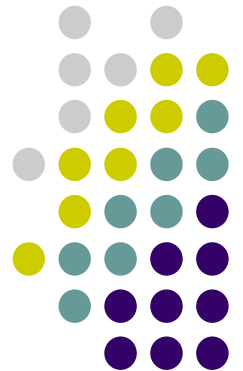


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In 1988, the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners created the Criminal Justice Commission to develop innovative processes for coordinating criminal justice issues. County government has a large stake in preventing crime, insuring public safety and controlling criminal justice system costs. The Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners reasoned that the most effective way to address these issues was through a collaborative criminal justice system. The CJC's role is to research current and emerging issues and advise the County Commission of the most effective methods of impacting these issues.



HISTORY

The Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) was created to study and make improvements to the justice system in an effort to improve the delivery of criminal justice services for Palm Beach County residents.

The CJC convenes an Annual Planning Meeting to identify justice system issues and emerging crime trends in an effort to coordinate improvement to criminal justice and between justice system components.

The CJC has functioned since 1989 as the catalyst to coordinate the activities of the justice system components including the judiciary, offices of the state attorney and public defender, sheriff's office and members of local governmental entities and their respective law enforcement agencies.

While the justice system functions as an adversarial process, the CJC is a forum that allows public and private sector business and educational leaders to meet on a monthly basis to share information and to recommend improvements.

Annually, over 200 individuals contribute their time and efforts to the numerous committees and task forces that comprise the CJC. Each committee falls under one of the CJC's four pillars — Crime Prevention, Law Enforcement, Courts and Corrections.

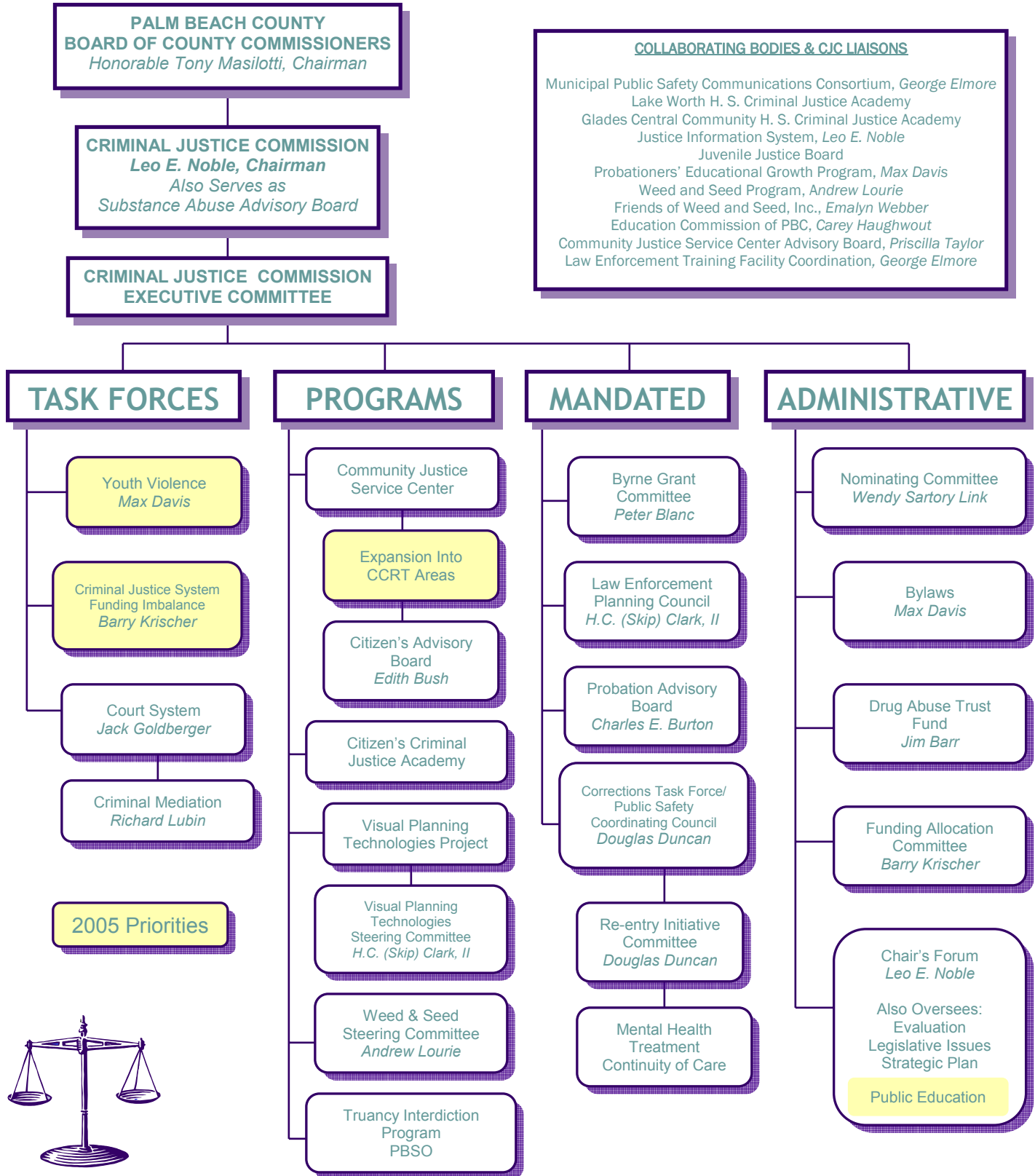
Today, the CJC is recognized throughout the state as a unique and effective forum to deal with crime and its associated costs, both in terms of victimization and financial impact.

MISSION

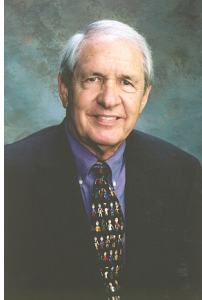
The Criminal Justice Commission was established to study all aspects of the criminal justice and crime prevention systems within the federal, state, county, municipal and private agencies within the county. This purpose shall include the study of the health and human services and educational systems,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



CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION 2005 TASK FORCE/COMMITTEE CHAIRS



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Bylaws



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Safety Coordinating Council
Re-entry Initiative
Committee



WENDY SARTORY LINK
Nominating Committee



JIM BARR
Drug Abuse Trust Fund





Message from the Chairman

As Chairman of the Criminal Justice Commission, I am pleased to present the Criminal Justice Commission's 2005 Annual Report.

As mandated by Ordinance 88-16, the document that created the Criminal Justice Commission, our purpose is to make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners on policies and programs. And our objective is to study all aspects of the criminal justice and crime prevention systems within the federal, state, county, municipal and private agencies within the county.

I am proud to report that in 2005, the Criminal Justice Commission continues to fulfill these mandates.

This year, our Funding Allocation Committee recommended more than \$900,000 in Justice Assistance Grant funds for various programs and positions. In addition, we earmarked more than of \$710,000 of our \$1 million BCC fund for eligible programs and staffing positions.

Recognizing the need for proper training on and use of electro muscular disruption devices (commonly know by the trade name Taser), the Law Enforcement Training Council adopted recommendations for a countywide policy. The Council is also proposing legislation with regard to the training on and the use of electro muscular disruption devices.

The Visual Planning Technologies Program, which is designed to create a data-sharing platform with all the law enforcement agencies in the county is moving forward. A six agency pilot project, designed to demonstrate the feasibility of data sharing, is currently underway.

In keeping with our policy of incubating programs and then finding a suitable home for them, we have transferred the administration of the Crisis Intervention Team grant to the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill.

Our Community Justice Service Center, which this year celebrated its sixth year of service, has moved to more spacious accommodations. The extra room was necessary because the Community Justice Service Center continues to expand its services. In 2005, more than 1,900 walk-in residents were assisted with over 5,500 multi-social service needs. Our Weed and Seed program is also expanding. We are supporting an unprecedented four Weed and Seed sites.

And finally, our Citizen's Criminal Justice Academy, a visible and successful of the CJ's efforts, held two academies this year and graduated forty-five students.

I am grateful that I was given the opportunity to serve as the chairman of such a worthwhile organization, and I am proud of all that we accomplished. I would be remiss if I didn't personally express my gratitude and admiration to all the private and public sector members of the CJ who devoted so much of their time and effort to serve the people of Palm Beach County.

I would like to express my special thanks to the Board of County Commissioners for creating the Criminal Justice Commission and giving all of us the opportunity to serve the citizens of Palm Beach County.



Sincerely,

Leo E. Noble

Leo E. Noble,
Chairman

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION OFFICERS



LEO E. NOBLE, CHAIRMAN

Leo E. Noble combined a background in engineering, business entrepreneurship and community service to become the founder and president of Noble Consulting, Inc. in 1997. Since its founding, the firm's major undertakings have included a two-year project for the Palm Beach County (Florida) School District and consultancy for the Workforce Alliance, Inc., a non-profit employment and economic development organization in Palm Beach County.

In the late 1970's, Mr. Noble served in senior management positions for Craven, Thompson & Associates, one of the largest engineering firms in the State of Florida. In 1981 he co-founded the West Palm Beach engineering and consulting firm that was later known as Lawson, Noble and Webb, Inc. Upon the company's sale to its employees in 1997, Mr. Noble left the company after serving as its President and Chairman of the Board. His extensive community service includes the Chairmanship of the Citizens Advisory Committee of the Palm Beach County Metropolitan Planning Organization; and Founding Director of the Regional Business Alliance, a recently established organization of business groups from Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties addressing issues of tri-county and regional concern. He is also on the Board of Directors of the Education Commission of Palm Beach County and is a Member of the Justice Information System Policy Board. His past public service includes the positions of Chairman of the Board of the Economic Council of Palm Beach County; Chairman of the Palm Beach County Policy Development Task Force; Board Member of the Law Enforcement Assistance Foundation, and Member of the Palm Beach County Environmentally Sensitive Lands Acquisition Selection Committee. He is also a former Member of the Board of Directors of Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce, the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches and SunFest, an annual 5-day entertainment festival.

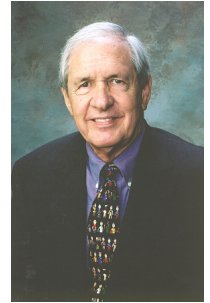


DOUGLAS DUNCAN, SECRETARY

Mr. Duncan received his B.A. from Ripon College where he graduated cum laude and received his J.D. cum laude in 1980 from Hamline University. His activities included the Silver Gavel Honor Society; recipient, Book Award in Criminal Law; member Hamline University Law Review; and editor, Criminal Law Newsletter, The Florida Bar. Mr. Duncan was admitted to the Florida bar in 1980, in 1981 the U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida including Trial Bar and U.S. Court of Appeals, 5th and 11th Circuits. In 1990 he was admitted to bar for the

U.S. Supreme Court. He is currently practicing law in West Palm Beach in the areas of criminal defense, litigation, trial practice and appellate practice. Since 1985 Mr. Duncan has authored many works, including "Fourth Amendment Standing of An Automobile Passenger", "What a Lawyer Is Ethically Required to Do When a Criminal Defendant Intends to Lie at Trial", and "Battered Woman Syndrome and Jury Instructions", among others. Mr. Duncan's extensive community service includes Treasurer for the Florida Bar 1992-1993; Secretary 1993-1994; Chairperson Elect 1994-1995; Chairperson 1995-1996; Member Executive Council, 1990-1993, 1993-1996 and 1997-, Criminal Law Section. During 1988-89, he was Chairperson of the Criminal Law Section of the Florida Academy of Trial Lawyers. Mr. Duncan has been a member and Chairperson of the Palm Beach County Criminal Court Advisory Committee. In 1989 and 1992 he was a member and Chairperson of the Continuing Legal Education Criminal Law Committee and in 1982 he was Vice-Chairman of the Appellate Practice Committee. He served as the Vice-Chairman for the Continuing Legal Education, Criminal Law Committee, Fourth Judicial District and American Bar Associations. In addition to active membership of the Florida Bar and the National Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys, Mr. Duncan became the President-Elect of the Palm Beach County Association of Criminal Defense Lawyer in 2001.

MAX DAVIS, VICE CHAIRMAN



J. Max Davis has resided in Palm Beach County since 1946. He attended Palm Beach High School (which is now Dreyfoos School of The Arts) and Palm Beach Community College. He is a past president of the Palm Beach Community College Alumni and the College Foundation, as well as past chairman of the College Board of Trustees. He founded and has retired from Max Davis Associates with offices in West Palm Beach, Ft. Pierce, Melbourne, Gainesville, Tallahassee and Ocala.

Mr. Davis is a community leader as evidenced by his commitment to the following organizations: Economic Council Member (Past Chair, Education Committee); Workforce Development Board Member (Chair, Youth Council); Arthritis Foundation Board Founder; Communities in Schools Founding Member and First Honorary Board Member; Scholastic Achievement Foundation; Gulfstream Council of the Boy Scouts Advisory Board Member; District 9 Juvenile Justice Council Member; Pine Jog Nature Center Board Member (Division of Florida Atlantic University); Probationers Educational Growth, Inc. (Founding Board Member, Palm Beach County); Palm Beach County Citizens Criminal Justice Academy (Founding Member); Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners Criminal Justice Commission Member and Past Chairman. He and his wife, Betty, have two sons, Matthew and Mark, and four grandchildren, Jessica, Jonathan, Ryan and Michelle. The Davises are active in St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

JAMES BARR, TREASURER



Mr. James Barr is a seasoned executive with over thirty years of professional, financial and managerial experience. Major strengths include planning, organization and supervision, in addition to contract and project negotiations. Mr. Barr is the president of Palm Beach Transportation, the largest ground transportation company in Palm Beach County. His impressive past

professional positions have been as the Vice President Commercial Lending of Harris Bank, Executive Vice President/Chief Financial Officer of The Fremont Company, Vice President and Managing Executive of Northern Trust Bank of Florida and President of Boca Bank. Mr. Barr served in the military as a Lieutenant in the United States Navy. He received his MBA from the University of California, Berkeley. Mr. Barr has also been involved in many community organizations. He is currently the Director of the Economic Council of Palm Beach County and has been the Chairman of the Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce, the Boca Raton Academy Trustees and the Palm Beach County Convention and Visitors Bureau. He has also served on other organizations such as the Boca Raton Rotary Club, the Citizens Advisory Committee of the Metropolitan Planning Organization and Spanish River High School Advisory Council.



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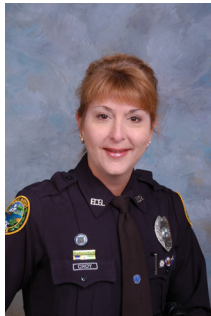
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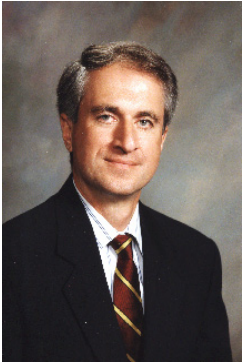
Executive Committee

Ex-Officio Member



Message from Administration

Dear Chairman Masilotti and Members,
Board of County Commissioners:



Robert Weisman
County
Administrator

The Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) was created by the Board of County Commissioners in 1988 and owes its longevity and success to the diversity and talents of its membership. What makes the CJC unique is the fact that it combines the expertise of individuals from both the public and private business sector. CJC membership is composed of 21 public agency executives and 12 private sector business and educational leaders who bring their experience and backgrounds to research and collaborate on emerging criminal justice issues in Palm Beach County (PBC).

This Annual Report illustrates the many programs and initiatives implemented by the CJC to successfully address the four components of the criminal justice system. These components include *crime prevention, law enforcement, courts* and *corrections*. On behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, we congratulate the CJC on its accomplishments this past year and acknowledge just a few.



Vince Bonvento
Assistant County
Administrator

A Youth Violence Prevention Steering Committee was created to develop a comprehensive strategy and implementation plan to prevent and combat youth violence in targeted areas of PBC and is expected to present their findings and recommendations to the BCC in early 2006. Acting on the recommendation of the CJC, the BCC approved a three-year contract with Pride Integrated Services to continue providing misdemeanor probation services to PBC. In an attempt to reduce the number of domestic violence incidents in PBC, the CJC created a Batterer’s Intervention Program (BIP) Workgroup to review current treatment programs. A collaboration of the Workgroup and treatment providers is expected to result in more effective treatment options for offenders. Lastly, we congratulate the Law Enforcement Planning Council (LEPC) for conducting a two-day Executive Leadership summit for over 40 PBC police chiefs. The intent of the summit was to reinforce the leadership skills of local police executives as they continue to address crime and crime prevention issues.

The 33 CJC members and over 200 additional individuals voluntarily serving on the 15 CJC task forces and committees deserve our thanks. Their dedication and commitment to improving the quality of life for all residents in Palm Beach County are reflected in the programs contained in this Annual Report.

Robert Weisman

Robert Weisman
County Administrator

Vince Bonvento

Vince Bonvento
Assistant County Administrator



Message from the Executive Director



2005 proved to be a successful year for the collaborative efforts of the 33 members of the Criminal Justice Commission (CJC). Having members from both the public and private sectors of the community allow a wide range of viewpoints and input into the four pillars of the criminal justice system. Crime prevention, law enforcement, corrections and courts all benefit greatly from diverse viewpoints in the discussion of issues.

Many committee and subcommittee issues are discussed throughout the annual report, but I would like to single out a few for recognition here.

Palm Beach County Weed and Seed supported an unprecedented four sites. Four federal grants were received to support those sites. Area youth continue to be served via the Drug Education For Youth (DEFY) and Safe Haven programs. Lastly and perhaps most significantly, sustainable funding plans were developed for retiring sites in Delray Beach and Riviera Beach.

Our Community Justice Service Center (CJSC) celebrated its sixth year of service and held an open house to commemorate their move to a new building on Tamarind Avenue. In addition to those individuals cited to the CJSC, over 1,900 “walk-in” residents were assisted with over 5,000 multi-social service needs and referrals.

The Law Enforcement Planning Council (LEPC) created and distributed a “Chief’s Resource Manual” for use by existing Chief’s and all incoming Chiefs of Police in Palm Beach County. In November, the first Law Enforcement Leadership Summit for 50 law enforcement executives was held.

The Corrections Task Force/Public Safety Coordinating Council successfully created a pilot program to provide continuity of medical care for individuals leaving jail for substance abuse facilities.

As well as these specific accomplishments, many on-going projects are addressed by the many committees and workgroups of the CJC. These include the Youth Violence Prevention initiative, Probation Advisory Board, and the Visual Planning Technologies project.

These accomplishments and projects are the result of the countless hours and dedication from the 33 public and private sector members of the Criminal Justice Commission, and that of our many committee members. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their commitment to the CJC and therefore to the improvement of the criminal justice system in Palm Beach County.



L. Diana Cunningham

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION STAFF



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Criminal Justice
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Court Reporter



KOURTNEI COLLINS
Student Intern

L. Diana Cunningham
Ms. Cunningham has been the CJC's Executive Director since December 1990. She has a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice and over 30 years experience in direct services, administration, planning and policy development. She was the founding director of the Alachua County, Florida, Department of Court Services; she developed the County Court Probation, Community Service and Pretrial Service programs for Polk County, Florida; and she was the founding director of the Department of Youth Services for the Navajo Nation.. She has developed numerous programs and federal initiatives including three Weed and Seed sites and a Community Court.



L. Diana Cunningham
Executive Director



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THE CJC AND ITS COMMITTEES AT WORK



CJC ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF 2005

The following is a brief mention of some of the activities and accomplishments of the CJC and its committees during 2005. Further details of each committee and/or program are noted as you read through the remainder of the 2005 Annual Report.

The **Community Justice Service Center** celebrated six years of service and moved to more spacious accommodations at 2107 Tamarind Avenue; in 2005, 1,964 “walk-in” neighborhood residents were assisted with over 5,500 multi-social service needs.

The **Citizen’s Criminal Justice Academy** held two sessions this year—the 14th Academy graduated 25 students at the Main Court House, and the 15th Academy graduated 20 students on November 7, 2005 at the North County Courthouse.

The **Weed and Seed Program** is supporting an unprecedented four Weed and Seed sites; West Palm Beach and Belle Glade were awarded \$10,000 grants to develop/expand VITA centers; also, West Palm Beach received an \$80,000 Supplemental Grant Award to support its special emphasis of Faith-Based Initiatives and Belle Glade received a mini-grant to combat domestic violence from the Office for Victims of Crime.

The **Law Enforcement Planning Council (LEPC)** created a Chiefs Resource Manual for new police chiefs; recognizing the need for proper training on and use of electro muscular disruption devices, adopted recommendations for a countywide policy and is also proposing legislation regarding electro muscular disruption devices. The LEPC sponsored a two-day Law Enforcement Leadership Summit for fifty law enforcement executives from agencies countywide.

The **Visual Planning Technologies Program (VPT)** is coordinating a six-agency pilot project that is designed to demonstrate the feasibility of data sharing.

The **Corrections Task Force/Public Safety Coordinating Council** has successfully transferred the administration of the Crisis Intervention Team grant to the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill; it also created a pilot project to provide continuity of medical care for offenders who are being released to substance abuse facilities.

The **Court System Task Force** addressed Electronic Monitoring for Home Detention Juvenile Cases; the Impact of DJJ Funding Cuts on Judicial Sanctions; the use of Restorative Justice, (i.e. victim-offender conferencing or dialoguing); and the Expansion of Community Justice Service Centers.

The **Funding Allocation Committee** recommended more than \$900,000 in Justice Assistance Grant funds for: Combat, Ex-Offender Re-Entry, a Crime Analyst position, two Community Justice Service Center positions, as well eight programs. The Committee reviewed and approved program and staff requests in the amount of \$710,571 to be funded from our \$1 million BCC fund.



THE CJC'S PURPOSE AREAS

Crime Prevention



Four primary purpose areas have been identified that comprise the CJC's mission to serve as a catalyst to bring together criminal justice and related agencies in partnership—

Law Enforcement



Courts



Corrections



CRIME PREVENTION



PROGRAMS/INITIATIVES -

BATTERER'S INTERVENTION PROGRAM
COMMUNITY JUSTICE SERVICE CENTER
CRIMINAL JUSTICE EDUCATION
FUNDING ALLOCATION COMMITTEE
 DRUG ABUSE TRUST FUND
 GRANT ADMINISTRATION
WEED AND SEED
YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION



COMMUNITY JUSTICE SERVICE CENTER

PURPOSE: Serve residents of the West Palm Beach Weed and Seed area by addressing low-level misdemeanor quality of life crimes and providing on-site social services.



CRIME PREVENTION



COMMUNITY JUSTICE SERVICE CENTER



2005 ACTIVITIES

2005 was a banner year, with the CJSC handling 6,694 cases and providing 2,924 community service hours to the West Palm Beach Weed and Seed area. In addition, over 1,900 neighborhood residents were assisted with over 5,500 multi-social needs.

Friends, supporters and neighborhood residents gathered to celebrate the CJSC's six years of service to the community and its relocation to more spacious accommodations at 2107 Tamarind Avenue.



CRIME PREVENTION



BATTERER'S INTERVENTION PROGRAM

PURPOSE: To review the Batterer's Intervention Program for outcome measures and to determine whether the Domestic Violence Information System database is being fully utilized to capture all domestic violence offender demographical information.



2005 ACTIVITIES

In August, the Batterer's Intervention Program (BIP) Workgroup was created by the CJC to review recording practices and successes of the various batterer's intervention programs in Palm Beach County. Members conducted the first BIP Workgroup meeting on September 8th to review its mission.

Mr. Michael Rempel, Research Director, Center for Court Innovation, was the featured speaker at the September 28th workshop. A nationally-known researcher, he presented his latest findings on the effectiveness of batterer programs to the BIP Workgroup.

Results of a survey of 10 County Court approved BIP providers determined usage of the Domestic Violence Information System (DVIS) database.

The Workgroup recommended areas of improvement to the BIP program, including the efficient use of the DVIS database at a joint Workgroup-BIP provider meeting.



CRIME PREVENTION



CRIMINAL JUSTICE EDUCATION

PURPOSE: 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.



2005 ACTIVITIES

The Citizen's Criminal Justice Academy is one of the CJC's most visible programs. Criminal justice practitioners volunteered to educate the public during two 11-week sessions in 2005.

With the addition of 45 new graduates from the 14th and 15th Academies, well over 350 citizens have been exposed to the inner workings of the criminal justice system and how it operates in Palm Beach County.



CRIME PREVENTION



FUNDING ALLOCATION



PURPOSE:

Review programs, purposes, and outcomes in order to make funding recommendations to the CJC.

2005 ACTIVITIES

In 2005, the CJC was an active partner in securing and administering grant funds for criminal justice projects throughout Palm Beach County. Diverse programs and initiatives such as the Community Justice Service Center, Riviera Beach’s Family Restart, Palm Beach County Drug Court, and New Hope in Mangonia Park benefit from the CJC’s administration of grant funds.

As part of its mission, The Funding Allocation Committee reviewed the consolidation at the federal level of Byrne Memorial Grant and the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant into a single Justice Assistance Grant (JAG), anticipating that it would mean a sizeable funding decrease. Under the reorganized JAG, four projects were financed with \$330,435, in funds formerly known as the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant. Additionally, 11 initiatives were furnished with \$589,200 in funds formerly known as Byrne Memorial Grant funds.

In the area of legislation, the Committee, in conjunction with County Administration, conducted a work study to ascertain the amount of revenue generated by the \$65 offender assessment fee authorized by state legislature on local offenders to fund local programs. Members recommended that the CJC support for the legislation re-enacting the \$3 Teen Court legislative bill to restore Teen Court funding.

Eight programs and staff requests were funded in the amount of \$710,571 from the annual \$1 million BCC funding stream.

The CJC was congratulated for an extremely successful 2005 audit result. The U.S. Department of Justice (USDOJ) conducts an annual review of CJC-administered programs funded through the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant and the JAG program. The USDOJ staff accountant stated the CJC’s was the first audit that resulted without noting a single infraction.



CRIME PREVENTION



WEED AND SEED

2005 ACTIVITIES

Under the guidance of the CJC, Palm Beach County now boasts an unprecedented four Weed and Seed sites—Riviera Beach, West Palm Beach, Delray Beach and the newest in Belle Glade, each selected as the recipient of a new federal grant in 2005 to support it.

Sites in West Palm Beach and Belle Glade were awarded \$10,000 grants to develop/expand Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) centers; West Palm Beach received an \$80,000 Supplemental Grant Award to support its special emphasis of Faith-Based Initiatives.



Although it is decreasing, sites do not remain crime-free, with Community Prosecutors filing 780 cases, of which 7% involved firearms and 58% involved narcotics.

The annual Drug Education For Youth (DEFY) summer camp graduated 83 youth from the four sites. The total number of youth served in Safe Havens rose 27%, with 96.6% of the youth remaining crime free during the year.

Sustainability plans for two retiring sites, Delray Beach and Riviera Beach, were developed. An Official Recognition application for a new site in the NW section of WPB serving Spring Brook, Saddle Brook, Robinson Village and Caribbean Villas was submitted, along with an Competitive Application for federal funding for the Belle Glade site.



PURPOSE:
Mobilize resources, foster relationships, influence policies, practices and promote Weed and Seed for the youth, families and communities of Palm Beach County.



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YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION



PURPOSE:
To develop a comprehensive strategy and implementation plan to prevent and combat gun related youth violence in targeted areas of Palm Beach County. The youth are defined as being between the ages of 14–29.



2005 ACTIVITIES

In response to the increasing number of homicides committed by youth, the CJC was empowered to study the problem of gun violence among youth in Palm Beach County and develop a plan to combat it.

The CJC contracted with Florida State University to collect and analyze data from local, state and national sources and presented the data to approximately 150 committee members.

The Youth Violence Prevention Strategic Plan will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners in early 2006.



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2005 ACTIVITIES—YOUTH WORKGROUP

The Youth Workgroup was directed to survey other youth and seek their input on solutions to the violence. Over 500 youth survey results form a basis for their proposed solutions.

Twenty youthful representatives of Palm Beach County participated in the 16th National Youth Crime Prevention Conference, in Miami, sponsored by Youth Crime Watch of America.

Youth Workgroup volunteers assisted the Gun Safety Awareness Program to distribute over 200 gun locks and gun safety videos to the residents of the West Palm Beach Weed and Seed site.



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LAW ENFORCEMENT



PROGRAMS/INITIATIVES -

LAW ENFORCEMENT PLANNING COUNCIL

MUNICIPAL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS CONSORTIUM

VISUAL PLANNING TECHNOLOGIES



LAW ENFORCEMENT PLANNING COUNCIL

PURPOSE: Improve 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.



2005 ACTIVITIES

Created and distributed a Chief's Resource Manual to provide information for new and existing chiefs of police. The Manual is updated on a regular basis to include the latest data and supplements.



In conjunction with the State Attorney's Office, a protocol was developed to reduce the number of "no file" cases resulting from officers missing the filing deadlines. Because of its success, this same protocol was then adapted to deal with missed deposition issues.

At the request of the Palm Beach County Consumer Affairs Division, the LEPC reviewed, provided recommendations and endorsed legislation regarding revisions to the county's Towing and Moving Ordinances.

The LEPC quarterly tracked the vacancy rates for law enforcement positions in Palm Beach County, ascertaining that the rate remained an almost consistent 5% throughout the year. The 5% vacancy rate is considered very good in the law enforcement community.

The LEPC adopted recommendations for a countywide policy on proper training and use of electro muscular disruption devices (EMDD), also known as TASERs; the LEPC is also proposing state legislation regarding electro muscular disruption devices.

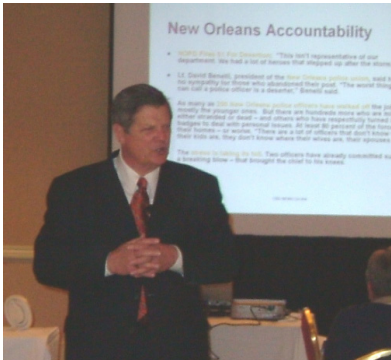
To bring chiefs and staff up to date, a Special Radio Technology Presentation on the latest technology for radio communications was conducted by an outside consultant.



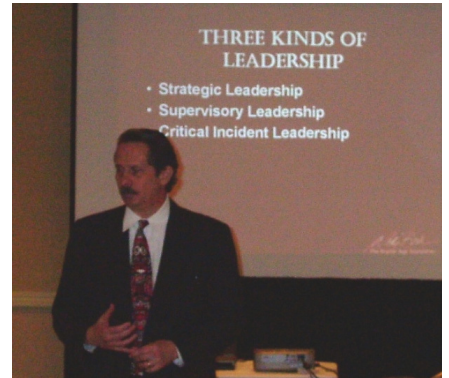
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Fifty law enforcement executives from federal, state and local agencies throughout the county participated in a two-day Law Enforcement Executive Leadership Summit, "Evolving Leadership for Future Successes". The two-day symposium was sponsored by the CJC, the Chiefs of Police Association, the LEPC and Palm Beach Community College. The Summit was so successful that plans are being made to hold similar conferences in the future.



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VISUAL PLANNING TECHNOLOGIES

PURPOSE: Create a countywide criminal justice data sharing network which will facilitate the sharing of criminal justice information at all levels of law enforcement (local, state, federal).



2005 ACTIVITIES

The VPT project implemented its first phase by initiating a pilot project in Boca Raton, Delray Beach, West Palm Beach, Palm Beach Gardens, Juno Beach and the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office to demonstrate the functionality of data sharing and as a proof of concept.

Site surveys were conducted at the pilot agencies to determine equipment needs, the connectivity required and the database configurations at each site. Site preparation work at each agency includes determining whether the existing data system is compatible with the new technology. It is anticipated that the pilot project will be operational in early 2006.

At the request of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE), a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was put in place with the Sheriff's Office to control access to confidential Criminal History and Hot File data.

VPT representatives have maintained liaisons with the University of Central Florida Data Sharing Project and the Broward Sheriff's Office regarding their data sharing projects. Meetings were held throughout 2005 to update attendees on the latest technology, funding issues and to coordinate activities.

Because of the importance of data sharing throughout the state, a Statewide Information Sharing Workgroup assigned a committee to develop a statewide data sharing MOU.



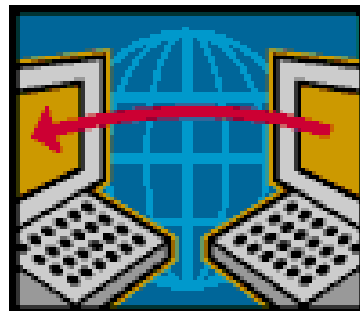
MUNICIPAL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS CONSORTIUM

PURPOSE: Provide a countywide interoperable radio network for all the municipal law enforcement agencies of Palm Beach County.

The Municipal Public Safety Communications Consortium (MPSCC) membership consists of the cities of Atlantis, Lantana, North Palm Beach, Palm Beach, Jupiter, Palm Beach Gardens, West Palm Beach and Greenacres. Funding issues for the project have been resolved and contract talks are underway with the vendor. Actual construction of the system is anticipated to begin in early 2006.



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COURTS



PROGRAMS/INITIATIVES -
COURT SYSTEM TASK FORCE



COURT SYSTEM TASK FORCE

PURPOSE: Identify methods that improve the efficiency of the court process and to provide oversight for the Community Justice Service Center (Community Court), Drug Court and the Ex-offender Reentry programs.

2005 ACTIVITIES

The Court System Task Force was at the forefront of expanding the Community Justice Service Center (CJSC) concept to unincorporated Palm Beach County.

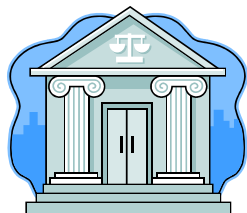
Numerous meetings with city/county personnel and key stakeholders ensured commitment to the initiative and assistance with resolving issues inherent to the implementation of a second CJSC, such as securing a suitable site.

A pilot Restorative Justice program was implemented in Palm Beach County in lieu of mediation, i.e. victim-offender conferencing or dialoguing. Dr. Gordon Bazemore, Professor of Criminal Justice at Florida Atlantic University, will provide training on the art of negotiation as a viable alternative for Palm Beach Courts.

Because of funding cuts at the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) and Department of Corrections (DOC), electronic monitoring was discontinued and parents/guardians are now responsible for enforcing home detention. The Task Force recommended that the impact of these funding cuts be included with the current Criminal Justice Funding Imbalance issues.

The Task Force contributed to resolving the Court's overload of citizens seeking driver's license reinstatement. After careful research, the Task Force determined the best way to assist those in jeopardy of losing their licenses is to appoint a representative/ombudsman/hearing officer to counsel them in the courtroom and intercede on their behalf.

In 2005, Youth Court was in jeopardy due to DJJ funding cuts. The Task force provided timely legislative updates and was able to report the passage of Senate Bill 1702, which reinstated the \$3 offender assessment fee to fund the Court.



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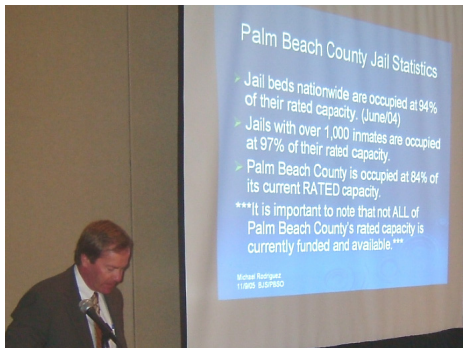


PROGRAMS/INITIATIVES -

CORRECTIONS TASK FORCE/PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL
PROBATION ADVISORY BOARD



CORRECTIONS TASK FORCE/PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL



PURPOSE: Assess the population status of all correctional facilities and formulate recommendations that ensure the capacities of such facilities are not exceeded; assess 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.

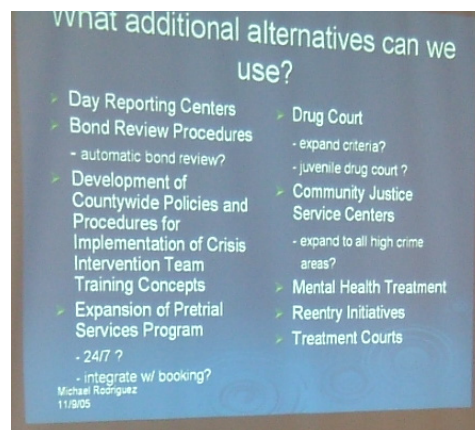
2005 ACTIVITIES

The Corrections Task Force/Public Safety Coordinating Council (CTF/PSCC) was instrumental in creating a pilot project to provide continuity of medical care for offenders in jail being released to substance abuse facilities.

The Task Force successfully advocated for free local telephone calls for individuals in the intake area of the local jail.

After initiating the Crisis Intervention Team training in Palm Beach County and securing the original and continuation grants from the Quantum Foundation, the CJC's CTF/PSCC transferred administration of the grant, and all ancillary duties to the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill.

Members of the Task Force assisted with choosing the Consultant for Palm Beach County's Jail Expansion 2 project. Assistance continues to be provided to the consultant during the project.

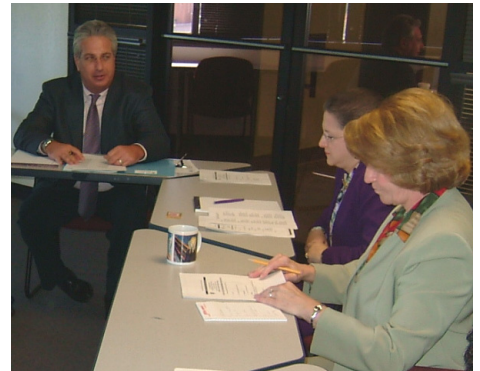


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PROBATION ADVISORY BOARD

PURPOSE: Monitor the County professional services contract with Pride Integrated Services, Inc. for the delivery of misdemeanor probation services to the 15th Judicial Circuit.



2005 ACTIVITIES

The Probation Advisory Board (PAB) is charged with conducting an audit of terminated probation cases handled by the County’s misdemeanor probation service contractor—Pride Integrated Services, Inc. (Pride).

The 2005 audit consisted of a random sampling of 333 cases from the four Pride offices, terminated from October 1, 2003 through September 30, 2004. Results were presented to the CJC on January 24, 2005.



At its request, the report of audit findings was presented to the Criminal Defense Lawyers Association members on February 17, 2005.

At the recommendation of the PAB, the CJC forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) a recommendation to renew the misdemeanor probation services contract for another three-year period with the current vendor, Pride Integrated Services, Inc. If approved, the new contract would be effective December 6, 2005 through December 5, 2008. The BCC approved the CJC’s recommendation on July 12, 2005.

On September 22, PAB members requested and were presented with a report on Driving Under the Influence (DUI) treatment and Batterer’s Intervention Program treatment,. The report detailed the number of providers and treatment compliance issues.

PAB members represented the CJC at the celebration of Pride’s 35 year anniversary.



CORRECTIONS



2006 ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING

PURPOSE: Determine the Criminal Justice Commission's priority issues, initiatives and programs for the upcoming year.



Criminal Justice Commission members met on November 14, 2005 to discuss the CJC's accomplishments of 2005 and select current and emerging issues as priorities for 2006. The 2006 priorities are

YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION

JAIL POPULATION/ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION

SUSTAINABLE PROGRAM FUNDING/GROWTH MANAGEMENT

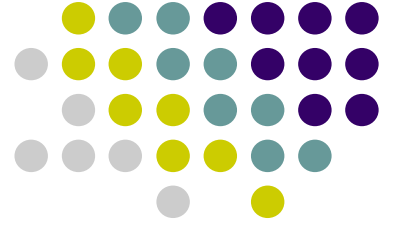
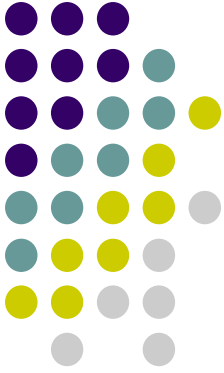


The Criminal Justice Commission acts as an advisory body to the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners on all criminal justice programs, policies and funding. Its thirty-three members work through its committees and task forces to accomplish its goals.

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