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**Statement on GA POST Resiliency Program**

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Since its inception in 2020, The Georgia POST Resiliency Program has been administered by the Georgia POST Council, with assistance from other agencies and individuals who have been trained in presenting the program. The program first operated from contributions from private citizens and agencies through the Peace Officers Association of Georgia (POAG), who managed the funds, and then from a grant from the Criminal Justice Coordination Council (CJCC.)

The feedback from officers who have attended the program has been incredibly positive and affirming of the mission of the Resiliency Program: To prepare peace officers for the stresses that will invariably come to them through a career in law enforcement. The program provides practical tools and techniques dealing with physical, emotional, spiritual, financial, familial, and other stressors that so often cause peace officers' problems to spill over into actions that can impact their families, physical and mental health, careers, finances, and even their very lives.

The Georgia POST Resiliency Program has become a national model for peace officer resiliency programs and has been adopted by other states and federal law enforcement agencies.

As a result of budget cuts, the CJCC grant was eliminated in 2023. Since then GA POST has been operating the Resiliency Program on a shoestring budget with the remaining grant funds in an effort to continue to bring this life and career-saving program to the men and women who bear the impact of so many of society's burdens on their shoulders through every shift they work, and far beyond.

GA POST requested that the funds to continue presenting this program be included in our operating budget for FY 2025. After due consideration, the Georgia General Assembly decided to provide funds to continue the program, however, the General Assembly decided to allot the funds for the program to the Georgia Public Safety Training Center (GPSTC) to administer the program.

While GA POST is pleased to see that the General Assembly recognizes the absolute necessity of this program continuing, GA POST now has no funding to continue to offer the program. Therefore, effective immediately, GA POST will have to cancel any scheduled Resiliency Training Programs previously scheduled.

GA POST is immensely grateful for the many peace officers and law enforcement agencies in the state who have contributed to the success of the program since 2020. The efforts of these contributing officers and agencies have unquestionably saved the lives and careers of more vulnerable officers than anyone will ever know.