



Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission



2002 Annual Report

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The Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) acts as the advisory board to the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners on all criminal justice programs, policies and funding. It has 33 members and works through its 12 committees.

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Goals

- ◆ **Study the aspects of the criminal justice and crime prevention systems within the federal, state, county, municipal and private agencies**
- ◆ **Provide overall coordination to law enforcement and crime prevention efforts**
- ◆ **Provide an efficient, cost effective and timely criminal justice system**
- ◆ **Effect the reduction of crime on a permanent basis**
- ◆ **Serve as an advisory board to the Board of County Commissioners on criminal justice issues**
- ◆ **Develop permanent funding solutions for CJC initiatives**
- ◆ **Raise the level of knowledge of the local citizenry about the criminal justice system**

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN



George T. Elmore
Chairman

As Chairman of the Criminal Justice Commission, I am pleased to present the 2002 Annual Report. I am proud to report that the Criminal Justice Commission, through its many worthwhile programs, has succeeded in enhancing the effectiveness and efficiency of the criminal justice system.

Under our number one priority for the year, the Permanent Funding Solutions committee reviewed four funding options, reviewed the proposed "Criminal Justice System Act," created a technical workgroup to conduct program evaluations and agreed on a motion to express its willingness to consider an Independent taxing district.

The Law Enforcement Planning Council completed studies and made recommendations in the important areas of recruitment and retention of law enforcement officers, gang activity in the county, participation in the "Amber Alert" missing child program, state accreditation, and development of a protocol for dealing with child abuse cases in Palm Beach County.

At the beginning of this year, the Board of County Commissioners directed the CJC to review and create a clearinghouse for grant/funding proposals that resulted in the creation of a multidiscipline Terrorism Grant Review Committee.

The Weed and Seed program received nearly \$1 million in federal funds, which has been used to weed and seed in the highest crime areas in our county. A request has been submitted to the executive office of Weed and Seed to consider a 4th Weed and Seed site in Belle Glade.

Statistics indicate that more than 50% of ex-offenders will recidivate within two years. To reverse that trend, the CJC, in partnership with the Public Defender's Office and other criminal justice entities, created a re-entry program to help ex-offenders achieve a productive lifestyle upon release from jail. During the past year, the Corrections Task Force has looked at the challenge of an increasing number of mental health assessments ordered by the courts, the feasibility of creating a Day Reporting Center, and a Crisis Intervention Team to assist law enforcement officers in dealing with mentally ill offenders. Community Court continues to do its good work in the West Palm Beach Weed and Seed area. This year, more than 1,650 low-level misdemeanor cases have been diverted from a traditional court setting to Community Court. Staff reports a 90% completion rate on neighborhood clean up projects, and each month more than 700 non-offenders receive food and transportation assistance, counseling, job training and placement services through Community Court assistance.

A new project was established in April to pursue the use of advanced technologies in order to integrate law enforcement data as well as other data sources within the county and surrounding areas. This system, Visual Planning Technologies, will work to apply innovative crime mapping and analysis tools and a data sharing platform for criminal justice agencies.

The creation of a countywide interoperable radio system continued to move forward. This year the Municipal Public Safety Communications Consortium selected MACOM as the vender to provide this system. To help fund this system, the BCC passed a resolution allowing the municipalities' access to the \$12.50 traffic fine revenues. In addition, the state approved the MPSCC system as part of the County's communication plan.

The CJC has fulfilled its mandate to serve as a catalyst to bring together criminal justice and related agencies in partnerships to make Palm Beach County a better place to work and live. It has been my privilege to serve as the Chairman of the Criminal Justice Commission this past year and I would like to thank CJC members for their contribution of time and expertise. The CJC could not have accomplished so much were it not for their dedication and commitment. I would also like to thank you, the Board of County Commissioners, for creating the Criminal Justice Commission and giving us the opportunity to serve the people of Palm Beach County.

Sincerely,

George Elmore

George Elmore, Chairman

CJC 2002 SUCCESSES

The CJC engaged in many initiatives and commitments in 2002. Some are on-going with their true benefit yet to be realized. The successes highlighted here are accomplishments that have taken, in some instances, years to realize. They represent initiatives that have come to fruition. All illustrate the exceptional commitment to partnerships made by both the public and private sectors that incorporate the work of almost every facet of life in Palm Beach County.

Anti-Terrorism Grant Application Planning

The Anti-Terrorism Grant Application Planning Committee made several recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners such as: creating a permanent Terrorism Grant Review Committee; designating the Terrorism Grant Review Committee as the central repository for all anti-terrorism grant/funding proposals emanating from county, municipal, and recognized organizations within Palm Beach County; establishing four Evaluation Subcommittees and signing of a Memorandum of Understanding by all participating entities.

Public Relations

The Public Relations Task Force coordinated the taping of Individual CJC programs for airing to inform citizens about the CJC and the many programs they have created. The panel moderator and panel members are made up of CJC members, various committee members, and staff. Three Panel Discussions were completed in 2002 and aired on TV Channel 20.

Community Court

The Community Court processed 2,756 cases as of November 12, 2002 and had a 90% compliance rate on community service sanctions. In addition, staff saw over 700 non-offender walk-ins monthly requesting social service assistance during the year.

Ex-Offender Reentry

The Ex-Offender Program successfully became operational in April of this year. As of November, 134 offenders have been interviewed and held the first program graduation in October.

Corrections Task Force

The Corrections Task Force created a mentally ill offenders in-jail workgroup to deal with problems regarding mental health assessments ordered by courts

Law Enforcement Planning Council

The LEPC unanimously endorsed using the "Amber Alert" Missing Child Notification System in Palm Beach County. And on September 5, 2002, members of LEPC and representatives from the State Attorney's Office, Department of Children and Families (DCF), Community Alliance of Palm Beach County and others met to formally sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with regard to child abuse protocols for DCF and law enforcement officers. This protocol will ensure that law enforcement responds with DCF investigators for any calls that come in over the 911 lines or the DCF Hotlines. Whether the original call comes to law enforcement or to DCF, both agencies will respond and proceed with both a criminal investigation and a child abuse investigation.

Gun Safety

The Gun Safety Task Force distributed 8,604 gunlocks and 3,305 Gun Safety videos to the residents of Palm Beach County through: Locks to Cops Program through which gunlocks are distributed to all local law enforcement to distribute to any resident in need; Gun Safety Day at the Palm Beach County Fair; Florida's Fish and Wildlife Commission for its Gun Safety Courses; All Palm Beach County School District schools; Florida Sportsman Coalition for its annual "Youth Day" during which youths come out to the Corbitt Area to learn about Hunting Safety.

Visual Planning Technologies

The Visual Planning Technologies Project was established in April as a part of the Criminal Justice Commission's five-year strategic plan to address the need for countywide crime analysis and information sharing. This year a Steering committee was created in conjunction with the Law Enforcement Planning Council to provide input on needs to be addressed by the project.

Municipal Public Safety Communications Consortium

The MPSCC became incorporated as a Florida not-for-profit corporation. This year, MACOM was selected as the vendor for the radio system through a competitive Request For Proposal process. The Board of County Commissioners passed a resolution in February 2002 establishing the procedures for municipalities to access the \$12.50 traffic fine revenues. And the State approved the MPSCC system as a part of Palm Beach County's Intergovernmental Communications Plan. This was the final approval necessary for access to the \$12.50 funding.

2002 CJC MEMBERS

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Leo E. Noble
Economic Council

Gerald Richman
*Richman, Greer, Weil,
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Priscilla Taylor
Economic Council

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Marshall Gage
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Public Defender

David Kerr
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Barry Krischer
State Attorney

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Crime Prevention Officers Assoc.



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Emalyn Webber
U.S. Attorney's Office

Dorothy Wilken
Clerk of the Court

Ad Hoc Member
Dr. Art Johnson
*School District
Superintendent*

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION 2002 OFFICERS



George Elmore
Chairman

George T. Elmore came to Florida in 1947 from New Castle, Pennsylvania. He attended the University of Miami and later served in the Korean Conflict. He founded Hardrives, Inc. in 1953. He is the President of this highway construction and land development company. Mr. Elmore is currently serving as a Director on the Boards of United Way, Boy Scouts of America, WPBT-Channel 2, Kravis Center, Palm Beach County Council of the Arts, Economic Council of Palm Beach County, Palm Beach Community College Foundation, and International Museum of Cartoon Art and Palm Beach Historical Society. Mr. Elmore is past President and Director of the Florida East Coast Chapter of Associated General Contractors of America, past President of the FAU Foundation, and past President of Crisis Line Information and Referral Services, Inc. He is a Founding member and past Chairman of the Economic Council of Palm Beach County. He has been a CJC member since January 1999.



Jorge Dominicis
Vice Chairman

Jorge A. Dominicis is Vice President, Corporate Relations, for Florida Crystals. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Finance and International Business from Florida International University. He served as President of the Florida International University student body during his senior year, as well as a member of the Post Secondary Education Planning Commission in 1986. He is a past Chair of the Workforce Development Board and of the Palm Beach Community College Board of Trustees. In addition to the Criminal Justice Commission, he is a member of the Board of the Economic Council of Palm Beach County, a member of the Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees, and is active in a number of other community organizations. Born in Fort Campbell, Kentucky, Mr. Dominicis has resided in Florida for 38 years, and lives with his wife, Virginia, and two sons, Jorge and Andres, in West Palm Beach. He has been a CJC member since 1994.



Leo E. Noble
Secretary

Leo E. Noble, 2002 Chairman of the Economic Council of Palm Beach County, is the owner and founder of Noble Consulting, Inc. Mr. Noble is the retired chairman of the Board of Lawson, Noble and Webb, Inc., a South Florida consulting engineering firm founded in 1981. Through Lawson Noble, he was extensively involved in a wide variety of public, private and transportation related design and construction projects, which extended through Florida and the Caribbean Basin. In addition to his leadership position on the Economic Council, he also is chairman of the Citizens Advisory Committee of the Palm Beach County Metropolitan Planning Organization and chairman of the Technical Advisory Group to oversee the implementation of school concurrency in Palm Beach County. His past public service includes membership on the Boards of Directors of the Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce, the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beach, SunFest of Palm Beach County, the Law Enforcement Assistance Foundation and Palm Beach County's Environmentally Sensitive Lands Acquisition Selection Committee. Mr. Noble is a former chairman of the county's Policy Development Task Force, which was charged with rewriting Palm Beach County's Comprehensive Plan. He has been a CJC member since 1997.



Wendy Sartory Link
Treasurer

Wendy Sartory Link is President and Managing Partner of Ackerman, Link & Sartory, P.A. She concentrates her practice in the areas of commercial loan transactions, general corporate matters, real estate acquisitions and sales, leasing, workouts, real estate and asset-based financing, and title insurance. Mrs. Link received her B.S. with Distinction from the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, and her J.D. from Duke University School of Law. In addition to serving on the Criminal Justice Commission, Ms. Link serves on the Board of Directors of the Economic Council of Palm Beach County, the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches, SunFest of Palm Beach County, the ARC, The Education Foundation and served as the Chair of the Professional Division for the 2000-2001 United Way Campaign. She is an active member of a variety of other community organizational committees. She resides in Palm Beach Gardens with her husband, Scott, and their twin sons, Christopher and Michael.

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Ric Bradshaw
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***Dedication to
Service***

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Commissioner
Palm Beach County



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Florida Department of
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Senator, 35th District



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FBI



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***Commitment
to
Community***



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Florida Department of Law
Enforcement



Emalyn Webber
Managing Assistant U.S.
Attorney



Dorothy Wilken
Clerk of the Court

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County created the Criminal Justice Commission in 1988 as an innovative process for coordinating criminal justice issues. In Florida, county government is responsible for a large portion of criminal justice costs but has little authority in determining these costs. The most effective way to control costs is through a more collaborative criminal justice system. The Board of County Commissioners has been supportive of the CJC since its inception, with a Commissioner being an active member of the CJC. Commissioner Warren Newell is currently the Board's representative on the CJC and has served as such since December 1994.



Warren H. Newell
Chair
• **District 3**



Carol A. Roberts
Vice Chair
• **District 2**



Karen T. Marcus
• **District 1**



Mary McCarty
• **District 4**



Burt Aaronson
• **District 5**



Tony Masilotti
• **District 6**



Addie L. Greene
• **District 7**

A MESSAGE FROM COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

Dear Commissioner Marcus, Chair and Members of the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners:

The Criminal Justice Commission, which was established in 1988, is truly a unique organization. Bringing together 33 individuals representing both the private and public sector to act as a forum to discuss criminal justice issues has been effective and successful.

The CJC's concentration on research and analysis has provided the County with a sound way of examining our County's policies and programs. The County continues to face a number of challenges regarding crime, courts and corrections.

This year, the CJC established a Permanent Funding Solutions Committee to identify a more stable and permanent funding source since the CJC relies almost entirely on grant funding to sustain its programs and initiatives. In addition, the County asked the CJC to create an Anti-Terrorism Grant Application Planning committee as part of the Countywide Anti-Terrorism Committee.

Bringing together diverse groups from the private and public sector has been the special hallmark of the CJC. We salute the work the Commission has done in the past year. We believe 2003 will be another interesting year for all aspects of the criminal justice field.

We thank the CJC members and staff, whose diligence and determination are the cornerstones of the CJC's success, for their ongoing support and hard work.

Sincerely,

Robert Weisman

Robert Weisman
County Administrator

Vince Bonvento

Vince Bonvento
Assistant County Administrator



Robert Weisman
County Administrator



Vince Bonvento
Assistant County
Administrator

A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Diana Cunningham
Executive Director

I am pleased to provide you with an annual report for 2002 detailing the activities and successes of the CJC, along with plans for the new-year. With the dedication and commitment of our members, the CJC was able to accomplish the goals identified at the Annual Planning meeting.

The strength of the CJC is the leadership that each member provides and the unique collaboration between the public and private sector partnership. This collaboration allows the CJC to continue to address with success, many vital issues.

During 2002, new and emerging issues caused the creation of several new committees and task forces. As an example, the CJC made Permanent Funding Solutions its number one priority for the year. The purpose of the committee is to research and identify a more permanent funding source for CJC programs rather than to rely strictly on federal grant sources. Also, at the direction of the Board of County Commissioners, an Anti-Terrorism Grant Application Planning Group was created to develop a cooperative rather than competitive grant application process to ensure that the submission of funding requests throughout the county would be based on a pre-approved identification of priority needs.

Our Corrections Task Force works with all criminal justice and related agencies to monitor the county jail population and to ensure public safety while reducing corrections cost to the county. I am happy to report that, due to collaborative efforts, the average daily population of the county jail is below the projected forecast. In addition, the task force created a Mentally Ill Offenders Workgroup to develop methods to decrease the backlog of mental health assessments ordered by the courts for incarcerated offenders. Our Community Court project began in 1999 as the first in the state of Florida. 3,042 cases have been heard as of the end of 2002. In addition to dealing with quality of life offenses that lead to deterioration of neighborhoods, Community Court continues to provide social service assistance to over 700 non-offender needy walk-ins monthly. In April 2002, the CJC in collaboration with the Office of Public Defender initiated an Ex-Offender Reentry Program to provide a support system of social service and literacy assistance to offenders being released from county jail. The program purpose is to reduce recidivism rates that nationally exceed 50%. Finally, the CJC administers the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant and the Byrne Memorial grant. These funds are used for drug control and criminal justice system improvement. The CJC also administers the Drug Abuse Trust Fund (DATF) that is used for drug abuse prevention, education and treatment and the Crime Prevention Fund. Both funds are generated from offender fees. The DATF is a principal funding source for the local Drug Court program.

Because we have been so successful in the structure of our committees and issues addressed, coupled with the level of commitment from our members, I believe that the CJC is well positioned to make great progress in the years to come. The CJC membership, staff and I remain dedicated to our goals and committed to our mission "*to serve as a catalyst to bring together criminal justice and related agencies in partnership*".

Sincerely,

L. Diana Cunningham

L. Diana Cunningham, CJC Executive Director

HISTORY AND MISSION

The Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) was established by County Ordinance 88-16 in August 1988. It is composed of 21 representatives from the public sector and 12 representatives from the private sector.

Mission

The Criminal Justice Commission is established to study all aspects of the criminal justice and crime prevention systems within the federal, state, county, municipal and private agencies within the county. This purpose shall include the study of the health and human services and educational systems, among others, as they pertain to criminal justice or crime prevention.

The CJC was established to affect the rising crime rate and its accompanying rising cost to the County. The County and the State have shared the costs of the system. The County has extensive responsibilities for paying expenses, but virtually no authority to determine acceptable levels. The State pays the salaries of the state attorney and public defender offices, the judges and their support positions. The County pays for the buildings to house all of the court personnel, the jails to house pretrial detainees and offenders sentenced to less than one year, corrections staff for the jails, and the County Sheriff's Office.

The CJC was established by county ordinance in August 1988.

County officials and business leaders built a unique partnership when they created the CJC.

The theory of government and business working as a team to solve the problems of a community was not the norm. The CJC is a statewide model for criminal justice cooperation and coordination.

**The CJC is composed of 33 members:
12 private sector
21 public sector**

The CJC is now respected as the forum for review of any policy, procedure, program, grant, legislation, or issue that impacts the criminal justice system in the County.

Initially, the CJC obtained a comprehensive study of the entire criminal justice system in Palm Beach County. This 1990 study resulted in almost 100 recommendations for improving the cost-effectiveness and efficiency of the system. The CJC then created eight task forces, including the Criminal Justice Information System, Corrections, Drug/Alcohol Abuse Prevention, Crime Prevention, Court System, Human Services, Juvenile Justice/Education, and Law Enforcement to assess the recommendations and develop implementation plans. This committee structure has evolved into its present form.

Prior Chairmen

1989, 1990— Jon C. Moyle

1991, 1992— M.A. "Al" Coogler Jr.

1993, 1994— Malcolm F. Cunningham Jr.

1995— Sidney A. Stubbs

1996— Donald Middlebrooks

1997— Max Davis

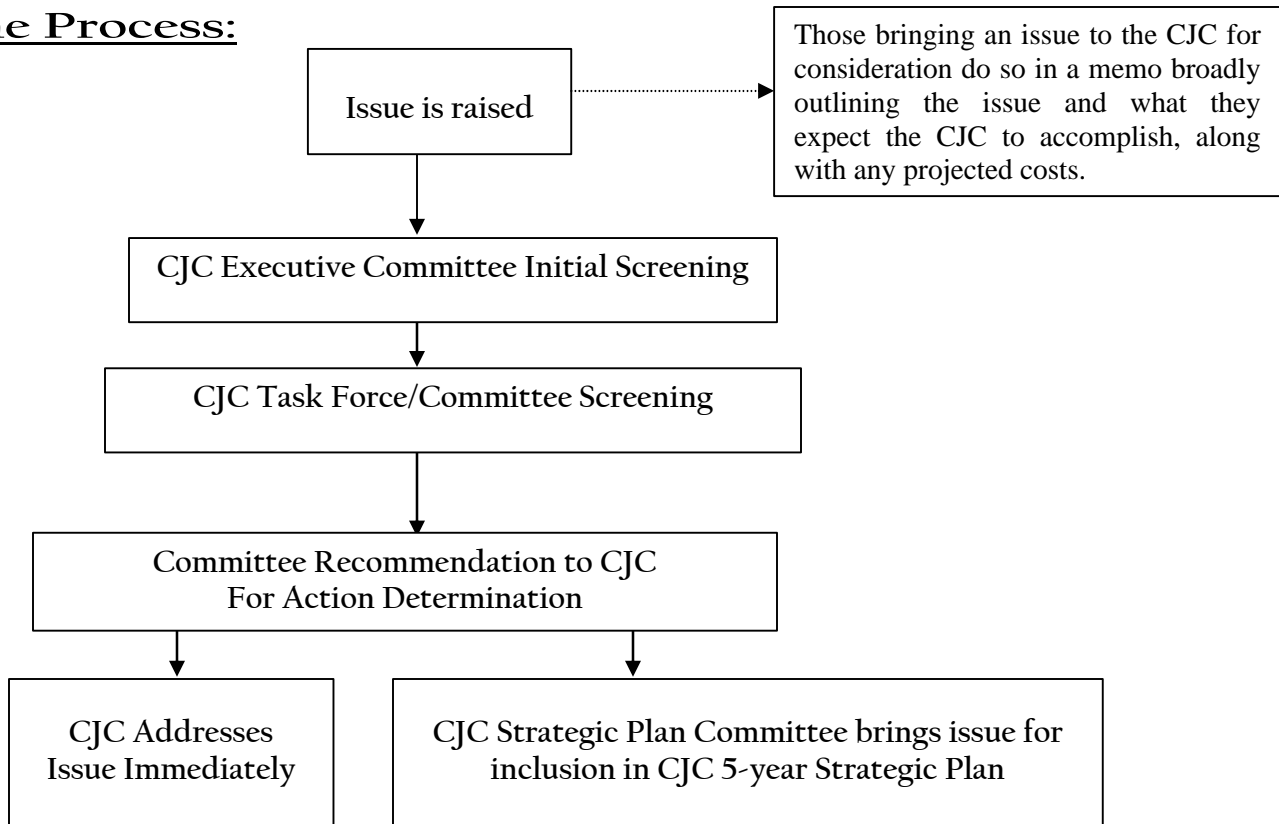
1998— Randolph K. Johnson Sr.

1999— Roy Davidson

2000, 2001— Richard G. Lubin

PROCESS AND CRITERIA FOR CJC PRIORITIZATION

The Process:



Strategic issues are those identified and held for inclusion in the annual planning meeting process for the CJC's Strategic Plan. These are issues that will be addressed over time by employing a plan toward an overall organizational goal.

Prominent issues are defined as issues of immediate concern that emerge and need to be addressed promptly.

Screening Criteria:

CJC Executive Committee Initial Screening

1. Is there an agency responsible for handling this issue? If so, have they been approached?
2. Does this issue involve multiple agencies?
3. Does this issue have a significant impact on: (a) the County? (b) the criminal justice system?
4. Does this issue fall within the objectives set out for the CJC in the enabling ordinance?

CJC Task Force/Committee Screening

1. Why was the issue referred: what problem, service gap, new opportunity exists?
2. What outcome is desired: develop a strategy, incubate a program, write a grant, etc.?
3. What is the likelihood of achieving the desired outcome?
4. What is the impact if the CJC does not address the issue?
5. Does the Committee and staff have the expertise required?
6. What goals and objectives should be established?
7. What are the requirements for CJC staffing?
8. What is the estimated timeframe for program evaluation?
9. What is the estimated cost savings/fiscal impact?
10. What are some potential long-term funding options?
11. Does this issue need to be addressed immediately or held for inclusion in the annual planning process for the CJC's strategic plan?

CJC STAFF



Gerald T. Wardrop
Criminal Justice Manager



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*Financial Analyst II
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Executive Director



Sandi Nadolny
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Community Court



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The CJC



And its Committees at Work

PALM BEACH COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

2002 Organizational Chart

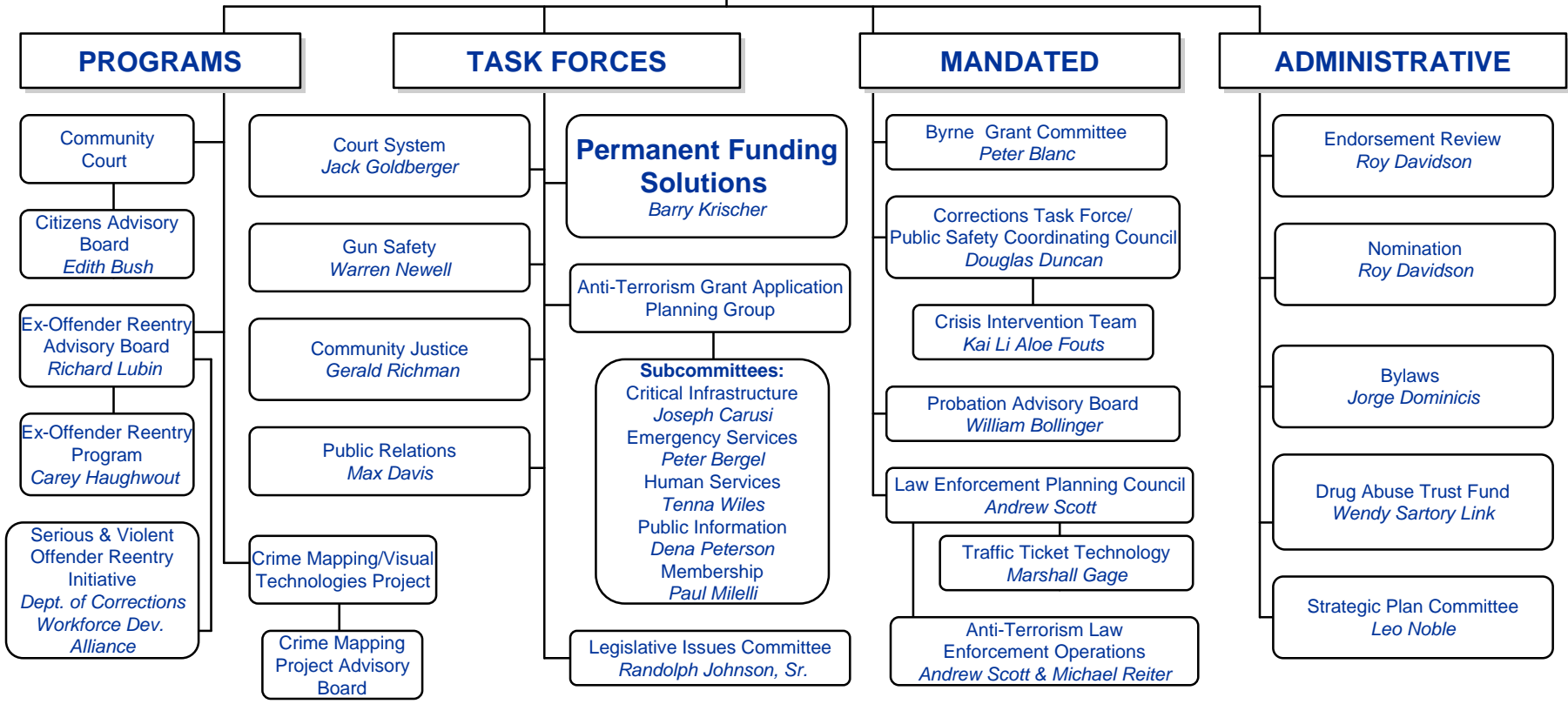


**PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**
Honorable Warren H. Newell

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION
George T. Elmore, Chairman
*Also Serves as
Substance Abuse Advisory Board*

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

COLLABORATING BODIES & CJC LIAISONS
Municipal Public Safety Communications Consortium, *Robert Mangold*
Lake Worth H. S. Criminal Justice Academy,
Belle Glade Community H. S. Criminal Justice Academy, *Effie Grear*
Justice Information System, *Leo E. Noble*
Juvenile Justice Board, *Brenda Oakes*
Probationers' Educational Growth Program, *Max Davis*
Weed and Seed Program, *Emalyn Webber*
Friends of Weed and Seed, Inc., *Susan Petersen*
Drug Court, *Valerie Rolle*
Education Commission of PBC, *Max Davis*
Crime Mapping Training Center, *Jamie Price*





COURT SYSTEMS TASK FORCE

PURPOSE

To make recommendations to improve the efficiency of the court process in addition to providing oversight for the Community Court, Drug Court and the Ex-Offender Reentry Programs.



Jack Goldberger
Chair

2002 ACTIVITIES

- The Court Systems Task force monitored the operation of the Ex-Offender Reentry program.
- Examined the urinalysis testing procedures for Drug Court.

Ex-Offender Reentry

The Ex-Offender Reentry program became operational this year and is being administered by the Public Defender's Office. This initiative assists in the reintegration of offenders back into the community after being released from jail.

Community Court

A county court judge hears pleas on quality-of-life offenses every Wednesday afternoon. The community service hours are performed on community court supervised work crews at sites throughout the community. The offender thus pays back the neighborhood, which is the victim of these crimes.

Drug Court

The Court was established to unite criminal justice entities, substance abuse treatment providers and non-violent substance abusing offenders in a therapeutic court setting, in order to assist the participant in developing a structured, disciplined, law-abiding drug and alcohol free way of life.

On May 9th, the National Association of Drug Court Professionals officially designated Drug Court as a mentor court site. The local Drug Court team will mentor states planning on implementing a Drug Court in the future in the planning, implementation and operational aspects of a Drug Court.

This is a voluntary program, which includes regular court appearances before a designated Drug Court Judge and treatment, which includes drug testing, individual/group counseling, and regular attendance at 12-step meetings (Narcotics or Alcoholics Anonymous).

Members

- Edward Bieluch, *PBC Sheriff*
- Sharon Bock, *Office of the Clerk of Court*
- Don Chester, *Intracoastal Health Systems*
- Carey Haughwout, *Public Defender*
- David Kerr, *Florida Dept. of Juvenile Justice*
- Barry Krischer, *State Attorney*
- Richard Oftedal, *Circuit Court Judge*
- Debra Moses-Stephens, *County Court Judge*
- Alan Ortman, *West Palm Beach Police Dept.*



Judge Nelson Bailey presides
over Drug Court

COMMUNITY JUSTICE TASK FORCE



PURPOSE

To oversee the implementation of community justice in crime hot spots throughout the County. Community justice strives to give community residents the resources, knowledge, and information to plan and manage local criminal justice resources



Gerald Richman
Chair

to develop programs that target that particular community's needs. It includes restoration of communities through offender accountability and service and proactive problem-solving approaches that seek to address and resolve the root causes of crime. The CJC has established a demonstration site in Delray Beach to test the practicalities of the community justice philosophy.

2002 ACTIVITIES

The Community Justice Task Force faced difficulties this year. Even with the well-known support from the community, the group encountered an economic issue that was insurmountable. The Task Force had a very good planning retreat with the Community Court project as the focal point. And from there, the Task Force has two options: (1) try to find an alternate location for a Community Court somewhere else in Palm Beach County and shelve doing anything further in Delray Beach until their financial situation and support improves or (2) to discontinue the Task Force.



Community Justice
Task Force Meeting

About Community Justice

Community Justice is a concept that calls for our justice system to link its actions to the quality and safety of community life. There are four core elements to community justice: (1) Operates at the neighborhood level; (2) Is problem solving; (3) Decentralizes authority and accountability; (4) Involves citizens in the justice process.

Community justice begins with a focus on solving neighborhood problems by drawing on local resources and initiatives and supporting them with additional local resources, which are often necessary in order to create viable local organizations and programs. Community justice provides the framework in which community residents, justice agencies, and private organizations can work together to improve the quality of life in a community.

Members

Lula Butler, *City of Delray Beach*
Karen Casey Acevedo, Ph.D., *Lynn University*
Barry Cohen, *County Court Judge*
Roy H. Davidson, *BallenIsles Development Co.*
Brahm Dubin, *Dubin & Associates*
Dorothy Ellington, *Delray Beach Housing Authority*
Articia Futch, *PBC Sheriff's Office*
Carolyn Gholston, *Community Representative*
Carey Haughwout, *Public Defender*
David Kerr, *Florida Dept. of Juvenile Justice*
Barry Krischer, *State Attorney*
James Martz, *State Attorney's Office*
William McCollom, *Delray Beach Police Dept.*
Charles Massey, Ph.D., *Florida Atlantic University*
Leonard Mitchell, *Community Representative*

Janet Patrick, *Community Representative*
Chuck Ridley, *MAD DADS*
Valerie Rolle, *Florida Department of Corrections*
Bill Sanders, *Community Development Corp.*
Mara Schiff, Ph.D., *Florida Atlantic University*
Elivio Serrano, *Community Foundation*
Seabron Smith, *TED Center*
Tommy Stephens, *Roots Cultural Organization*
Alton Taylor, *Drug Abuse Foundation*
Gerald Thompson, *Agape Bible Church*
Jimmy Weatherspoon, *Urban League of PBC*
Emalyn Webber, *U.S. Attorney's Office*
Clay Wideman, *Delray Merchants Association*
Bill Wood, *Chamber of Commerce*

CORRECTIONS TASK FORCE

PURPOSE

To assess the population status of all correctional facilities and formulate recommendations to ensure that the capacities of such facilities are not exceeded. These recommendations shall include assessments of the availability of pretrial intervention or probation, work-release, substance abuse programs, gain-time schedules, bail bond schedules, and the confinement status of the inmates housed within each facility.



Douglas Duncan
Chair

2002 ACTIVITIES

- Created a mentally ill offenders in jail workgroup to deal with problems regarding mental health assessments ordered by courts
- Researched feasibility of a Day Reporting Center to alleviate jail population
- Continue developing a Crisis Intervention Team to deal with mentally ill offenders

Members

Nelson E. Bailey, *County Court Judge*
 Ted Booras, *State Attorney's Office*
 Robert Bozzone, *Comprehensive Alcoholism Rehabilitation Program*
 Jack Cook, *Circuit Court Judge*
 Olga Fields, *Public Defender's Office*
 Brian Harper, *Pride Integrated Services, Inc.*
 Kenneth Montgomery, *Workforce Development Board*
 Warren H. Newell, *Board of County Commissioners*
 George Ottmer, *PBC Sheriff's Office*
 Valerie Rolle, *Florida Dept. of Corrections*
 Linda Rondone, *Office of the Clerk of the Court*
 Alton Taylor, *Drug Abuse Foundation*
 Charlie Trotta, *Pretrial Services Agency*

Crisis Intervention Team

Six members of the Crisis Intervention Team workgroup traveled to Memphis, Tennessee on May 23-24 to observe the Memphis CIT officers and program in action. Representatives of mental health facilities and law enforcement visited a shooting range to observe the non-lethal weapons in use by the Memphis Police Department in conflicts with mentally ill offenders if necessary. Members went to the training academy to meet with National Alliance of the Mentally Ill (NAMI) members and a consumer to share CIT experiences and successes. In November the workgroup went back to Memphis to attend the actual week-long CIT training program.

COUNTY JAIL BEDS

Facility	2002 Average Daily Population	Current Beds Opened	Current Occupancy	Design Capacity
Main Detention Center	1,558	1,919	81%	2,199
Stockade	713	993	72%	993
West County	90	150	60%	274
Total	2,361	3,062	77%	3,466

ANTI-TERRORISM GRANT APPLICATION PLANNING

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PURPOSE

To create a permanent steering committee which will administer an equitable, cooperative process for prioritizing proposals, enhance anti-terrorism preparedness and response capability countywide, and maximize local, state, and federal resources

2002 ACTIVITIES

The Anti-Terrorism Grant Application Planning Committee made the following recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners:

- Create a permanent Terrorism Grant Review Committee
- Designate the Terrorism Grant Review Committee as the central repository for all anti-terrorism grant/funding proposals emanating from county, municipal, and recognized organizations within Palm Beach County
- The Terrorism Grant Review Committee will establish four Evaluation Subcommittees: Human Services, Emergency Services, Critical Infrastructure, and Public Information to rank proposals in these areas
- If a proposal requires the expertise of more than one Evaluation Subcommittee, a Temporary Joint-Evaluation Subcommittee will be created to evaluate and score that proposal
- In order to ensure a commitment from county, municipal, and authorized private organizations, a Memorandum of Understanding should be signed by all participating entities
- Adopt bylaws that will include membership qualifications, duties, voting rights, creation of subcommittees, meeting schedules, and a method for conflict resolution among participants
- Update the Proposal Prioritization List every year

These recommendations went before the Board of County Commissioners on October 22, 2002 as part of a Resolution to create a Countywide Anti-Terrorism Committee. The Board approved the resolution.

Members

Pete Bergel, *PBC Fire Chiefs Association*
Ed Bieluch, *PBC Sheriff's Office*
Joe Carusi, *PBC Public Safety Department*
Dwight Chenette, *Health Care Taxing District*
Marshall Gage, *Chiefs of Police Association*
Jean Malecki, *PBC Health Department*
Paul Milelli, *PBC Public Safety Department*
Andrew Scott, *Boca Raton Police Department*
Al Sierra, *PBC Fire-Rescue Department*
John Snow, *Local Emergency Managers Network*
Jamie Titcomb, *PBC League of Cities, Inc.*
Mike Washam, *Florida Department of Law Enforcement*
Tenna Wiles, *PBC Medical Society*



Palm Beach County Sheriff's Offices' Jerry Nicholas and Captain Alan Fuhrman

EX-OFFENDER REENTRY WORKGROUP



PURPOSE

The purpose of the Ex-Offender Reentry Program is to reduce crime and thus reduce recidivism rates by assisting offenders in successfully reintegrating back into society at the end of their incarceration.



Michael Dubiner
Chair



Richard G. Lubin
Chair

2002 ACTIVITIES

- Program became operational April 2002
- 134 offenders interviewed since the program began
- Currently have 40 offenders actively enrolled
- Five participants graduated from the program in October

The planning required the involvement of local law enforcement and public and private sector social service agencies along with the support of the local criminal justice system. Participation in the reentry program is voluntary on the part of the offender and program emphasis is placed on those offenders who demonstrate an interest in changing their behavior. The Office of the Public Defender is administering the Ex-Offender Reentry Program. During the planning phase, offender eligibility was determined by the Workgroup as:

- ✦ Offenders serving a 6 – 12 month county jail sentence
- ✦ Voluntary
- ✦ Unemployed
- ✦ Educational and/or vocational deficiency
- ✦ Primary healthcare and/or mental health needs
- ✦ Repeat offenders
- ✦ Transportation needs
- ✦ Homeless
- ✦ Substance abuse treatment
- ✦ Under no form of supervision

The goals of the Ex-Offender Reentry Program are to:

Decrease crime

Decrease victimization

Decrease recidivism of offenders leaving incarceration from county jail

Increase cooperation with ex-offenders

Assist ex-offenders in achieving crime-free and productive lifestyles upon release from county jail

Decrease county jail population and expenses in Palm Beach County

Workgroup meeting chaired by Mr. Lubin. The Ex-Offender Reentry Workgroup began meeting on June 25, 2001 with regularly scheduled monthly meetings.



EX-OFFENDER REENTRY WORKGROUP

Members

Grace Diez Arguelles, *Office Of State Attorney*

Sharon Bock, *Clerk's Office*

Katherine Burns, *PEG Program*

Articia Futch, *PBC Sheriff's Office*

Donna Harris, *Oakwood Center*

Carey Haughwout, *Public Defender*

Michele Jacobs, *C.A.R.P.*

Jennifer Loyless, *Public Defender's Office*

Pam Middleton, *Drug Abuse Treatment Assoc.*

Ken Montgomery, *Workforce Development Board*

Allan Ortman, *West Palm Beach Police Dept*

Jamie Price, *Florida Atlantic University*

Valerie Rolle, *Florida Dept. of Corrections*

Linda Rondone, *Clerk's Office*

Chuck Shaw, *PBC School District*

Darlene Silvernail, *Forest Hill Counseling Center*

Joe Speicher, *South County Mental Health*

Alton Taylor, *Drug Abuse Foundation*

Priscilla Taylor, *P. Taylor Insurance Association*

Charlie Trotta, *Court Administration*

A reentry initiative assists in the reintegration of offenders back into the community after being released from jail. The goals are to reduce recidivism by providing literacy, job training and placement, temporary food and housing, life skills assistance and other social service needs.

Transition Services Needed

The Reentry Workgroup identified the following transitional services as critical to offender needs:

- Personal identification
- Job training/placement
- Housing
- Primary healthcare
- Mental health counseling
- Transportation assistance
- Literacy assistance
- Substance abuse counseling
- Food and clothing
- Life-skills training



The first graduation of the re-entry program took place in October this year.

LAW ENFORCEMENT PLANNING COUNCIL



PURPOSE

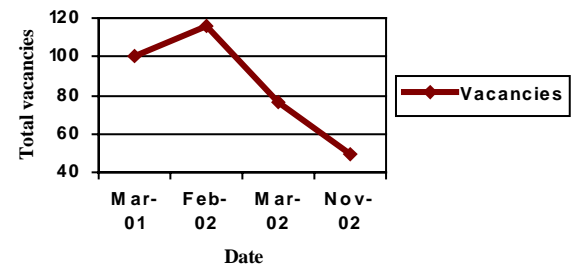
- To discuss, evaluate, and develop policy issues for the law enforcement community
- To develop strategic plans for ensuring better coordination and cooperation among law enforcement agencies, as well as other criminal justice entities
- Research and evaluate national trends in law enforcement issues for local implementation



Andrew Scott
Chair

2002 ACTIVITIES

The Law Enforcement Planning Council (LEPC) accomplished several activities in 2002. This year, LEPC completed a study and provided recommendations on recruiting and retention of law enforcement officers in Palm Beach County. Throughout the year the "Recruiting/Retention" subcommittee met regularly to examine and discuss a number of issues and trends relating to this subject, while monitoring the actual level of law enforcement officer vacancies in Palm Beach County. It is noteworthy that our March 2002 vacancies of 76 positions, or 2.7% of total law enforcement allocations in Palm Beach County, is the lowest number reported since tracking began in May 2001. The council also strongly endorsed recommending all law enforcement agencies in the county to pursue and maintain state accreditation.



Officer vacancies in Palm Beach County

Members

Chief Clay Walker, Vice Chair, *Manalapan*

Chief Robert Mangold, *Atlantis*

Chief Mike Miller, *Belle Glade*

Chief Marshall Gage, *Boynton Beach*

Chief Larry Schroeder, *Delray Beach*

Chief August Washington, *Florida Atlantic University*

Chief Greg Smith, *Greenacres*

Chief Garrett Ward, *Gulf Stream*

Chief Tony Cervasio, *Highland Beach*

Chief H. C. (Skip) Clark II, *Juno Beach*

Chief Joseph Benevento, *Jupiter Inlet Colony*

Chief Richard J. Westgate, *Jupiter*

Chief Wes Smith, *Lake Clarke Shores*

Chief William E. Smith, *Lake Worth*

Chief Rick Lincoln, *Lantana*

Chief Joseph VonDembowski, *Mangonia Park*

Chief Earl Johnson, *North Palm Beach*

Chief Edward G. Hillery, *Ocean Ridge*

Chief Gary Frechette, *Pahokee*

Chief James Kelly, *PBC School District*

Sheriff Edward Bieluch, *PBC Sheriff's Office*

Chief Michael S. Reiter, *Palm Beach*

Chief James O. Fitzgerald, *Palm Beach Gardens*

Chief Roger Wille, *Palm Beach Shores*

Chief Jay Pickens, *Palm Springs*

Chief Clarence Williams III, *Riviera Beach*

Acting Chief, Ed Stepnowski, *Royal Palm Beach*

Chief Danny Jones, *South Bay*

Chief Roger Crane, *South Palm Beach*

Chief Stephen Allison, *Tequesta*

Chief Ric Bradshaw, *West Palm Beach*

LAW ENFORCEMENT PLANNING COUNCIL



Issues addressed by the council included:

New funding approaches to the Truancy Interdiction Program (TIP) and Juvenile Assessment Center (JAC) security funding

Locks for Cops program

Traffic ticket technologies

Gang Activity and Gang Enforcement in Palm Beach County

Amber Alert

The LEPC unanimously endorsed using the “Amber Alert” Missing Child Notification System in Palm Beach County. Along with Clear Channel Network, it was implemented this year.



TV 20 Panel Discussion

Members participated in a televised panel discussion to talk about the Law Enforcement Planning Council and to inform the public about the many crime prevention/public safety programs that the CJC researches and develops.

Monthly LEPC meetings



Child Abuse Protective Investigation Protocol

On September 5, 2002, members of LEPC and representatives from the State Attorney’s Office, Department of Children and Families (DCF), Community Alliance of Palm Beach County and others met to formally sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with regard to child abuse protocols for DCF and law enforcement officers. This protocol will ensure that law enforcement responds with DCF investigators for any calls that come in over the 911 lines or the DCF Hotlines. Whether the original call comes to law enforcement or to DCF, both agencies will respond and proceed with both a criminal investigation and a child abuse investigation

Chiefs of Police, Andrew Scott, Rick Lincoln, and Robert Mangold as the panelists for the county’s TV 20 channel

MENTALLY ILL OFFENDERS WORKGROUP



PURPOSE

- Evaluate the impact of mentally ill offenders on the local criminal justice system
- Identify a method to prevent the arrest of mentally ill offenders
- Review options available to the decision-makers in the criminal justice process, i.e., law enforcement, judges, attorneys, corrections staff
- Foster improved agency communication and coordination to assist mentally ill offenders transitioning from jail back into the community



Kai Li Aloe Fouts
Chair

2002 ACTIVITIES

The CJC Implemented a Crisis Intervention Team program in Palm Beach County during 2002 under a grant awarded from the Quantum Foundation Inc.

Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Program

Because police serve as the front-line of response to crisis situations, police encounters with the mentally ill are a common daily occurrence. The typical police response methods are drastically different from those required to effectively handle encounters with persons with mental illnesses. Scenarios are playing out across the nation where citizens and/or police are killed due to the untrained response. CIT began in Memphis in response to a crisis in which an individual with a history of mental illness and substance abuse was fatally shot by a police officer while holding a knife. CIT is made up of officers specially trained to handle encounters with the mentally ill. The ultimate goal is to have one or more CIT trained officers on duty at all times in each police agency in the County who would respond to calls involving the mentally ill. The program is widely promoted as a “best practice” model in national studies and reports by organizations representing both the criminal justice and mental health systems.

CIT has three primary objectives:

- (1) pre-arrest diversion of the mentally ill from the criminal justice system;
- (2) provide law enforcement with the tools needed to handle encounters with mentally ill persons; and
- (3) delivery of proper care for the individual in crisis through a collaboration of mental health and criminal justice systems to provide the appropriate infrastructure.

Members

Jack Ackerman, *State Attorney's Office*
Mary Andrews, *Mental Health Association of PBC, Inc.*
Robert Boxold, *State Attorney's Office*
Chris Brett, *West Palm Beach Police Dept.*
Bill Bruckner, *PBC Sheriff's Office*
Donna Harris, *45th Street Mental Health Center*
Patrick Kenny, *PBC Sheriff's Office*
Capt. Chris Kneisley, *PBC Sheriff's Office*
Laura Leonard, *Florida Dept. of Children & Families*
Jeff Lefton, *South County Mental Health Center*
Jim Marinelli, *Palm Beach Community College*

Allen McCormack, *West County Mental Health Center*
Earl Moore, *League of Cities*
Mary Olsen, *West Palm Beach Police Dept.*
Linda O'Rourke, *Prison Health Services*
Juan Pagan, *Eli Lilly Company/Public Health*
Tina Philips, *Palm Beach Habilitation Center*
Linda Rondone, *Clerk's Office*
Louis Sessa, *PBC Sheriff's Office*
Elinor Siklossy, *NAMI/PBC*
Joe Speicher, *South County Mental Health Center*
Barbara White, *Public Defenders Office*

PERMANENT FUNDING SOLUTIONS



Barry Krischer
Chair

PURPOSE

To reduce the CJC's reliance on grants for funding established initiatives and projects by identifying a more permanent funding source

Annual Planning Meeting: CJC members voted to make permanent funding a number one priority for 2002.



2002 ACTIVITIES

- Reviewed four funding options including Independent and Dependent Taxing Districts, County Comprehensive Plan, Municipal Services Taxing Unit, and BCC funding of Criminal Justice Commission programs and services
- Reviewed draft language of a proposed "Criminal Justice System Act"
- Agreed on a motion to express its willingness to consider an Independent taxing district providing a program analysis for cost-benefit ratio was conducted on all CJC programs
- Agreed to create a technical workgroup to conduct program evaluations and report back to the committee in six months



Permanent Funding Solutions Committee Members

Members

Vincent J. Bonvento, *Assistant County Administrator*
Don Chester, *St. Mary's Medical Center*
Roy Davidson, *BallenIsles Development Co.*
Max Davis, *Economic Council*
Jorge Dominicis, *Florida Crystals*
George T. Elmore, *CJC Chairman*
Edward Fine, *Chief Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit*
Carey Haughwout, *Public Defender*
James Kelly, *School District Police Dept.*
David Kerr, *Florida Dept. of Juvenile Justice*
Wendy Sartory Link, *Ackerman, Link & Sartory, P.A.*
Warren Newell, *Board of County Commissioners*
Leo E. Noble, *Economic Council*
Will Ray, *PBC Cultural Council*
Michael Reiter, *Palm Beach Police Dept.*
Glen Torcivia, *Glen Torcivia, P.A.*



Attorney Glen Torcivia, State Attorney Barry Krischer and Criminal Justice Commission Executive Director Diana Cunningham

**Palm Beach County Criminal
Justice Commission
Annual Monitoring Report
Of**



**Pride Misdemeanor
Probation Services**

**October 1, 2000 – September
30, 2001**

PROBATION ADVISORY BOARD

PURPOSE

To monitor the County professional services contract with Pride Integrated Services, Inc., for the provision of misdemeanor probation services to Palm Beach County.



**William Bollinger
Chair**

2002 ACTIVITIES

- Conducted a random programmatic audit on 450 terminated probation cases
- Recommended renewal of the County-Pride Misdemeanor Probation Services contract for another three-year period effective December 6, 2002 through December 5, 2005
- Completed changes to Scope of Work section of the contract
- Requested the County Internal Auditor conduct a financial audit on Pride Integrated Services

History

In 1993, the Board of County Commissioners, through a Request For Proposal (RFP) process, selected Pride Integrated Services, Inc. as the sole misdemeanor probation service provider. The County Professional Services contract required the creation of a Probation Advisory Board to monitor and ensure compliance with the terms of the probation contract with Pride and to report to the BCC. An annual program audit is conducted on all four Pride offices to ensure terms of the contract are being adhered to in the delivery of misdemeanor probation services.

TYPICAL PROFILE

MISDEMEANOR OFFENDER ON PROBATION

Male

Caucasian

Age 26 – 35

Single

12th grade education

Prior convictions

Employed

Drugs/Alcohol involvement

DUI most common offense

Members

Ted Booras, *State Attorney's Office*
Steven A. Cohen, *Private Defense Attorney*
George T. Elmore, *CJC Chairman*
Justine Patterson, *Florida Dept. of Corrections*
Virginia Cataldo, *United States Probation*
John Rivera, *Assistant Public Defender*
Linda Rondone, *Office of the Clerk of the Court*

PUBLIC RELATIONS TASK FORCE

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Public Relations Task Force is to educate citizens about CJC issues, programs and accomplishments and to provide educational forums whereby citizens can learn more about the criminal justice system and how it operates.



Max Davis
Chair

2002 ACTIVITIES

Citizen's Criminal Justice Academy

The Citizen's Criminal Justice Academy was created by the CJC and Palm Beach Community College to provide an opportunity for citizens to learn more about the criminal justice system in PBC. The eleven-week Citizen Academies are scheduled twice a year in February and September and are free to the public. Courses are taught by local criminal justice practitioners and include tours of the County Courthouse, County Jail, Juvenile Assessment Center, Sheriff's Office, Home Safe Facility and the Eagle Academy. Production began this year on ten 30-minute Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office's Production Company to be distributed to those citizens who are not able to commit to the 11-week course.



The 9th graduating class of the
Citizen's Criminal Justice
Academy

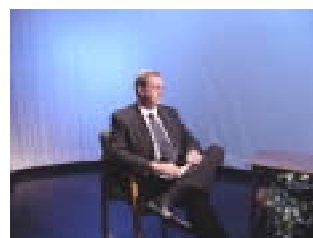
Cable Channel TV 20 Video Programs

Individual CJC programs are videotaped for airing to inform citizens about the CJC and the many programs it has created. The panel moderator and members are made up of CJC members, various committee members, and staff. Three Panel Discussions were completed in 2002 and aired on TV Channel 20 on the following topics:

- Ex-Offender Re-Entry, with Max Davis, CJC Member, as the moderator, and the Honorable Carey Haughwout Public Defender for the 15th Judicial Circuit, Kay Oglesby, Ex-Offender Re-Entry Program Coordinator, and Jonathan White, Ex-Offender Re-Entry Program participant on the panel.
- Crisis Intervention Team, with Doug Duncan, CJC Member, as the moderator, Chief Andrew Scott, Boca Raton Police Department, Jeff Lefton, Chief Operating Officer for South County Mental Health, and Dorothy Kelleher of National Alliance for the Mentally Ill on the panel.
- Law Enforcement Planning Council, with Chief Ric Bradshaw, CJC Member, as the moderator, Chief Andrew Scott, Chairman of the Law Enforcement Planning Council and Chief of the Boca Raton Police Department, Chief Rick Lincoln, Lantana Police Department, and Chief Robert Mangold, Atlantis Police Department on the panel.

Members

Dale Armstrong, *Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms*
 Jeffrey Colbath, *Circuit Court Judge*
 Roy Davidson, *BallenIsles Development Co.*
 Jorge Dominicus, *Florida Crystals*
 Ric Bradshaw, *West Palm Beach Police Dept.*
 Carey Haughwout, *Public Defender*
 Randolph K. Johnson, Sr., *Communications by Johnson*
 Wendy Sartory Link, *Ackerman, Link & Sartory, P.A.*
 Richard Lubin, *Lubin, Volker & Olea, P.A.*
 Priscilla Taylor, *P. Taylor Insurance Assoc.*



West Palm Beach Police
Chief Ric Bradshaw

STRATEGIC PLAN COMMITTEE



PURPOSE

To monitor, amend and update the CJC's Five Year Strategic Plan and report on its progress to the CJC. The Plan includes: Vision Statement, Mission Statement, Core Values, Goals, and Strategies. It takes into account all of the CJC's existing committees, initiatives, and commitments. A timeline provides deadlines and milestone events.



Leo Noble
Chair

VISION

Cultivate and enrich local criminal justice practice, policy, and program development

MISSION

Serve as a catalyst to bring together criminal justice and related agencies in partnerships

2002 ACTIVITIES

- Met periodically to review Plan status and program progress
- Recommended changes to the 2003-2007 Strategic Plan that were approved by CJC members at the November 12, 2002 Annual Planning Meeting

Core Values

- An efficient, effective, and timely criminal justice system is vital for the health, safety, and welfare of the County's citizens
- Crime is best addressed through cooperative efforts that involve both public and private sectors
- Objective leadership is the foundation for examining issues in a fair and independent process that is not directed by any single criminal justice agency
- Decisions made by a consensus of all interested parties is fundamental to unity
- An open forum for the discussion of issues is imperative for genuine and candid debate
- Success is more certain when all interested parties have a say in crafting solutions
- Expertise and experience of local professionals are invaluable knowledge bases to draw upon

Goals

- Study all aspects of the criminal justice and crime prevention systems within the federal, state, county, municipal and private agencies
- Provide overall coordination to law enforcement and crime prevention efforts
- Provide an efficient, cost effective, and timely criminal justice system
- Effect the reduction of crime on a permanent basis
- Serve as an advisory board to the Board of County Commissioners on criminal justice issues
- Develop permanent funding solutions for the CJC's initiatives and other criminal justice programs
- Raise the level of knowledge of the local citizenry about the criminal justice system

- Successful model programs and national/international trends can benefit local communities
- Encouragement for bold innovative approaches produces remarkable results

Members

Jorge Dominicis, *Florida Crystals*
George T. Elmore, *CJC Chairman*
Edward Fine, *Chief Judge*
Barry Krischer, *State Attorney*
Wendy Sartory Link, *Ackerman, Link, & Sartory, P.A.*
Warren H. Newell, *Board of County Commissioners*

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And its Special Initiatives



COMMUNITY COURT

PURPOSE

Community Court addresses “nuisance” crimes that erode the quality of life in a neighborhood.



Edith Bush
Chair

2002 ACTIVITIES

This year Community Court:

- Processed approximately 2,800 cases
- Had a 90% compliance rate on community service sanctions
- Saw over 700 non-offender walk-ins monthly requesting social service assistance

Community Court Services:

- ✦ Adult court that addresses “quality of life” non-violent misdemeanor offenses heard every Wednesday. Over 3,400 cases heard from inception on 8/18/99 and 6,904 cases were processed to date
- ✦ Primary sanction is community service—92% completion rate of neighborhood clean up projects
- ✦ Alcohol-drug treatment, Narcotics Anonymous meetings, group and individual counseling, acupuncture on site
- ✦ AIDS education classes for all who perform community service
- ✦ New AIDS/HIV testing available three days a week in building
- ✦ Food distribution for community service workers and neighborhood needy
- ✦ Job search assistance with volunteers setting up interviews
- ✦ Assistance in linking to food stamps, acquisition of ID’s, Supplemental Security Income, housing
- ✦ Community service to work off outstanding criminal case fines and traffic fines to get drivers license restored
- ✦ The number of non-offender walk-ins requesting services and assistance has grown to over 700 individuals a month
- ✦ In conjunction with Court Administration, initiated a Citizen’s Dispute/Community Mediation program in order to assist neighborhood residents in resolving a wide variety of neighborhood disputes
- ✦ Youth Court program, that addresses first time juvenile offenders, meets every Monday evening—youth who perform community service and complete social service requirements have their arrests dropped



Community Court Coordinator, Tom Becht and CJC Criminal Justice Manager, Jerry Wardrop

COMMUNITY COURT

About Community Court:

The Court provides on-site work skills/job search/training options through the Workforce Development Center; GED classes, literacy skills from Probationers Educational Growth; Food Stamps from Florida Department of Children and Families; Mental Health services from 45th Street Mental Health Center; drug assessments and treatment from the Comprehensive Alcohol Rehabilitation Program and Gratitude House; homeless shelter from Salvation Army, Joshua House, St. Matthew's House and Born Anew. Palm Tran, Inc provides bus passes. The staff of the Court also works with non-offender community residents who seek assistance from these services. Local community policing officers from West Palm Beach Police Department frequently refer non-offending residents to the Court for assistance.

The Citizen's Advisory Board, which meets on a regular basis, serves as the voice of the community informing Court personnel on services needed, local problems and concerns. Staff from Community Court continually meet with neighborhood groups and residents in order to make residents aware of services available. The Court maintains continuing partnerships with a host of neighborhood groups.



Citizen's Advisory Board Members

Rev. Randy Boone, *Salvation Army NW Community Center*
Katherine Burns, *Probationers Educational Growth*
Carlton Cartwright, *The Children's Coalition, Inc.*
Lori Columbino, *West Palm Beach Police Dept.*
Rev. Edward Ellis, *Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church*
Rev. Henry Fuse, *Urban League*
Donald Gibson, *Project Connect*
James Gilbert, *Kingdom Services*
Carol Hasegawa, *Career Paths Project*
Lynn Hubbard, *Path*
Rev. Andrew Jones, *First Born Church of the Living God*
Julia King, *Realtor*
Gail & Alan Levine, *Activists*
Anne Lynch, *Elder Justice Center*
Cedrick Mayes, *Recovery Outreach*
Cliff McCray, *Community Resident*
Tony McCray, *Northwest CDC*

Rev. Ellis McKenzie, *New Creation Missionary Baptist Church*
Robert D. Miller, Jr., *WPB Housing Authority*
Dr. Alice Moore, *Retired Educator*
Chris Occhipinti, *Recovery House of the Palm Beaches*
Allan Ortman, *West Palm Beach Police Dept.*
Stephanie Patterson, *West Palm Beach Police Dept.*
Sarah Reddick, *The Rosemary Village*
Roz Riley, *Tabernacle Development, Inc.*
Laura Robinson, *WPB Housing Authority*
Aaron Sam, *West Palm Beach Police Dept.*
Frank L. Sampson, Jr., *Sampson Enterprises*
Ralph C. Smith, *PBC Habitat for Humanity*
Sarah Spencer, *Florida Dept. of Health*
Coni Williams, *Front Porch Florida*
Faye Williams, *St. Matthew's House*
Jane E. Zino, *Million Mom March*



West Palm Beach Police Officer Aaron Sam ensures security at community court

VISUAL PLANNING TECHNOLOGIES

PURPOSE

The Visual Planning Technologies (VPT) Project's primary focus is to provide geographic crime analysis capabilities on a countywide scale and enable the efficient sharing of criminal justice information between criminal justice agencies.

Project Overview

The VPT Project seeks to pursue the use of advanced technologies in order to integrate law enforcement data as well as other data sources within the county, apply innovative crime mapping and analysis tools to system data to allow for proactive policing and problem identification, and develop a secure and efficient architecture for criminal justice agencies to communicate and share data effectively within the county.

The VPT project is a long-term project to facilitate advanced strategic planning and policy formulation. In this project, the CJC is working in collaboration with the County's Information System Services (ISS) department to promote the comprehensive use of technology by criminal justice agencies.

The VPT Project is a cooperative effort that encompasses all of the law enforcement agencies within Palm Beach County,

the Department of Corrections, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, the State Attorney's Office, and Federal agencies. VPT promotes a proactive policing approach by making the information readily available to all users across all jurisdictions, and not just a centralized group of specialists.

The project will allow the agencies within Palm Beach County to continue to find new and innovative ways to use technology to the benefit of our citizens. Proactive policing, efficient data sharing crime prevention, sex offender management, administrative support, and tactical operation support are only a few of the many possible benefits gained by the Project.

Project Structure

VPT Steering Committee
Chairman: Chief H.C. Skip Clark II

3 Permanent Subcommittees:

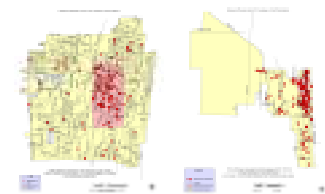
- Management
- Operations (System Users)
- Technical



Kelly Ratchinsky presents information on the countywide GIS system

2002 ACTIVITIES

- Project was established in April as a part of the Criminal Justice Commission's five-year strategic plan to address the need for countywide crime analysis and information sharing.
- A Steering committee was created to provide input on the needs to be addressed by the project and to establish policies and procedures.
- Staff met the CJC's counterpart group in Pinellas County, the Department of Justice Coordination, to view their countywide crime mapping and analysis system.
- In conjunction with County ISS, staff worked to develop an intranet web application to allow access to criminal justice maps and data from outside locations.
- Staff has implemented a detailed survey of all the data/GIS systems in use by each agency in the county to determine how to best link them to allow data sharing.



County maps showing Department of Corrections released offenders

GUN SAFETY TASK FORCE



PURPOSE

To promote gun safety initiatives and distribute gun safety locks throughout Palm Beach County

2002 ACTIVITIES



Commissioner
Warren Newell
Chair

8,604 gunlocks and 3,305 Gun Safety videos have been distributed to the residents of Palm Beach County through:

- ◆ Locks to Cops Program through which gunlocks are provided to all local law enforcement agencies to distribute to any resident in need
- ◆ Gun Safety Day at the Palm Beach County Fair. Commissioner Warren Newell, Chairman of Gun Safety Task Force, distributed gunlocks and gun safety videos to patrons
- ◆ Florida's Fish and Wildlife Commission for its Gun Safety Courses
- ◆ All Palm Beach County School District schools. Commissioner Warren Newell distributed a Gun Safety Video to each Principal of a Palm Beach County School District school. Many Principals requested gunlocks for their student's parents that own firearms
- ◆ Florida Sportsman Coalition for its annual "Youth Day" during which youths come out to the J.W. Corbitt Area to learn about Hunting Safety

Locks to Cops Day



Gun Safety Video

The CJC contracted with Video Techniques, Inc., for a professional educational video on gun safety in 2001 and the distribution of the

video continued throughout the year. The video addresses the importance of gun safety and responsible gun ownership. It is distributed free of charge, with a gun safety lock, to all interested Palm Beach County residents. The educational message and the free gunlock are intended to reduce the number of injuries and deaths caused to children by unlocked weapons.

Examples of Gun Safety Locks





GRANTS ADMINISTRATION

Drug Abuse Trust Fund Committee

CJC responsibility:

- Administer fund for County
- Recommend its allocation to County Commission



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Chair

2002 ACTIVITY

\$143,000	Detoxification services for Southern Palm Beach County
\$56,678	Civil Drug Court Treatment
\$10,000	Cash match for the Drug Court Implementation Grant
\$239,988	Reappropriated unexpended funds for Drug Court Treatment
\$52,000	Substance Abuse Prevention/Grants Coordinator at the CJC to implement substance abuse prevention education programs, and to research and leverage funding for substance abuse treatment

Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program

CJC responsibility:

- Administer funds for County
- Recommend its allocation to County Commission
- Serve as the advisory board for local units of government applying for grants

Members

Edward H. Fine, *Chief Judge*
 Marshall Gage, *Boynton Beach Police Dept.*
 Carey Haughwout, *Public Defender*
 Barry Krischer, *State Attorney*
 Valerie Rolle, *Florida Dept. of Corrections*

2002 ACTIVITY

The Federal FY 2002 allocation totaled **\$789,014**

The U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), awarded the funds to be spent over a 24-month period. These funds (including the required 10% match) were allocated as follows:

Community Court Program (Palm Beach County CJC)	\$71,790
Visual Planning Technology/GIS Project (Palm Beach County CJC)	\$122,489
Municipal Public Safety Communications Consortium (MPSCC) (City of Boynton Beach)	\$150,000
Ex-Offender Re-Entry Program (Public Defender's Office)	\$200,000
Community Justice Project (City of Delray Beach)	\$125,000
Community-Based Anti-Crime Unit (COMBAT) (State Attorney's Office)	\$130,000
Truancy Interdiction Program (TIP) (State Attorney's Office)	\$43,750
Juvenile Assessment Center (JAC) Security (Palm Beach Sheriff's Office)	\$33,653

GRANTS ADMINISTRATION

Byrne Grant Committee

Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Assistance Formula Grant Program

CJC responsibility:

- Administer fund for County
- Serve as the County's Substance Abuse Advisory Board (SAAB)
- Recommend its allocation to County Commission



Peter Blanc
Chair

Members

Robert Blomquist, *League of Cities*
 Sandra Duncan, *PBC Victim Services*
 Marshall Gage, *Chiefs of Police Association*
 Carey Haughwout, *Public Defender*
 David Kerr, *Florida Dept. of Juvenile Justice*
 Warren H. Newell, *County Commission*
 Valerie Rolle, *Florida Dept. of Corrections*
 Ken Selvig, *State Attorney's Office*
 Alton Taylor, *Drug Abuse Foundation*
 Bill Tremmer, *PBC Sheriff's Office*

2002 ACTIVITY

The State FY 2003 allocation totaled **\$730,760**

By choice, the CJC issues a local Request For Proposal (RFP) to allow local units of government to apply for the funds. This year, two separate RFPs were issued. The CJC's Byrne Grant Committee reviews the grant proposals and provides a recommendation to the CJC. Eleven proposals were received during the FY2003 RFP process this



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past year. The Byrne Grant Committee's recommendation was approved by the CJC and then the County Commission. These funds (including the required 25% match) were allocated as follows:

Multi-Agency Narcotics Unit (MAN) (Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office)	\$393,768
Truancy Interdiction Program (TIP) (State Attorney's Office)	\$30,828
Juvenile Domestic Violence Mediation Program (JDVMP) (Court Administration)	\$53,719
Program Administration (Palm Beach County CJC)	\$63,440
Crime Analysis (Palm Beach County CJC)	\$53,685
Community Court/Community Services Program (Palm Beach County CJC)	\$53,619
Community Court/Treatment Component (Palm Beach County CJC)	\$52,055
Countywide Weed and Seed Administrative Component (City of Delray Beach)	\$56,439
Responding Against Delinquency & Recidivism (RADAR) (City of West Palm Beach)	\$53,733
Civil Drug Court Restart Program (City of Riviera Beach)	\$98,912
Crime Mapping/GIS Project (Palm Beach County CJC)	\$64,149

MUNICIPAL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS

PURPOSE

To provide a countywide interoperable radio network for all the municipal law enforcement agencies of Palm Beach County



Robert Mangold
Chair

2002 ACTIVITIES

The Municipal Public Safety Communications Consortium (MPSCC) has made great progress during the year. Accomplishments during the year include:

- MACOM was selected as the vendor for the radio system through a competitive Request For Proposal process.
- The Board of County Commissioners passed a resolution in February 2002 establishing the procedures for municipalities to access the \$12.50 traffic fine revenues.
- The State approved the MPSCC system as a part of Palm Beach County's Intergovernmental Communications Plan. This was the final approval necessary for access to the \$12.50 funding.
- Municipal Public Safety Communications Consortium (MPSCC) has 20 member municipalities. It is incorporated as a Florida not-for-profit corporation.

Chief Mangold,
Wayne English,
George Elmore, Chief
Gage



End-of-the-Year Status

The MPSCC is working with the County Attorney's Office to put in place the necessary documents required by the February Board of County Commissioners resolution

The MPSCC is preparing for contract negotiations with MACOM including a financing plan

Work on the system is expected to begin in mid 2003 and the system is anticipated to be operational by early 2004

The MPSCC member municipalities and their representatives on the Board of Directors are:

Atlantis: Robert Mangold, *Chairman*
 Boca Raton: Andrew Scott
 Boynton Beach: Wilfred Hawkins
 Greenacres: Wadie Atallah
 Juno Beach: H. C. (Skip) Clark, *Secretary*
 Jupiter: Richard Westgate
 Lake Clarke Shores: Wes Smith, *Vice Chairman*
 Lake Worth: William Smith, *Treasurer*
 Lantana: Andy Rundle
 Manalapan: Clay Walker

North Palm Beach: Dennis Kelly
 Palm Beach: Michael Reiter
 Palm Beach Gardens: Ernie Carr, *CPSCC Chairman*
 Palm Springs: Jay Pickens
 Riviera Beach: Clifton Smith
 Royal Palm Beach: Steve Wiesen
 South Palm Beach: Roger Crane
 Tequesta: Stephen Allison
 Wellington: Tom Wenham
 West Palm Beach: Michael Cambisios



The MPSCC in action

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Robert Weisman



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