

## Society of Former Agents (SOFA)

### Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2018

The first meeting in 2018 of SOFA was held at the Redeemer Lutheran Church, 521 St. Andrews Road Columbia, SC at 10:00 am. Outgoing President Mark Huguley called the meeting to order. He gave a history of SLED and the origin of the State Constables. Huguley explained that the current constitution and by-laws indicate that the SOFA meetings will be held quarterly. He introduced a proposal for the Executive Board to have the authority to set meeting dates and times accordingly. A motion to accept the proposal was made by Bob Cathey and a second to the motion was made by Jeff Fuller. All members voted to accept the proposal as is.

Former Secretary Ben Thomas presented the minutes from the January 31, 2017 meeting. A motion to approve was made by Charlie McNair and a second to the motion was made by Jeff Fuller. All members voted to accept the minutes as is.

Outgoing President Huguley gave a brief summary of some of the accomplishments of SOFA over the past year. They were: Assisted in sending five Special Agents to California to compete in the national Police Olympics; made a contribution to St. Jude's Hospital for Children in honor of Chief Mark Keel's father who recently had passed away; made a contribution to Heroes in Blue; SOFA will cover the cost of framing credentials for retiring agents; provided refreshments at SLED training classes; and made a contribution to the 20/20 group. He recognized the outgoing board and thanked them for their service to the organization. He introduced the new board members as Earl Wells, President; Skip Mitchell, Vice President; Jim Martin, Treasurer; and Dave Lawrence, Secretary. New President Wells thanked the outgoing board as well for their service and leadership in organizing SOFA.

Chief Keel gave a progress report on SLED activities and pending projects.

SLED General Counsel Adam Whitsett gave a presentation on different types of retired SLED commissions.

Former Secretary Thomas gave the prayer grace for lunch.

Lunch was prepared by John Bishop and Tommy Robertson under the close supervision of Henry Sinclair.