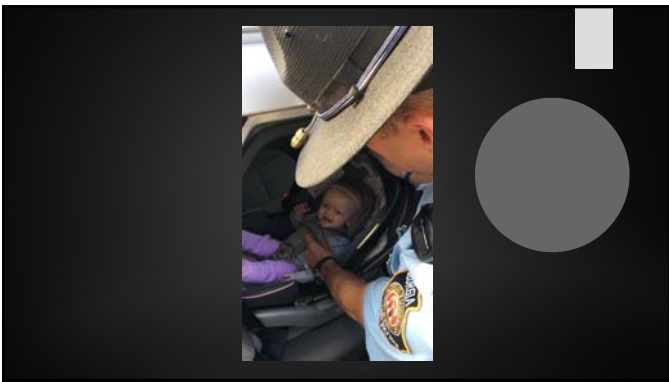




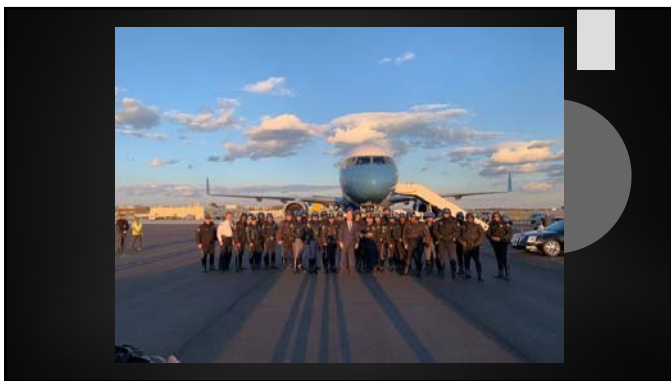
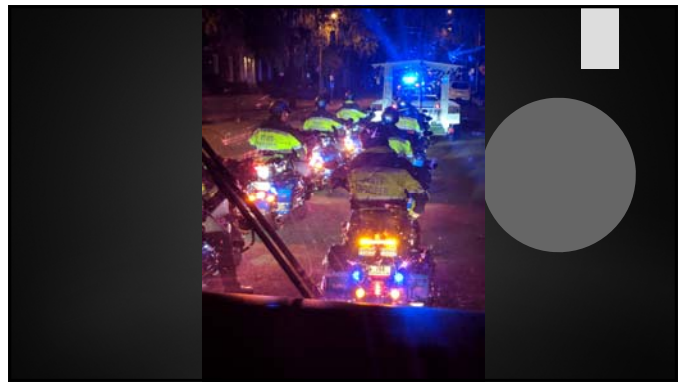
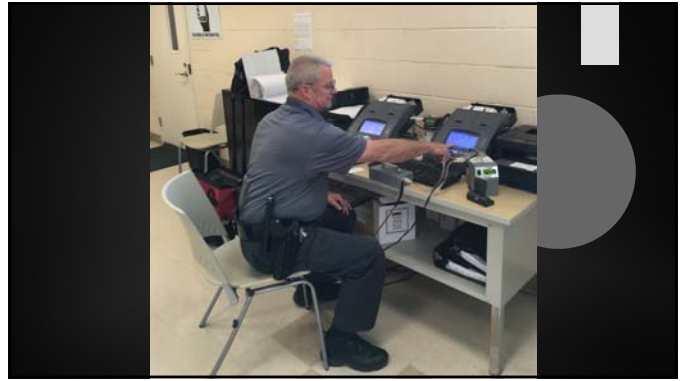


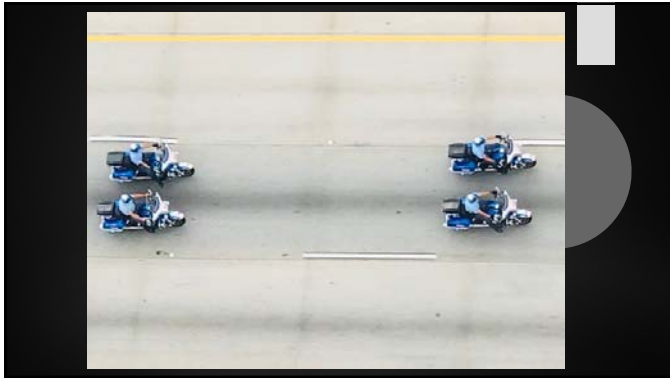








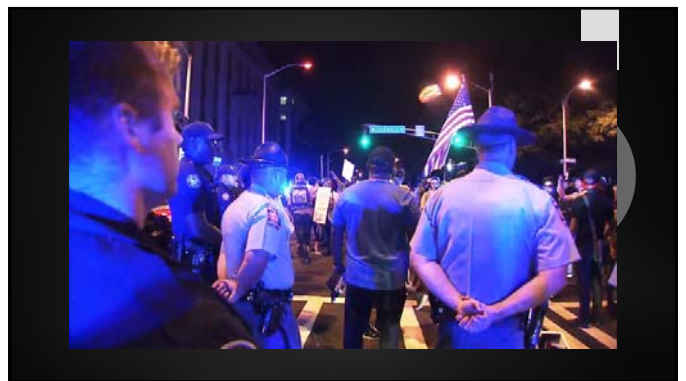


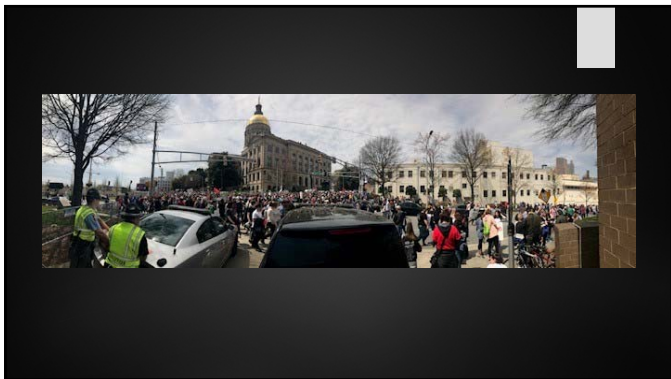
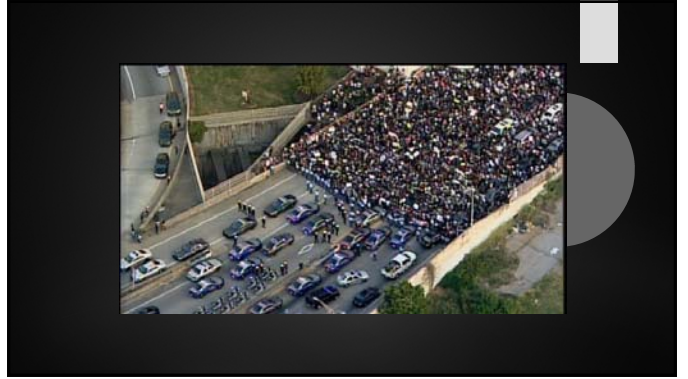


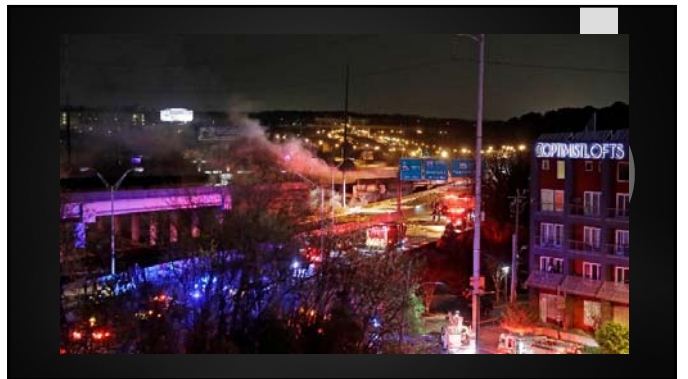
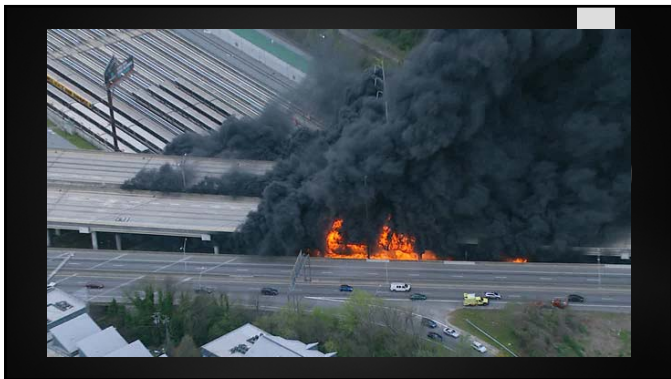
Civil Disturbance

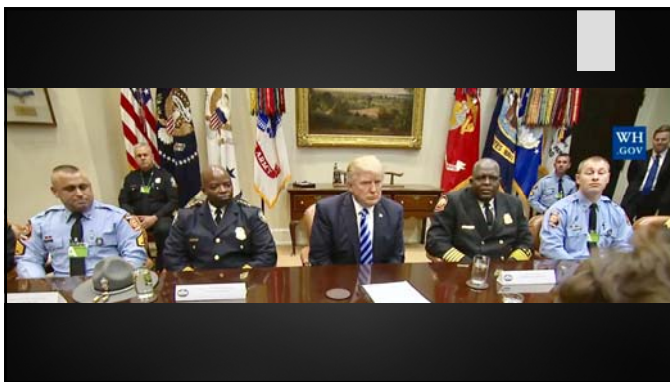
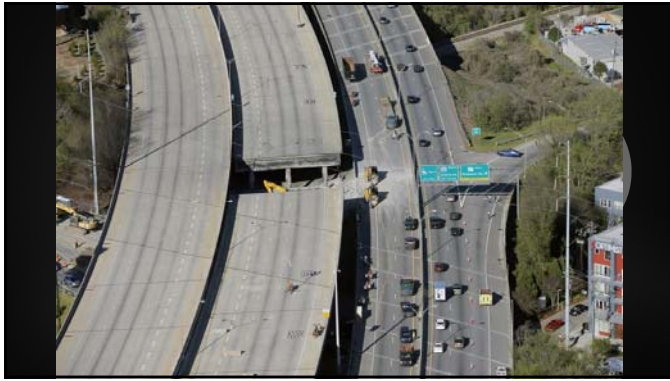
A graphic featuring three logos on the left: the Virginia State Police logo, the Georgia State Troopers logo, and the Capitol Police logo. To the right of the logos, the text "Civil Disturbance" is written in white on a dark background.

FOX 5 STATE TROOPERS BLOCKING PROTESTERS AS THEY TRY TO MARCH TO THE DOWNTOWN CONNECTOR
LIVE

An aerial photograph of a street scene. Several police cars are parked in a line, blocking a group of people. A news banner at the bottom of the image reads: "FOX 5 STATE TROOPERS BLOCKING PROTESTERS AS THEY TRY TO MARCH TO THE DOWNTOWN CONNECTOR LIVE".



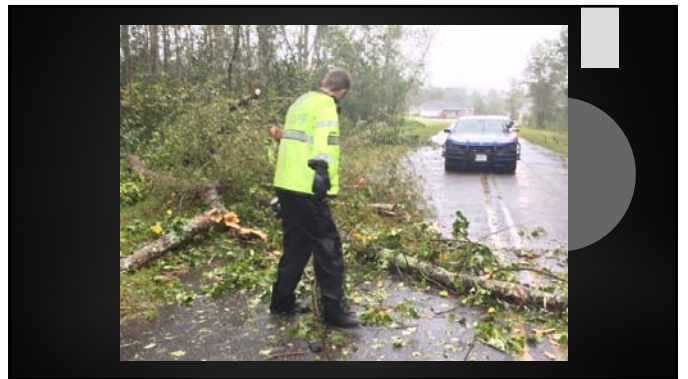
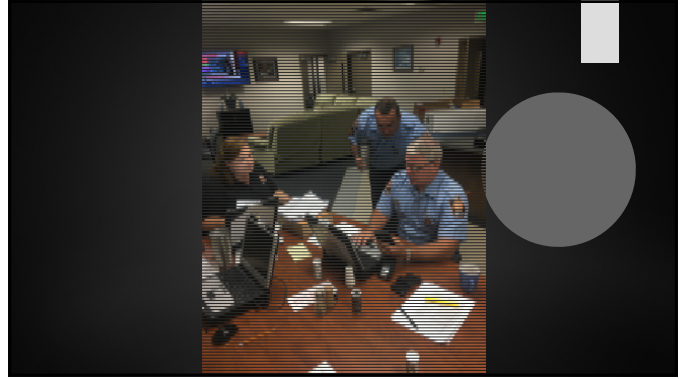


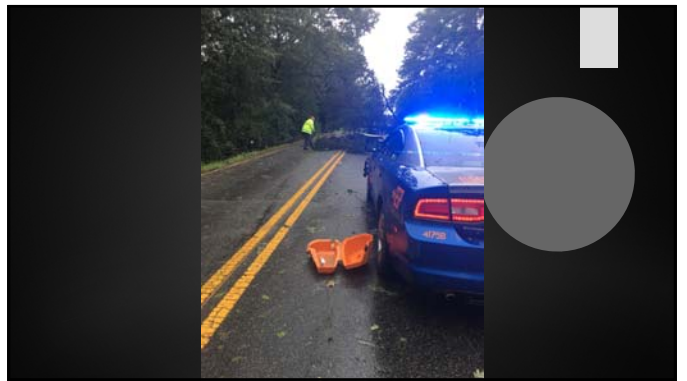
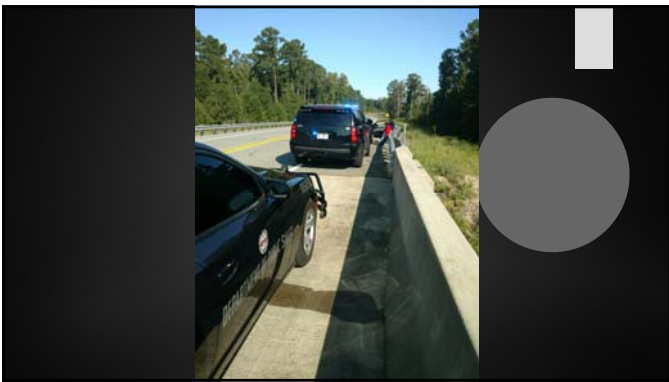
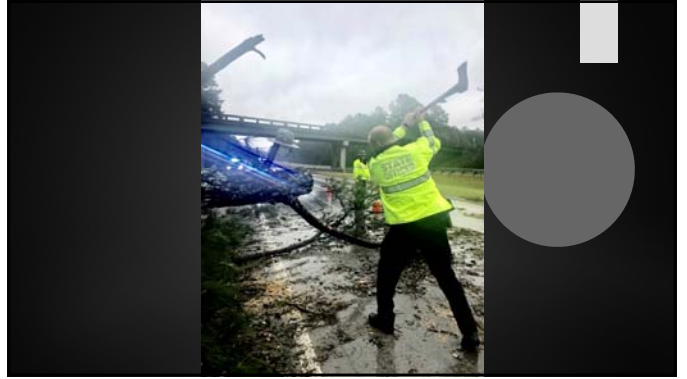
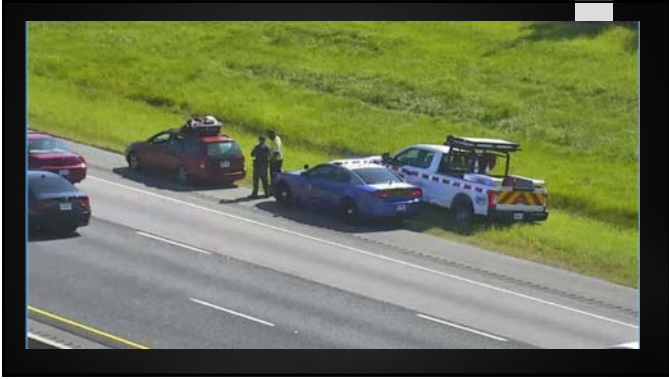


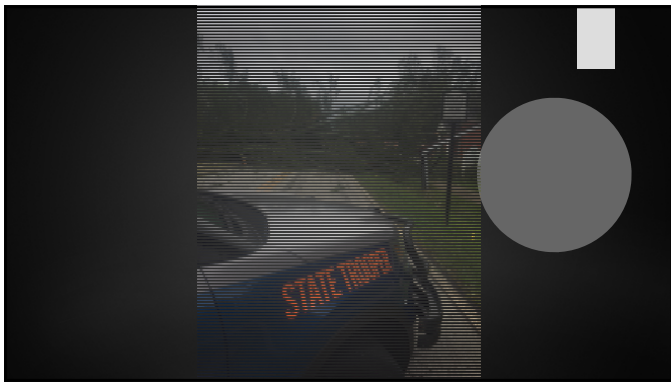
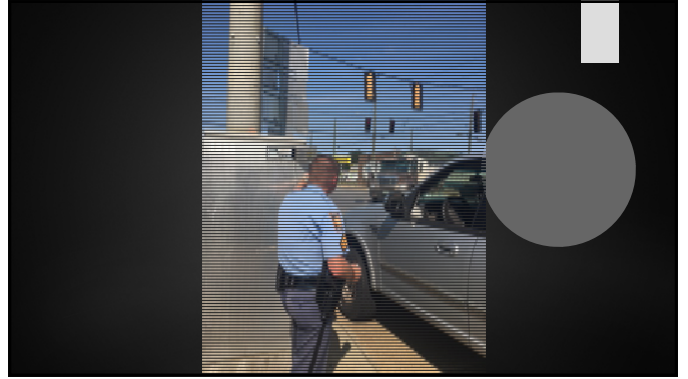
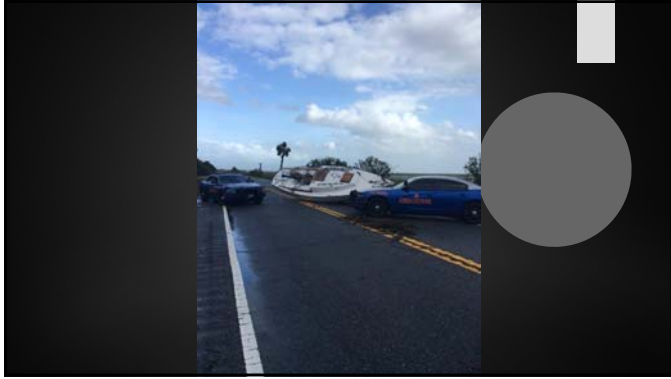
Hurricane Response

HERE TO KEEP YOU SAFE THIS HURRICANE SEASON

A graphic featuring the Georgia State Patrol logo, which includes the state seal and the text "GEORGIA STATE PATROL" and "HERE TO KEEP YOU SAFE THIS HURRICANE SEASON". To the right of the logo, the words "Hurricane Response" are written in a large, white, sans-serif font.









Tornado
Response

