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## **OVERVIEW OF COLLECTION**

**Title:** Peace Officers Association of Georgia (POAG) records

**Date:** 1949-2019

**Extent:** 7 linear feet (7 boxes)

**Creator:** Peace Officers Association of Georgia

**Accruals:** Further accruals are expected.

**Language:** English

**Repository:** Zach S. Henderson Library Special Collections, Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA. [specolle@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:specolle@georgiasouthern.edu). 912-478-7819. [library.georgiasouthern.edu](http://library.georgiasouthern.edu).

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## ABOUT THE COLLECTION

**Administrative History:** There are some records that put the formation of the POAG as early as 1900, though heavy documentation of the Association does not begin until 1950. Formal recognition of the organization by the State of Georgia was not until 1953, when the official name "The Peace Officers' Association of Georgia, Inc." was adopted. One of the earliest and most important issues of the POAG was the establishment of a death benefit plan for members. The plan covered deaths both in the line of duty and of natural causes. Several years later, the Association turned their attention to the training and education of officers in the state. Certified training began following their 1988 convention and is still in operation today. The Association puts out a quarterly magazine entitled "The Georgia Peace Officer". This publication has been in regular print since at least 1950. There is one issue earlier but consistent printings have only occurred since 1950.

**Scope and Content:** This collection contains meeting minutes, photographs, and quarterly publications related to the Peace Officers Association of Georgia. Materials range in time from 1949 to 2019.

The collection contains the minutes from the Association's annual conventions. The minutes cover the years 1950 through 1996, ordered chronologically. Intermixed are the resolutions, committee lists, and reservations lists for several of the years. Following the convention minutes are notes and minutes from the Executive Committee meetings for the years 1951-1971. There is also a collection of photographs at the end of the meeting minutes. Following the photographs are the copies of The Georgia Peace Officer, the Association's quarterly publication. The majority of the years are full runs, though there are a few that are missing, which are in the process of being acquired. These publication runs are from 1950 through the current issue of 2013.

Topics in the minutes range from concerns solely of the Peace Officers' Association, such as their death benefits and scholarship programs, to national issues, such as the believed connections between the Communist Party and the NAACP. These latter issues are prevalent in the earlier convention speeches, and are typically addressed by the noted

speakers attending the convention. These speakers include Eugene and Herman Talmadge and Ernest Vandiver. Exact speeches are included in their respective years.

**System of Arrangement:** Arranged in three series: 1. Annual Convention materials (chronological); 2. *The Georgia Peace Officer* quarterly magazine (chronological); 3. Oral Histories (alphabetical by interviewee)

**Acquisitions Info:** The collection was donated by John B. Edwards, Jr., the Secretary Treasurer of POAG. The collection was delivered to the Georgia Southern University campus from the POAG headquarters in Reidsville, GA, on June 12, 2013. Oral histories were transferred electronically to the University Libraries in 2018. Quarterly publications are submitted on an annual basis.

**Access Points:**

- Peace officers -- Georgia -- History -- 20th century
- Police officers -- Georgia -- History
- Peace officers -- Georgia -- Biography

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**CONTAINER LISTING**

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<b>Series 1: Annual Convention materials</b>		
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History of the Peace Officers Association of Georgia (2 copies)	1	1
Annual Convention Minutes, Atlanta, GA 1950 October 20	1	2
Annual Convention Minutes, Macon, GA 1952 October 15-16	1	3
Annual Convention Minutes, Savannah, GA 1953 October 13-14	1	4
Annual Convention Minutes, Augusta, GA 1954 November 9-10	1	5
Annual Convention Minutes, Cedartown, GA 1955 October 7	1	6

Executive Committee Meeting and Annual Convention Minutes, Atlanta & Savannah, GA 1956, October 23-24	1	7
Annual Convention Minutes, Augusta, GA 1957 October 29-30	1	8
Annual Convention Minutes, Macon, GA 1958 August 26-27	1	9
Annual Convention Minutes, Atlanta, GA 1959 August 17-19	1	10
Safety Awards 1958, 1959	1	11
Annual Convention Minutes, Savannah, GA 1960 October 17-19	1	12
Annual Convention Minutes, Jekyll Island, GA 1961 September 25-27	1	13
Annual Convention Minutes, Atlanta, GA 1962 September 17-19	1	14
Annual Convention Minutes, Columbus, GA 1963 September 23-25	1	15
Annual Convention Minutes, Savannah, GA 1964 September 21-23	1	16
Annual Convention Minutes, Macon, GA 1965 November 8-10	1	17
Annual Convention Minutes, Augusta, GA 1966 November 14-16	1	18
Investigative Committee Meeting, 1966	1	19
Annual Convention Minutes, Jekyll Island, GA 1967 October 9-10	1	20
Annual Convention Minutes, Macon, GA 1968 October 6-8	1	21

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Annual Convention Minutes, Savannah, GA 1973 October 14-16	2	5
Committee Lists, 1973-1975	2	6
Annual Convention Minutes, Jekyll Island, GA 1974 October 14-16	2	7
Menus and Hotel Rates, 1974	2	8
Contributors and Contributions, 1974-1975	2	9
Annual Convention Minutes, Macon, GA 1975 October 13-14	2	10
Annual Convention Minutes, Albany, GA 1976 October 10-12	2	11
Annual Convention Reservations, 1977	2	12
Annual Convention Minutes, Jekyll Island, GA 1977 October 9-11	2	13
Annual Convention Minutes, Augusta, GA 1978 October 15-17	2	14
Annual Convention Minutes, Albany GA 1979 October 21-23	2	15
Annual Convention Minutes, Jekyll Island, GA 1980 October 5-7	2	16
Annual Convention Minutes, Macon, GA 1981 October 11-13	2	17
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Annual Convention Minutes, Albany, GA 1983 October 24-25	2	19
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Annual Convention Minutes, Athens, GA 1986 September 28-30	2	23
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Annual Convention Minutes, Albany, GA 1988 September 18-20	2	26
Annual Convention Minutes, Macon, GA 1989 September 24-26	2	27
Annual Convention Minutes, Jekyll Island, GA 1990 September 23-25	2	28
Annual Convention Minutes, Macon, GA 1991 September 15-17	2	29
Annual Convention Minutes, Albany, GA 1992 September 13-15	2	30
Annual Convention Minutes, Macon, GA 1993 September 26-28	2	31
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<i>The Georgia Peace Officer, 1951</i>	3	Loose
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<i>The Georgia Peace Officer, 1957</i>	3	10
<i>The Georgia Peace Officer, 1958</i>	3	11
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<i>The Georgia Peace Officer, 1960</i>	3	13
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<i>The Georgia Peace Officer, 1963</i>	3	15
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<i>The Georgia Peace Officer, 2014</i>	7	1
<i>The Georgia Peace Officer, 2015</i>	7	2
<i>The Georgia Peace Officer, 2016</i>	7	3
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Interview of Johnny L. Dixon (mini DVD-R)	7	<i>Loose</i>

**Series 3: Oral Histories**

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