

**GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE  
STATEMENT**

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**Statement of GACP Support of International Law Enforcement  
Exchange Training Programs**

The Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police (GACP) is the largest professional association of police leaders in Georgia. With over 1,000 active members representing 535 state and local agencies, the GACP is recognized as a state leader in professional law enforcement. Since 1962, the GACP has been the most highly recognized voice of law enforcement executives, advancing the qualities of integrity, leadership, and professionalism in policing in the State of Georgia.

The Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police provides executives with leadership training aimed at achieving more effective and efficient crime control, reduced fear of crime, improved quality of life, and enhanced police legitimacy, through a proactive reliance on community resources that seeks to minimize crime-causing conditions.

GACP strives to ensure citizens are served in a professional, ethical, and equitable manner that respects individuals, protects our democratic ideals and system of government, through greater accountability of police, public engagement in decision-making, and concern for civil rights and liberties.

GACP promotes the ideals of law enforcement agencies partnering with social service agencies and public and private groups. GACP aspires to enhance the levels of police professionalism through improved training, enhanced educational credentials, and promote the professional development of law enforcement executives.

Police agencies around the world share similar concerns on how to address current and future challenges and improve law enforcement services to the community they serve. One of the most effective means of addressing these concerns is provided through professional peer-to-peer executive law enforcement exchanges with police agencies globally. The Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange (GILEE), which is based in the State of Georgia, has provided exemplary service to our members and the policing profession by developing exchanges with over 25 countries and over 25 states, training thousands of officers and supporting Olympic security efforts from Atlanta (1996) to Rio (2016).

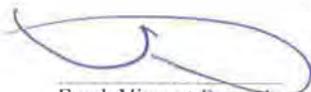
Many of our members, including board members, have participated in these valuable exchanges which ensure they have the best training available to understand and address the evolving issues to the betterment of the community. Through more than 26 years GACP has found GILEE programs to be the most beneficial program for providing our members with a comprehensive understanding of how to address the needs of diverse populations they serve.

The GACP emphatically rejects any claims that these professional programs are being used to train law enforcement in tactical or military operational techniques designed to oppress minorities or other members of their communities (characterized as "deadly exchange"). Not only do such claims lack any foundation in the facts or histories of such exchanges, but the inflammatory causal attribution that such training leads to deadly encounters in the US is utterly fallacious and slanderous. In fact, participants receive a better understanding of how to network with their citizenry and enhance the service delivery to these underserved communities.

The GACP appreciates GILEE's long standing track record of delivery of high professional standards through its training programs in Georgia and around the world, the innovative approaches it has introduced and the measurable value it has added to the law enforcement community. The GACP is proud of its close association with GILEE and fully supports GILEE and Georgia State University's Andrew Young School of Policy Studies valuable contribution to public safety in the State and beyond.

The GACP is looking forward to continuing its productive relationship with GILEE for many years to come.

This statement of support has been unreservedly endorsed by the President of the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police and all other board members through the office of the Executive Director.

  
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