

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **1. Who is considered a secondary metals recycler?**

A secondary metals recycler is any person who purchases secondary metals property which has served its original purpose. Therefore, this applies to the “metal recyclers” who purchase secondary metals, as well as individuals/businesses who buy old vehicles, ‘scrap metal’ from individuals/businesses, etc. See the definition of a secondary metals recycler.

*'Secondary metals recycler' means any person who is engaged, from a fixed location or otherwise, in the business in this state of paying compensation for regulated metal property that has served its original economic purpose, whether or not engaged in the business of performing the manufacturing process by which regulated metal property is converted into raw material products consisting of prepared grades and having an existing or potential economic value.*

### **2. Does this include the individual who, a few times a year, buys scrap metal and takes it to the recycler to sale?**

Yes, according to the statute.

### **3. Where does the \$200 registration fee?**

Until the arrangements for agreements to create and maintain the database are finalized the \$200 fee should be remitted to the county. Once the database has been created and agreements signed the county will remit a portion of that fee to the Sheriff’s Association for the creation and maintenance of the database.

### **4. How will the information be entered into the statewide data base?**

The GSA will notify the sheriffs once the database is activated and prepared for data entry. Demographic information will be entered by each sheriff’s office into a web-based program. Details will be provided when the database is ready.

### **5. Can the registrations be accepted at some other county office or location besides the Sheriff’s Office?**

Yes, but it is the decision of the Sheriff. If the Sheriff agrees, a contract or MOU can be developed for another office or entity to handle the registration process.

### **6. Can the charge be less than \$200?**

Yes, the law authorizes a charge of up to \$200. However, the Georgia Sheriffs' Association recommends charging the full amount to fund the creation and maintenance of the database.

**7. What do we do with registration documents since the data base is not operational at this time?**

All registration documents are to be maintained by the sheriff's office. Do not forward to GSA upon the activation of the database, utilize these documents to enter the registration information.

Additional information is forthcoming. Standby for future emails regarding the secondary metals recycler registration process.