

# GDO TEA NEWS

## HB 156 Passed, Signed by Governor



During the recent 2011 Legislative Session, HB 156, raising indemnification for GDOT employees killed in the line of duty, similar to State Patrol officers and others, was passed. This is an issue that

GDOTE A has been pushing for several years. You can read the current bill at: <http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20112012/116698.pdf>



*Did you know that GDOTE A Officials contact State and Local Officials to lobby on behalf of GDOT employees and retirees?*



Research bills @

<http://www.legis.ga.gov/>

and then...

**SPEAK UP...**

*As a state employee talk to your local Representative or Senator. Your voice counts.*

## Accomplishments...

- The GDOTE A has played and is still playing an active role in working for the advancement of DOT employees. The Association works for ALL employees, not just our members.
- The Association sponsors a scholarship program that provides scholarships to its members and dependents. The Tifton Chapter awards two annual scholarships of \$500 and \$250. The \$500 recipient then competes on the state level for a \$1500 first place award.
- The Association currently hires a professional lobbyist to act as a liaison between the Association and the Legislature. This ensures that the Association's interests are presented to the Legislature and that these bills are monitored on a daily basis.
- The accomplishments of the Association have been significant. Perhaps the most meaningful would be the establishment of a solid working relationship with the Georgia General Assembly. When real needs of the Association membership are defined and presented to the Legislature by means of Resolution, the Legislature has been highly responsive in our favor.

**REMEMBER...**

To be **EFFECTIVE** you must be **EFFICIENT!**





**MEETING** Our last Chapter meeting was held on March 3, 2011 at the Blank Shank Farm Pavilion in Tifton. There were about 30 in attendance for this free fish fry. Some of the highlights of the meeting were: Chapter Officers being introduced, Membership being discussed and the Indemnification Bill. Also discussed were the upcoming Representative Assembly, scholarships and volunteers needed for various committees.

**Membership** for 2011 has been down. Realizing that times are hard, we have to take the time to make sure all employees are aware of the Association and what it does for us all. Stacy reminded us to encourage fellow employees to join the Association and that Commissioner Smith is also a member of GDOTEA. The Association works hard to get changes made that benefit all employees. It is true ... you don't have to be a member to enjoy the benefits that GDOTEA representatives may succeed in having made, but when the proposed changes get to Legislation it is much better to have strong representation by having more employees as members. Remember, there is strength in numbers! Dues are \$15.00 per year and can be paid to Barbara Thomas, Kim Bradford or any Area Representative.

Area 1 — Jerry Hughes  
 Area 2 — Amy Spivey  
 Area 3 — Larry Johnson  
 Area 4 — David Gronbeck  
 Area 5 — Vacant  
 Area 6 — Jerry Spann  
 Area 7 — Randy Herrin  
 Shop— Libby Reynolds  
 Lab— Brandi Warren

Our next meeting will be held June 9 at Jefford's Park in Sylvester at 6:00 PM. Please let your area representative know if you plan on attending by June 1, 2011 so adequate dinner/seating arrangements can be made!

### **TIFTON CHAPTER**

**President:** Tim Warren

**Vice Pres:** Stacy Aultman

**Director:** Van Mason

**Treasurer:** Kim Bradford

**Secretary:** Barbara Thomas

### **STATEWIDE OFFICERS**

**President** Will Murphy

D5 Jesup

**Vice-President** Bryant Poole

D7 Metro

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Retired

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Retired

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*L-R: Van Mason, Kim Bradford, Mardean Johnson, & Lamar Stone, at the 2010 Representatives Assembly.*



### **Did You Know???**

*The GDOTEA works for the advancement of employees.*

**GDOTEA Website:**

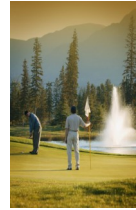
**[www.gdotea.com](http://www.gdotea.com)**

*Upcoming Events...*

The next GDOTEA meeting will be held at Jefford's Park on June 9th at 6:00 PM in Sylvester. Please come out and show your support.

**Golf Tournament**

Monday, October 10th.  
(Columbus Day)  
Location to be determined  
w/ I Moultrie Area 4



**3 CHANCES TO WIN Gun Raffle**

Tickets are \$10

- 1st Prize: Benelli Nova (camo) 12 Gauge
  - 2nd Prize: Marlin XL7 Black Synthetic 270 Cal.
  - 3rd Prize: Remington 597 22 Cal.
- Drawing to be held June 28, 2011

**53rd Annual Representative Assembly**

September 14—16, 2011 @  
The Villas By The Sea Resort and  
Conference Center

located on  
Jekyll Island  
Contact Kim  
Bradford  
if you would  
like to attend



**2011 GDOTEA Scholarship**

Congratulations to Mr. Dylan Zane Hasty who is the 2011 Tifton Chapter 1st place scholarship winner. He received \$500. Mr. Hasty is the son of Geno Hasty, District Traffic Operations Manager and is from Ashburn. Zane will be pursuing a degree in History and eventually attend law school. He will be attend-



ing Valdosta State University. Miss Mallory Nicole Purvis is the 2nd place winner of \$250. She is the daughter of Mr. Darin Purvis, Construction Estimator Liaison, and is from Chula. Mallory is currently a senior at Tift Area Academy and plans to attend ABAC in the fall where she will be pursuing a degree in Pre-Med.



Thank you to all who participated in the recent Golf Tournament held in Douglas on April 25th.

**1st Place:**  
**Ricky Smith,**  
**Gary Hampton &**  
**Cameron Britt**



**2nd Place: Scott Purvis, Rusty Harrelson & Clay Clark**

**Proceeds from this tournament benefit the GDOTEA Scholarship Fund.**

**GDOT Merchandise**

If you are interested in purchasing Caps, Jackets, Golf Shirts or T-Shirts or the new DOT approved HIGH VISIBILITY t-shirt with the GDOT Logo on them, please contact

**Kim Bradford** at  
229-386-7295



Hats \$6.50 Each



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\$3.50 Pair

**Style Options** Choose Long Sleeve, Short Sleeve or Polo

ANSI Class 2 or Upgrade to ANSI Class 3

ANSI Class 2

TALLS large-4XL extra inches of length

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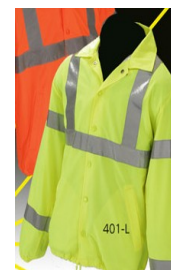
SECURITY

SUPERVISOR Construction

Your Company, Etc.



**GDOT HATS**  
\$12.00 Each



High  
Visibility  
Shirts  
Begin @  
\$16.00

Light  
Weight  
Jackets  
\$21.50

Add  
\$1.60  
per XL  
over size  
2X

**Annual GDOTEA Dues are \$15.00 and are now due!**