

**State of Georgia
Office of the Chief Drug Inspector
and
Drugs and Narcotics Agency**

Originally created August 1, 1908 by the Georgia General Assembly, Law No. 518

- 1) Thomas A. Cheatham - Macon (1851 – 1931)**
Chief Drug Inspector 1908 – 1927
GA Pharmacist License #116, issued 1882
Secretary of GA Pharmaceutical Association (GPHA) 1911 - 1924
President of GA Pharmaceutical Association (GPHA) 1889 - 1890
Secretary of GA Pharmaceutical Association (GPHA) 1880 - 1881
- 2) Aquila Moore Stead - Cordele (1873 – 1958)**
Chief Drug Inspector 1927 - 1932
GA Pharmacist License #236, issued 1893
- 3) Herbert A. Deen - Vidalia (1898 – 1936)**
Chief Drug Inspector 1932 - 1935
GA Pharmacist License #2835, issued 3/1916
Member GA State Board of Pharmacy 1930 - 1935
- 4) William S. Elkin, Jr. - Atlanta (1868 – 1936)**
Chief Drug Inspector 1935 - 1936
GA Pharmacist License #300, issued 1894
President of GA Pharmaceutical Association (GPHA) 1901 - 1902
Member GA State Board of Pharmacy 1906 - 1911
President National Assoc. of Retail Drug. (NARD) 1909 - 1910
- 5) Jack E. Bush - Barnesville (1880 – 1973)**
Chief Drug Inspector 1937 - 1941
GA Pharmacist License #1096, issued 1905
Member GA State Board of Pharmacy 1923 - 1928
- 6) Maurice Milton Yearty - Valdosta (1889 – 1969)**
Chief Drug Inspector 1941 - 1942
GA Pharmacist License #2401, issued 4/1913
- 7) Leonard N. Camp - Atlanta (1893 – 1944)**
Chief Drug Inspector 1942 - 1944
GA Pharmacist License #3112, issued 9/27/1917
Member GA State Board of Pharmacy 1936 - 1941

- 8) **Augustus (Gus) M. Parkerson – Eastman (1891 – 1958)**
 Chief Drug Inspector 1944 - 1946
 GA Pharmacist License #2172, issued 6/10/1912
- 9) **Patrick D. Horkan – Atlanta (1887 – 1963)**
 Chief Drug Inspector 1946 - 1963
 GA Pharmacist License #5543, issued 9/20/1934
 Retired June 30, 1963
- 10) **Selman L. Threadgill – Atlanta (1898 – 1989)**
 Chief Drug Inspector 1963 - 1968
 Assumed duties July 1, 1963
 GA Pharmacist License #3634, issued 6/7/1920
 Mercer University Southern School of Pharmacy
 Retired October 31, 1968
- 11) **Wendell Joseph (Joe) Weldy – Cumming (1928 – 2008)**
 Chief Drug Inspector 1968 - 1976
 Assumed duties November 1, 1968
 GA Pharmacist License #7280, issued 1953
 Mercer University Southern School of Pharmacy, 1952
 Resigned January 6, 1976
 (Inspector Jerry Cherkas appointed Interim CDI Feb. 1, 1976 to July 31, 1976)
- ** Name changed to Georgia Drugs & Narcotics Agency on September 13, 1976, and the Chief Drug Inspector became the Director of the Georgia Drugs & Narcotics Agency
- 12) **N. W. (Bill) Chism – Chamblee (1925 – 2000)**
 Director Drugs & Narcotics Agency 1976 - 1987
 Assumed duties August 1, 1976
 GA Pharmacist License #6861, issued 1952
 Mercer University Southern School of Pharmacy, 1951
 President of GA Pharmaceutical Association (GPHA)
 Member GA State Board of Pharmacy 1967 - 1972
 Retired October 31, 1987
- 13) **J. William (Bill) Cooper – Powder Springs (1933 – 1997)**
 Director Drugs & Narcotics Agency 1987 - 1994
 Assumed duties November 1, 1987
 GA Pharmacist License #8184, issued 1959
 Mercer University Southern School of Pharmacy, 1958
 Member GA State House of Representatives 1966 - 1987
 Retired June 30, 1994

- 14) **William (Bill) A. Atkins, Sr. - Smyrna**
 Director Drugs & Narcotics Agency 1994 - 2008
 Assumed duties July 1, 1994
 Pharmacist License #7468, issued 1954
 Mercer University Southern School of Pharmacy, 1953
 Member GA State Board of Pharmacy 1973 - 1978
 Member GA State House of Representatives 1983 - 1994
 Retired June 30, 2008
- 15) **Frederick W. Karsten - Tifton**
 Director Drugs & Narcotics Agency 2008 - 2010
 Assumed duties July 1, 2008
 Pharmacist License #13977, issued October 1982
 Mercer University School of Pharmacy, 1982
 Special Agent, Drugs & Narcotics Agency 1987 - 2008
 Retired March 31, 2010
- 16) **C. Richard (Rick) Allen - Athens**
 Director Drugs & Narcotics Agency 2010 - Present
 Assumed duties April 1, 2010
 GA Pharmacist License #11147, issued June 1974
 University of Georgia School of Pharmacy, 1974
 President International Narcotic Enforcement Officers Assoc. 1997
 President UGA College of Pharmacy Alumni Association 2010 - 2011
 Drug Inspector, Office of the Chief Drug Inspector 1976
 Agent/Senior Agent, Drugs & Narcotics Agency 1976 - 1991
 Interim Director, Drugs & Narcotics Agency 1991 - 1992
 Deputy Director, Drugs & Narcotics Agency 1992 - 2010