



# Criminal Justice Commission Annual Report



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## **Acknowledgment**

This report is the result of the hard work and dedication demonstrated by the Members and Staff of the Criminal Justice Commission.



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## **Purpose of This Report**

The annual report is prepared for the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners who enable the work of the Criminal Justice Commission. The report contains a description of the Criminal Justice Commission and its members, and highlights its work and 2006 accomplishments. The report is an appropriate way to acknowledge the members, countless volunteers, and staff that makeup the Criminal Justice Commission. The annual report is presented to the Board of County Commissioners for their information.





Addie L. Greene,  
Chairperson  
District 7



Jeff Koons  
Vice Chair  
District 2

### **Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners**

In 1988, the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners created the Criminal Justice Commission by ordinance 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 Criminal Justice Commission's role is to research current and emerging issues and advise the County Commission of the most effective methods of impacting these issues.

Palm Beach County, Ordinance No. 88-16







Karen T. Marcus  
District 1



Warren H. Newell  
District 3



Mary McCarty  
District 4



Burt Aaronson  
District 5



Jess R. Santamaria  
District 6

## **Criminal Justice Commission Bylaw**

Section 1. Purpose 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. The 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 Criminal Justice Commission shall make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners on policies and programs designed to accomplish the following objectives:

- a) to provide overall coordination to law enforcement and crime prevention efforts in the county;
- b) to provide an efficient, cost effective and timely criminal justice system in the county; and
- c) to effect the reduction of crime in the county on a permanent basis.

Bylaws of Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission







## Message from Administration

Dear Commission Members,

On behalf of the Palm Beach County Administration, we would like to extend our sincere congratulations to the Criminal Justice Commission members for their 2006 accomplishments. The Commission's ability to work together as a research and advisory body to the Board of County Commissioners is admirable.

We recognize the importance of the Criminal Justice Commission and the contribution made by all its members, who volunteer their time, to enhance the lives of the citizens of Palm Beach County. The County benefits immensely from the diverse makeup of the Commission and its ability to develop meaningful relationships and partnerships with various sectors to address crime and enhance public safety throughout our vast County.

We would like to thank all members, staff, and countless volunteers who give their time and expertise to make Palm Beach County a better place to live.



Robert Weisman  
County Administrator



Vince Bonvento  
Assistant County Administrator

## Message from Chairman J. Max Davis

It is an honor to present to the Board of County Commissioners the Criminal Justice Commission's 2006 Annual Report. As the 2006 Commission Chairman, I am very grateful for having had the opportunity to work so closely with Commission members; as well as the individuals who volunteered their time to inform our numerous task forces and committees.

In 2006, we continued the critical work that was implemented by previous Commissions. We started 2006 by examining the purpose of the Criminal Justice Commission as stated in the County Ordinance (88-16) and Bylaws at our 2006 Annual Planning Meeting held in November, 2005.



Members agreed that we should work within the scope of the County Ordinance, which calls on the Commission to conduct research and formulate recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners on crime and enhancements to the criminal justice system. In this spirit, the following points highlight some of this year's accomplishments. The Commission:

- presented a unified action plan and received the support of the Board of County Commissioners to address the growing trend in youth violence. I want to mention that the Youth Violence Prevention Project is a balanced approach which takes into account crime prevention and law enforcement enhancements,

and services to assist newly released youthful and adult offenders to adjust to life outside of commitment centers and prisons. The project will also open youth empowerment centers for high risk youth who are not yet involved with the criminal justice system;

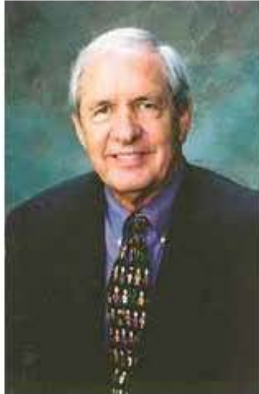
- studied extensively and presented a Commission action plan to alleviate expected overcrowding in Palm Beach County jails;
- received national recognition awards for the Weed & Seed programs in Delray Beach and Riviera Beach. We continue to coordinate four Weed & Seed programs in the County; and,
- opened a second Community Justice Service Center in Westgate. The Westgate and West Palm Beach Centers are often referred to as best practice models for restorative justice. This approach gives citizens a voice and enables offenders who commit less serious crimes to contribute to their communities as law abiding citizens. More importantly, it brings needed services to disenfranchised residents of high crime, low socioeconomic areas.

While the above points illustrate the significant contributions made by the Commission this year, it is equally important to emphasize the work done in the trenches. The Board of County Commissioners entrust the members of this Commission to work together, to focus on building partnerships, developing innovative solutions for problems stemming from crime in the County. This is perhaps the greatest responsibility that we share as members of the Commission.

As the 2006 chairman, I ask that you join me in welcoming the incoming Chairman, Harry A. Johnston, II and wish him great success in the coming year. I thank the members of the Commission for their hard work and dedication, and I know that they will continue this trend in 2007. Finally, I thank the Board of County Commissioners for their support and careful consideration of our 2006 studies and recommendations.

J. Max Davis  
Chairman

## Criminal Justice Commission Officers



**J. Max Davis**  
**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); Workforce Alliance Board Member (Past Chair, Youth Council); Arthritis Foundation Board Founder; Scholastic Achievement Foundation; District 9 Juvenile Justice Council Member; Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission Member, Past Chairman and Chairman.

He and his wife, Betty, have two sons, Matthew and Mark, and five grandchildren, Jessica, Jonathan, Ryan, Michelle, and Joshua. The Davis' are active in St. Mark's Episcopal Church.



**James S. Barr**  
**Vice Chairman**

Jim Barr is a seasoned executive with over thirty years of professional, financial and managerial experience. His major strengths include planning, organization and supervision, in addition to contract and project negotiations.

Mr. Barr is the Chief Operating Officer of the Florence Fuller Child Development Center. He was previously President of Palm Beach Transportation, the largest ground transportation company in Palm Beach County. His impressive past professional positions have included 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.

As previous Treasurer of the Criminal Justice Commission, Mr. Barr served as the Chairman of the Drug Abuse Trust Fund Committee.

Mr. Barr served 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 was a 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 was a member of the Palm Beach County Convention and Visitors Bureau. He has also served 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.





**Harry A. Johnston, II**  
**Secretary**

Harry A. Johnston is a law partner at the office of Jones, Foster, Johnston & Stubbs, P.A. in West Palm Beach, Florida where he has been an attorney since 1986. He received his BA degree at the Virginia Military Institute in 1953 and his JD from the University of Florida in 1958. He served in the United States Army as a 1st Lieutenant in the 4th Armored Division at Fort Hood, Texas from 1953-1955. He served in the Florida Senate from 1974-1986 and was President and Presiding Officer from 1984-1986. He was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1989 and served until 1997. He was a Foreign Affairs Committee member from 1989-1997, an African Subcommittee member from 1992-1997, and Chairman of the African subcommittee from 1992 to 1994. He has lectured at Harvard and Princeton on African matters.

Mr. Johnston's past leadership positions include: President, Palm Beach County Bar Association 1970; President, Rotary Club of West Palm Beach 1971; President, United Way of Palm Beach County 1972; Founding Chairman, Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County; Chairman of Board of Trustees, Palm Beach Community College 1986-1998; Member, Advisory Committee to Export/Import Bank of the United States; Chairman, U.S. Committee for Refugees; Presidential Special Envoy to Sudan, October 1999 to January 2001; President, Forum Club of the Palm Beaches; and President, Norton Museum of Art.

Mr. Johnston's present leadership positions include: Trustee, Palm Healthcare Foundation; Trustee, Chastain Foundation; and incoming Chairman Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission.



**Barbara Cheives**  
**Treasurer**

Barbara Cheives is the President of Converge & Associates Consulting, specializing in Race & Ethnic Relations and Cultural Competency training. Ms. Cheives has served as President of Toward a More Perfect Union. TMPU is a non profit initiative whose mission is "to unite our community through civic participation and open dialogue that leads to constructive action on race and ethnic relations promoting human dignity and creating opportunity for all." She now works as a consultant to TMPU in Community & Program Development.

Ms. Cheives has worked with several communities and institutions throughout the county, including the City of Belle Glade and the West Palm Beach Police Department. Additionally she has active strategic partnerships with a host of local businesses and non-profit agencies.

Barbara's work in the nonprofit community includes the board of Workforce Alliance; Vice President of the local chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women; and Vice Chair of the Florida Children's Campaign's Minority Issues Advisory Council. Barbara also serves on the board and SunFest and as co-chair of the West Palm Beach Mayor's Diversity Advisory Council. She is a member of Executive Women of the Palm Beaches, the Forum Club of the Palm Beaches and is a 2002 Graduate of Leadership Palm Beach County.

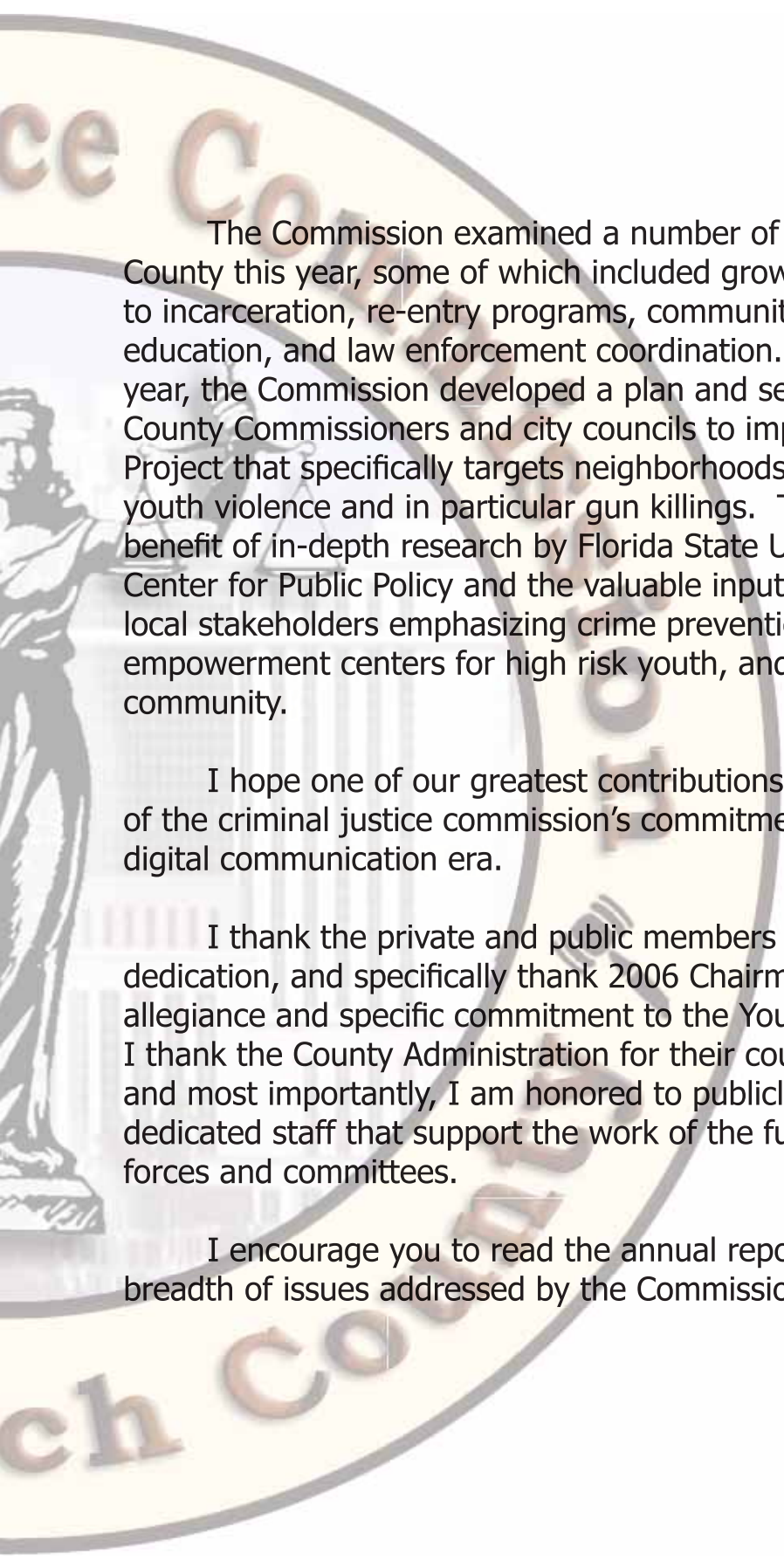
**Message from Executive Director L. Diana Cunningham**



Reflecting on 2006, I am excited and impressed at the overwhelming commitment and dedication demonstrated by both Criminal Justice Commission members and the professional staff that assist the work of the Commission. As the Executive Director of the Criminal Justice Commission since 1990, I have seen the work of the Commission improve the lives of many residents of Palm Beach County.

The private and public sector members of the Criminal Justice Commission fully understand that they must stand together to effectively address crime and the challenges of managing the criminal justice system in the County. Members from the private sector include business leaders, private attorneys, individuals with distinguished political careers, and other professionals. The public sector members include elected constitutional officers, senior executives, law enforcement agency heads, and individuals responsible for social services and education.

The diverse makeup of the Commission supports its purpose which requires the study and provision of guidance to the Board of County Commissioners on issues related to crime, the criminal justices system, and related services. Furthermore, the makeup of the Commission is instrumental in fostering partnerships and innovative solutions to the complex and real problems caused by crime in our neighborhoods and county. It is in this spirit that we have maximized scarce resources and provided balanced solutions that take into account both public safety and the root causes of crime.

The seal of the Palm Beach County Commission is visible in the background, featuring a central figure holding a scale and a sword, surrounded by the text "Palm Beach County Commission".

The Commission examined a number of complex issues in Palm Beach County this year, some of which included growing jail populations, alternatives to incarceration, re-entry programs, community and restorative justice, public education, and law enforcement coordination. Of particular importance this year, the Commission developed a plan and secured the support of the Board of County Commissioners and city councils to implement a Youth Violence Prevention Project that specifically targets neighborhoods in five cities affected by increased youth violence and in particular gun killings. The project was developed with the benefit of in-depth research by Florida State University, School of Criminology, Center for Public Policy and the valuable input of the Commission and numerous local stakeholders emphasizing crime prevention, law enforcement enhancements, empowerment centers for high risk youth, and service centers for offenders in the community.

I hope one of our greatest contributions in 2006 will result in the initiation of the criminal justice commission's commitment to technology, bringing it into the digital communication era.

I thank the private and public members of the Commission for their tireless dedication, and specifically thank 2006 Chairman J. Max Davis for his overall allegiance and specific commitment to the Youth Violence Prevention Project. Finally, I thank the County Administration for their counsel and support throughout the year and most importantly, I am honored to publicly acknowledge our professional and dedicated staff that support the work of the full Commission and the countless task forces and committees.

I encourage you to read the annual report in its entirety to fully appreciate the breadth of issues addressed by the Commission this year.

## **Foundation: Criminal Justice Commission**

In order to fulfill its mandate, the Criminal Justice Commission is organized into two parts: 1) Criminal Justice Commission Members; and, 2) Criminal Justice Commission Staff.

The first component, often referred to as the Commission, includes 22 elected and appointed senior officials from the public sector and 12 community and business leaders from the private sector. The public sector membership includes a diverse group of people with vast experience and knowledge of the inner workings of the criminal justice system, as well as health and social services. Public sector members include city, county, state and federal law enforcement, State Attorney, Public Defender, judges, and representatives from schools and cities. Members from the private sector are as diverse and experienced; they include business leaders, directors, attorneys, engineers, architects, and communications specialists. This diverse group is led by the Chairperson, who by county ordinance is elected by the Commission from the private sector membership. The strength of this group is its ability to work in concert to overcome obstacles in the community and within individual institutions or agencies, and to foster partnerships and bring forward viable recommendations that enhance and improve the County's criminal justice system and decrease overall crime.

The Commission Staff form the second component; they are the Coordination and Research arm of the Criminal Justice Commission. This component is headed by the Executive Director, who is selected by the Commission and approved by the Board of County Commissioners. The Executive Director and Staff have advanced degrees in Criminal Justice, Social Work, Sociology, Psychology, and Police Administration. The Staff possess significant experience in law enforcement, managing alternative and preventive criminal justice programs; as well as, conducting criminal justice research and analysis.

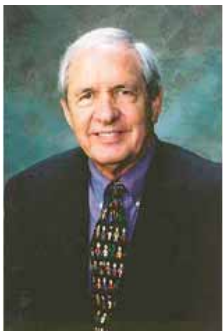
The Coordination role involves administering monthly meetings for the Full and Executive Criminal Justice Commission and its numerous Task Forces and Committees. Commission Staff manage contracts, community-based programs, and strategies developed by the Criminal Justice Commission.

The Research function includes research and statistical services, data collection, and geographic information services (or mapping) for the Criminal Justice Commission and the Task Forces and Committees which drive much of the work for Commission Staff. The Criminal Justice Commission is also supported by the County Administrator, County Attorney, and the Department of Public Safety, which is responsible for providing the Commission with access to records, reports, documents and other data required for the Commission to fulfill its mandate.

These two components form the foundation and support the four pillars of the Criminal Justice Commission: 1) Crime Prevention; 2) Law Enforcement; 3) Courts; and 4) Corrections. Each pillar benefits from the work of Commission members, staff, and the countless volunteers that actively participate on Task Forces and Committees, Sub-Committees, Steering Committees, and ad hoc working groups. Each year, the Commission holds an Annual Planning Meeting, to ensure that its work remains relevant and addresses the most pressing issues in the County. This work would not be possible without the focus on partnerships and sharing of resources to develop and implement innovative strategies that combine all four pillars.



**Criminal Justice Commission Members**



J. Max Davis,  
Chairman



Moses Baker  
Administrative Juvenile  
Judge



Rosalyn Baker  
Circuit Administrator  
Florida Department of  
Corrections



James A. Barr  
CEO Florence Fuller  
Child Development  
Center



Sharon R. Bock  
Clerk & Comptroller



Ric Bradshaw  
Sheriff  
Palm Beach County



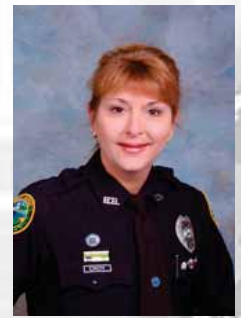
Paulette B. Burdick  
Palm Beach County  
School Board Member



Delsa Bush  
Chief, West Palm Beach  
Police Department



Barbara Cheives  
Converge & Associates  
Consulting



Lori Croy  
Crime Prevention  
Officers Association



Frank Davelli  
Resident Agent in  
Charge  
Drug Enforcement  
Administration



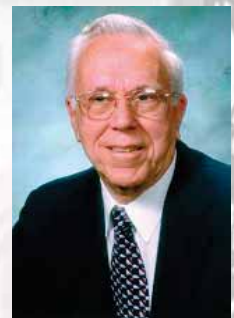
Jorge A. Dominicus  
The GEO Group, Inc.



Michael Driscoll  
Special Agent Supervisor  
Florida Department of  
Law Enforcement



Douglas Duncan,  
Attorney-at-Law  
Roth and Duncan, P.A.



George T. Elmore  
President, Hardrives of  
Delray, Inc



Dale Armstrong  
Resident Agent in Charge  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms  
and Explosives



Jeff Favitta  
Sr. Supervisory  
Resident Agent,  
Federal Bureau of  
Investigation



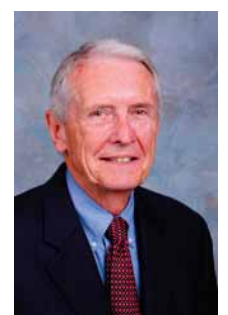
Carey Haughwout  
Public Defender, 15th Judicial  
Circuit



Feirmon Johnson  
Circuit 15 Manager  
Florida Department of  
Juvenile Justice



Randolph K. Johnson, Sr.  
Communications  
by Johnson, Inc.



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Jones Foster Johnston  
& Stubbs P.A.



Ron Klein  
Florida Senate  
30th District



Barry Krischer  
State Attorney, 15th Judicial  
Circuit



Kathleen Kroll  
Chief Judge, 15th Judicial  
Circuit



Wendy Sartory Link  
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Sartory, P.A.



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Deputy Chief, U.S.  
Attorney's Office



Vice Mayor Carl McKoy  
City of Boynton Beach



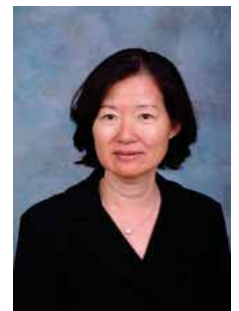
Warren H. Newell  
Commissioner, District 3  
Palm Beach County



Gerald Richman  
Richman, Greer, Weil,  
Brumbaugh, Mirabito &  
Christensen, P.A.



Chief Larry Schroeder  
Delray Beach Police  
Department &  
President, Chief of  
Police Association



Ms. Young Song  
Song & Associates, Inc



Richard Staudinger  
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Ms. Roxanna Trink  
President/CEO, Baseline  
Engineering & Land  
Surveying, Inc.

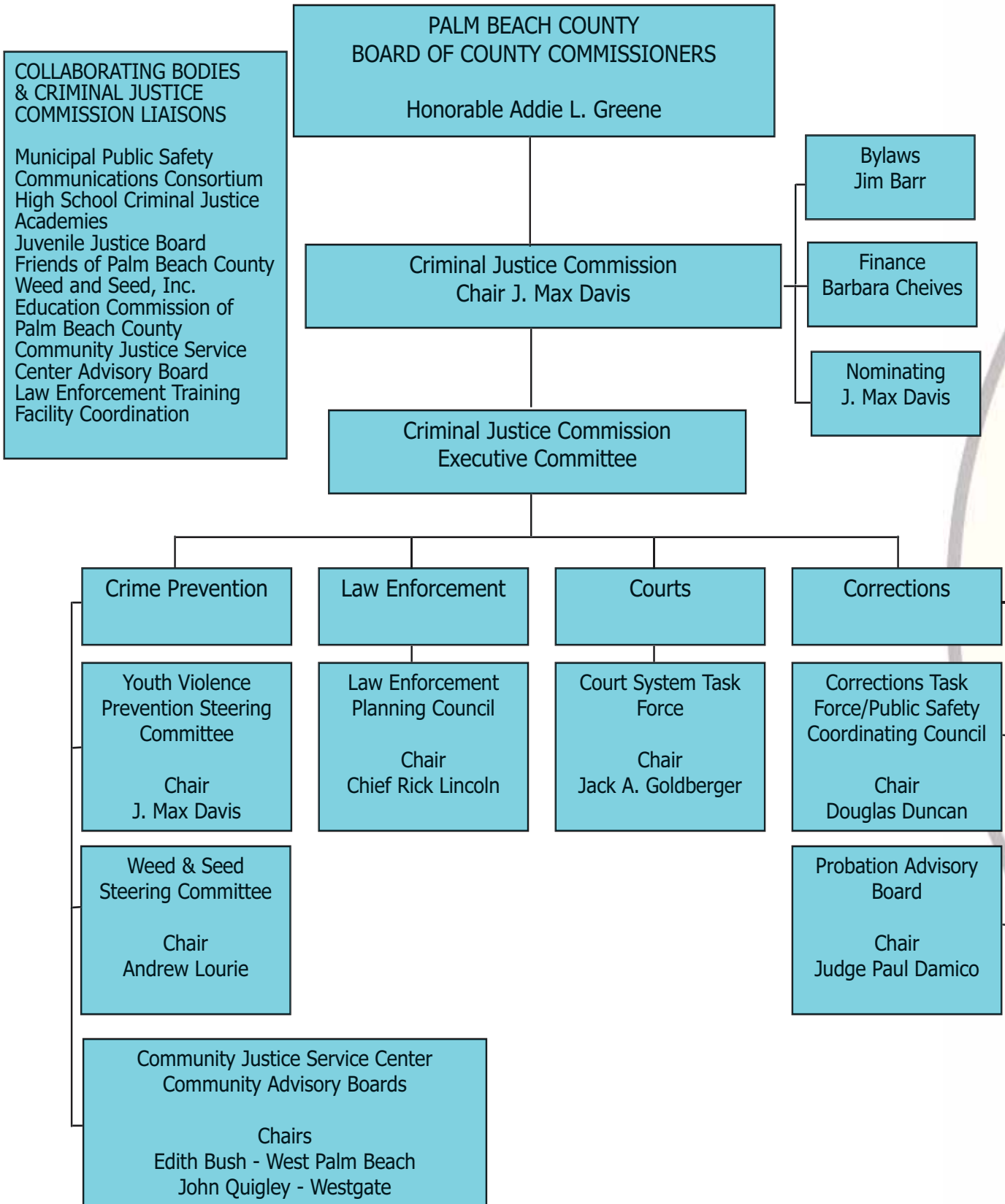


Art Johnson  
Superintendent, Palm Beach  
County School District  
(ex-officio)



Mr. Leo E. Noble  
(ex-officio)

**Criminal Justice Commission Ogranizational Chart**





## 2006 Task Force and Committee Chairs



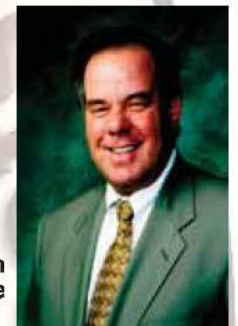
**Edith Bush, Chairperson**  
Community Advisory Board  
Community Justice Service Center,  
West Palm Beach



**Chief Rick Lincoln, Chairman**  
Law Enforcement Planning Council



**John Quigley, Chairman**  
Community Advisory Board  
Community Justice Service Center,  
Westgate



**Jack Goldberger, Chairman**  
Court System Task Force



**Andrew Lourie, Chairman**  
Weed and Seed Steering  
Committee



**Douglas Duncan, Chairman**  
Corrections Task Force/Public Safety  
Coordinating Council



**J. Max Davis, Chairman**  
Youth Violence Prevention Project  
Steering Committee



**Judge Paul Damico**  
Probation Advisory Board

## Task Forces and Committees Supporting the Four Pillars

### Community Justice Service Center Community Advisory Board Members, West Palm Beach

**Elith C. Bush, Chairperson**

Harry A. Johnston, II, Criminal Justice Commission Liaison  
Michael Odum, West Palm Beach Housing Authority  
Ray Hewitt, Elder Justice Center  
Dr. Alice Moore, Retired Educator  
Lella Neal, Resident  
S. Leon Newby, Resident  
Coni Williams, Front Porch Florida  
Gloria Williams, Pleasant City Community Center/Multi-Cultural Center  
Vanessa Young, Kravis Center  
Supervisor Robert Creston, West Palm Beach Code Compliance Division  
Reverend Randy Boone, Salvation Army NW Community Center  
Paul Blackshear, Coleman Park/Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation  
Annie Brown, United Deliverance Community Resource Center  
Shirley Brown, United Deliverance Community Resource Center  
Captain Gary Carroll, West Palm Beach Police Department  
Patricia Dixon, Urban Youth Impact  
Reverend Henry Fuse, Urban League of Palm Beach County  
Eunice Graham, Resident  
Reverend Robert Graham, True Fast Ministries  
Bill Hobbs, Urban Youth Impact  
Ethel Reid, Resident  
Reverend Ellis McKenzie, New Creation Missionary Baptist  
Thomas McKesack, Oakwood Center  
Denise Smith-Barnes, United Way of Palm Beach County/Prosperity Centers  
Ralph C. Smith, Palm Beach County Habitat for Humanity  
Craig Spatzara, Palm Beach County Weed and Seed  
Luvenia Washington, Resident

### Community Justice Service Center Community Advisory Board Members, Westgate

**John Quigley, Chairman**

Carol Armstrong, Vice Chair  
Arnold Green, Citizen on Patrol  
P.S. Buchanan, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office  
Clancy Cebula, Fern House  
Barbara Bishop, Citizen on Patrol/Woodcrest Community Association  
Sandra Washington, The Children's Place at Home Safe  
Sergeant Steven Dickinson, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office  
Lewis Gould, Resident  
Sherrife Bedwell, Resident  
Susan Beldler, Westgate Community Wellness Center  
Dell Bedwell, Resident  
Marie Jacobson Glanfield, Resident  
Linda Warren, Palm Beach County Health Department

### Weed and Seed Steering Committee

**Andrew Lourie, Chairman, U.S. Attorney's Office**

L. Diana Cunningham, Criminal Justice Commission  
Dale L. Armstrong, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives  
Commissioner Addie L. Greene, Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners  
Shirley Meeks, Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners  
Honorable Ric Bradshaw, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office  
Ed Lowery, Palm Beach County Housing and Community Development  
Delsa Bush, West Palm Beach Police Department  
Honorable Barry Krischer, State Attorney's Office  
Pat Carran, Workforce Alliance  
Frank Davall, Drug Enforcement Administration  
Ed Rich, Palm Beach County Community Services  
Joseph (Larry) Schroeder, Delray Beach Police Department  
Mike Driscoll, Florida Department of Law Enforcement  
Gil Rosen, Florida Department of Law Enforcement  
Pastor Lionel Cook, Resident  
Bill Sanders, Resident  
Annetta Jenkins, Local Initiatives Support Corporation  
John Green, Resident  
Patrice Herring, Resident  
Honorable Carey Haughwout, Public Defender's Office  
Clarence Williams, Riviera Beach Police Department  
Jennifer Loyless, Public Defender's Office  
Denny Jones, Riviera Beach Police Department  
Craig Hartmann, Delray Beach Police Department  
Gary Carroll, West Palm Beach Police Department  
Ethel Reid, Resident  
Luvenia Washington, Resident  
Faith Martin, Community Justice Service Center  
Michael Greene, Health Care District  
Scott Schryver, Palm Beach County Police Athletic League  
Denise Smith, Resident  
Felmon Johnson, Department of Juvenile Justice

### Youth Violence Prevention Program Steering Committee

**J. Max Davis, Chairman**

Dale Armstrong, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms  
Scott Bedesch, United Way  
Rosalyn Baker, Department of Corrections  
Max Beverly, Palm Beach County Justice Services  
Joy Bonner, Juvenile Justice Board  
Ric Bradshaw, Palm Beach County Sheriff  
Delsa Bush, Chief of Police, West Palm Beach  
Dwight Chenette, Health Care District  
Jeanette Corbett, Quantum Foundation  
Lori Croy, Crime Prevention Officers Association  
Nancy Dixon, Palm Beach County Victim Services & Support  
Tina Ebbels, Children Services Council  
Barry Krischer, State Attorney's Office  
Dennis Eshleman, Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation  
Dennis Gallon, Palm Beach Community College  
Carey Haughwout, Public Defender's Office  
Art Johnson, Palm Beach County School District Superintendent  
Felmon Johnson, Department of Juvenile Justice  
David Kalinich, Florida Atlantic University, School of Criminology  
Jeff Koons, Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners  
Kathleen Kroll, Chief Judge, 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
Ed Lowery, Palm Beach County Housing and Community Development  
Cedric Mays, Reverend, Ministers Association  
Warren H. Newell, Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners  
Kathryn Schmidt, Workforce Alliance  
Tony Spaniol, Palm Beach County Youth Affairs

**Law Enforcement Planning Council****Chief Rick Lincoln, Chairman, Lantana Police Department**

Chief Larry Schroeder, Vice-Chair, Delray Beach Police Department  
 Chief Robert Mangold, Atlantis Police Department  
 Chief Dan Alexander, Boca Raton Police Department  
 Chief Matt Immier, Boynton Beach Police Department  
 Acting Chief Dennis Crudele, Florida Atlantic University Police Department  
 Acting Chief Rober Weber, Greenscres Department of Public Safety  
 Chief Garrett Ward, Gulf Stream Police Department  
 Chief Glenn F. Goss, Highland Beach Police Department  
 Chief H. C. (Skip) Clark II, Juno Beach Police Department  
 Chief Frank Kitzrow, Jupiter Police Department  
 Chief Joseph Benevento, Jupiter Inlet Colony Police Department  
 Chief Wes Smith, Lake Clarke Shores Police Department  
 Chief William E. Smith, Lake Worth Police Department  
 Chief Clay Walker, Manalapan Police Department  
 Chief Rodney Thomas, Mangonia Park Police Department  
 Chief James Knight, North Palm Beach Public Safety Department  
 Chief Edward Hillery, Ocean Ridge Public Safety Department  
 Chief Stephen Stepp, Palm Beach Gardens Police Department  
 Chief Michael S. Raiter, Palm Beach Police Department  
 Ric Bradshaw, Sheriff, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office  
 Chief Roger Willie, Palm Beach Shores Police Department  
 Chief Jay Pickens, Palm Springs Public Safety Department  
 Chief Clarence Williams III, Riviera Beach Police Department  
 Chief James Kelly, School District Police Department  
 Chief Roger M. Crane, South Palm Beach Police Department  
 Chief William McCollom, Tequesta Police Department  
 Chief Delsa Bush, West Palm Beach Police Department  
 Hon. Barry Kriecher, State Attorney, 15th Judicial Circuit  
 Michael Bell, MD, Palm Beach County Medical Examiner  
 Patrick Kelly, Director, Criminal Justice Institute/ Palm Beach Community College  
 Michael Driscoll, Resident Agent In Charge, Florida Department of Law Enforcement  
 Kathy McLaughlin, Criminal Justice Training & Standards Commission, Florida Department of Law Enforcement  
 Major Brett Norton, Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission  
 Major Miguel A. Guzman, Troop L Commander, Florida Highway Patrol  
 Dale Armstrong, Resident Agent In Charge, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives  
 Frank Davelli, Resident Agent In Charge, Drug Enforcement Administration  
 Jeff Favitta, Senior Supervisory Resident Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
 Brian J. Wimping, Special Agent In Charge, Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation  
 Andrew Lourie, Managing Assistant U.S. Attorney  
 Joseph Catanzarite, Resident Agent In Charge, U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement  
 Glen Wilnet, Deputy Agent In Charge, U.S. Marshals  
 Stephen Caruso, Resident Agent In Charge, U.S. Secret Service  
 Pete Garcia, Federal Security Director, Transportation Security Administration  
 LT. Richard (Skip) Schuler, State Fire Marshall's Office  
 Captain Carol Owsiany, Florida Division of Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco  
 Felimon Johnson, Chief Probation Officer, Circuit 15, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice  
 Rosalyn Baker, Circuit Administrator, Florida Department of Corrections  
 Tony Ross, Chief Investigator, State Attorney, 15th Judicial Circuit  
 Dana Morrison, Florida Department of Environmental Protection

**Court System Task Force****Jack A. Goldberger, Chairman**

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## Criminal Justice Commission Staff

Ms. Cunningham has been Executive Director since December 1990. She has a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice and over 31 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, providing programs for delinquent youth. She has developed numerous programs and federal initiatives including four Weed and Seed sites, two Community Justice Service Centers, and a Drug Court.



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Ms. Cunningham serves on the Board of Directors for Florida State University, School of Criminology Centre for Public Policy, Palm Beach County Friends of Weed and Seed, Inc., and Leadership West Palm Beach. She is a member of the Forum Club of the Palm Beaches, Palm Beach County Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, the Palm Beach County Chiefs of Police Association, the Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency, the American Correctional Association, the American Jail Association, the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, the Justice Research and Statistics Association, and the National Criminal Justice Association, among others.

Palm Beach County funds five primary full time positions in support of the Commission's on-going operations. The remaining positions at the Commission are funded through grants, trust funds, and special appropriations for special project areas.

### Primary Positions



Arlene Burton  
Administrative  
Secretary



Wayne English  
Senior Criminal  
Justice Analyst



Shairette Major  
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Mike L. Rodriguez  
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### Special Project Areas



Kathryn Bloeser  
Youth Violence Prevention  
Analyst



Candee Carigma  
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Glenna Nowalk  
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Becky Walker  
Youth Violence  
Prevention Coordinator

**Community Justice Service Center Staff**



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Justice  
Service Center  
Coordinator



Lillian Chappelle  
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Court Case  
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Criminal Justice Magnet  
Program Intern



Jenise Gibson  
Senior Criminal  
Justice Analyst



Shahzia Hashmi  
Youth Violence  
Prevention Intern



Damir Kukec  
Temporary  
Professional

**Message from the Executive Director on Staff Changes in 2006**

I want to recognize each of the Criminal Justice Commission Staff who served in 2006. We saw some long time staff retire and some moved on to new locations and careers. It is always bitter sweet to experience the loss of fine employees, but the joy for their new life opportunities. Gerald T. Wardrop retired, Michael Grant and Sandi Natoldy moved to be closer to family members, and Brenda Oakes took a position with Child and Family Connections. Ron Hinkle became a full time civilian member of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office and he continues to work as the Service Supervisor, Community Justice Service Center. We wish them all the best in their new endeavors and thank them for their dedication and public service. Criminal Justice Commission Staff, our interns and temporary professionals have worked extra hard to fill in, until we are able to staff and reorganize our work in 2007.

L. Diana Cunningham  
Executive Director

**2006 Staff Departures**



Michael Grant  
Program  
Evaluation



Brenda Oakes  
Weed and Seed  
Program Coordinator



Sandi Natoldy  
Administrative  
Secretary



Gerald T. Wardrop  
Criminal Justice  
Manager

Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission



## Crime Prevention – Purpose and Accomplishments

The strength of the Crime Prevention pillar is the active participation of local governments, law enforcement, community leaders, and citizens wanting to make a difference in their communities. There were a number of Crime Prevention initiatives in 2006; including the opening of a second Community Justice Service Center, the expansion of the Weed & Seed sites, and the approval of the Youth Crime Prevention Project by the Board of County Commissioners. The following describes the individual accomplishments for each initiative under the Crime Prevention banner.

### Community Justice Service Centers

The mission of the Community Justice Service Centers is to empower the residents to have a voice in the criminal justice system and improve the quality of life in the communities in which they live. Its main purpose is to address the offenses which contribute to the deterioration of communities using a restorative justice approach for both the offender and the community. The Community Justice Service Centers provide court services to address low level misdemeanor offenses in the communities; and provides an array of social services for offenders and community members. The following highlights describe some of our accomplishments in 2006:

- reached seven years of operation for the Community Justice Service Center located on 2107 Tamarind Avenue, West Palm Beach;
- opened a second Community Justice Service Center in Westgate on 4215 Cherry Road, West Palm Beach;
- assisted 4,039 walk-in residents with 4,924 various social services between January 2006 and November 2006 from both Service Centers;
- coordinated 126 community projects, involving 3,136 community service hours aimed at resorting the two communities; and,
- supported the two citizens' community advisory boards, which provide valuable input on the operations of the Community Justice Service Centers.



### **Weed and Seed**

The Criminal Justice Commission considered the Weed and Seed Program first developed and funded by the U.S. Department of Justice in the early 1990s. The Weed and Seed Program was designed to counter the negative impact of high drug and crime infested areas in the community. With the help and direction of the Criminal Justice Commission, Palm Beach County has established four Weed and Seed sites, which are designed to “weed” out crime in communities and “seed” those communities through revitalization efforts. These sites include Riviera Beach (established in 1993), West Palm Beach (1999), Delray Beach (2000), and Belle Glade (2004). It is important to note that these efforts are typically designed to meet the local needs of the individual communities and that not all Weed and Seed Programs are completely alike. Some sites focus on training and job placement, while others provide community-based direct services, such as Safe Haven in Belle Glade. This year, the Criminal Justice Commission:

- supported an unprecedented four Weed and Seed sites, while developing plans for a new site;
- proposed an Official Recognition application for the new site in the northwest section of West Palm Beach and unincorporated Palm Beach County, including Spring Brook, Saddle Brook, Robinson Village, Caribbean Villas, and Gramercy Park;
- developed and implemented a pilot prisoner re-entry program for the three coastal Weed and Seed sites;
- improved our local Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Centers with equipment grants processing 515 returns in West Palm Beach and Belle Glade returning slightly over 1 million dollars;
- obtained the first year of funding for the Belle Glade Weed and Seed site; and,
- developed sustainability plans for two sites; one in Delray Beach and another in Riviera Beach.

Our efforts did not go unnoticed. In 2006, the Weed and Seed programs received two national recognition awards. The Delray Beach site accepted the Muehlenbeck Award for Excellence in Local Government and the 2006 Weed and Seed Sloan Award of Valor. Furthermore, the Riviera Beach program accepted the Metlife Award for building innovative partnerships and enhancing community safety.





### **Youth Violence Prevention Project**

The Youth Violence Prevention Project was developed by the Criminal Justice Commission in response to the growing tide of homicides involving young people in the county between the ages of 14 and 29. The Youth Violence Prevention Project is directed by a Steering Committee, which includes full Commission members and other volunteers from all four pillars. The Steering Committee commissioned a study to examine violent crime in Palm Beach County and programs in other U.S. cities aimed at reducing violent crime in their neighborhoods. This study also identified target areas where there were particularly high rates of violent crime involving guns. The Youth Violence Prevention Project was developed in part from this information and from extensive consultations with various stakeholders from local municipal governments, community organizations, youth groups, and criminal justice system officials. As a result of this work, the Criminal Justice Commission and the Steering Committee developed and adopted a comprehensive plan to tackle gun and violent crime in five targeted areas in Palm Beach County.

The Project is a balanced approach which calls for enhanced law enforcement, youth empowerment centers to serve at risk youth who are not caught up in crime and the criminal justice system; and, it will also provide a resource to those individuals who have already been in contact with the criminal justice system. These resources will help individuals readjust to life outside of prison and to become law abiding citizens. In addition to these activities, the Criminal Justice Commission:

- consulted specifically with the cities of Belle Glade, Boynton Beach, Delray Beach, Riviera Beach, and West Palm Beach and others (e.g., Quantum Foundation, Children’s Services Council, Community Foundation, Workforce Alliance, Department of Children and Families – Substance Abuse and Mental Health);
- supported the development of Youth Councils/Advisory Boards in the five targeted areas. Twenty-two youths attended the National Preventing Crime in the Black Community Conference in Miami, participated in the High Ridge Resource Fair Panel on Violence, and participated in the Candidate’s Forum;
- received the support and endorsement of the Board of County Commissioners and five participating cities noted above, for the Youth Violence Prevention Project;
- identified the five target areas within each city that will house the **youth empowerment centers** and **justice service centers**, as part of the Youth Violence Prevention Project;

- received funding commitments from Palm Beach County in the sum of approximately two million dollars, along with potential funding commitments from participating cities; and,
- continues finalizing Memoranda of Understanding for county wide implementation of the Youth Violence Prevention Project.

The Criminal Justice Commission, the Steering Committee, and the five cities that form this partnership are excited about the possibilities this program holds for the future well-being of their communities. The Criminal Justice Commission remains steadfast in its commitment to see these programs implemented and maintained by the local partners and communities.



# Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission



### Criminal Justice Education

The purpose of the Citizen's Criminal Justice Academy is to educate citizens on matters related to the criminal justice system and crime in Palm Beach County. It offers an opportunity for citizens to attend lectures given by criminal justice practitioners, including the Chair and Executive Director of the Criminal Justice Commission, Sheriff's Deputies, State Attorney, Public Defender, corrections officials, criminal defense attorneys. It also provides participants with an opportunity to see the workings of the criminal justice system up-close. The 11 week course offers tours of the County Courthouse, Jail and other criminal justice facilities. In 2006, the Academy graduated its 18<sup>th</sup> class with 28 graduates; totaling almost 380 graduates since its inception.



## Law Enforcement – Purpose and Accomplishments

The Criminal Justice Commission Bylaw calls for the establishment of the Law Enforcement Planning Council, which is mandated to improve coordination among law enforcement agencies in Palm Beach County; as well as other criminal justice entities; and research and evaluate national trends in law enforcement issues for local implementation. This is no small feat, given that there are over 50 representatives from law enforcement agencies across federal, state, county, and local levels that are part of the Council. In 2006, the Law Enforcement Planning Council provided valuable input to various issues considered by the Criminal Justice Commission and its Task Forces and Committees. In 2006, the Law Enforcement Planning Council:

- contributed significantly to the development of the Youth Violence Crime Prevention Project aimed at reducing violent crime and increasing public safety in Palm Beach County;
- enhanced our ability to combat child abuse by assisting the State Attorney's Office in producing a training video regarding the Child Abuse Protocol; and addressed local issues related to the implementation of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act;
- established a Pandemic Influenza Committee to ensure ongoing operations of law enforcement in the county should the avian flu manifest itself in south Florida;
- supported legislation passed by the State concerning the regulation of dart-firing stun guns (or what is commonly referred to as a TASER), which now includes mandatory training (and refresher courses) for police officers who are issued the device;
- conducted research and a survey of police agencies on complaints related to fireworks in order to determine the scope and direction of this issue across the county. The council is currently examining possible ways to strengthen local ordinance concerning use and sale of fireworks;
- improved bicycle safety on county roads by producing training curriculum on bicycle safety and enforcement. This material will be used for a police training video in 2007; and,
- undertook a number of activities to help senior law enforcement officials develop policies concerning officer recruitment and retention, the protection of officers' personal information; as well as dealing with the aftermath of traumatic events, such as the death of a police officer in the line of duty, by utilizing the Critical Incident Stress Management Team.

The Law Enforcement Planning Council continues to be involved with a number of initiatives focusing on the use of technology to enhance law enforcement's ability to deter and solve crimes. As part of the Youth Violence Prevention Project, this includes enhancing information sharing between agencies and better coordinating the collection of evidence from crime scenes. This approach is further supported by the Law Enforcement Planning Council, through the Visual Planning Technologies initiative which is working to create a countywide criminal justice data network that will facilitate the sharing of criminal justice information at all levels of law enforcement (i.e., local, county, state, and federal).





### **Courts – Purpose and Accomplishments**

The Court System Task Force acts as an advisory committee to the Criminal Justice Commission. Its purpose is to identify methods to enhance the efficiency of the court process and to provide oversight for the Community Justice Service Centers (formerly referred to as the Community Court), Drug Court, and the Ex-offender re-entry programs. In 2006, the Court System Task Force completed a number of tasks:

- Court System Task Force was instrumental in securing the necessary support to open the second Community Justice Service Center in West Palm Beach, located in the Westgate neighborhood. The Task Force continues to explore the possibility of expanding the Community Justice Service Centers to other areas of Palm Beach County;
- implemented Restorative Justice Training sessions for senior criminal justice officials, such as the State Attorney, the Public Defender, select judges, and others (e.g., School Boards). Restorative justice is a philosophical approach to responding to crime aimed at repairing the harm caused by a criminal act and restoring the balance in the community affected by the crime. This approach also involves the victim to a greater extent. The training involved eight sessions and included over 100 participants, spanning over three months. The purpose of the training was to introduce new concepts of justice to various practitioners, and to encourage them to consider this holistic approach in their daily work. Secondly, it is hoped that a restorative approach to justice would help with the court backlog by diverting cases involving less serious misdemeanors;
- studied and explored the possibility of implementing a youth drug court in Palm Beach County. Following a discussion, the Court System Task Force decided that the current Youth Court Program would expand its scope to deal with minor drug offenses and to identify treatment options for illicit drug users; and,
- identified the need to provide assistance to individuals wanting to regain their driver's license after serving their misdemeanor suspension (or to obtain their temporary driver's license with restrictions while serving a misdemeanor suspension). The Task Force found that assisting defendants, seeking to regain their legal driving status, may reduce the likelihood that they are subsequently charged with a felony offense of driving while suspended; thus reducing associated court and possible jail costs.







### **Corrections – Purpose and Accomplishments**

The Criminal Justice Commission bylaw mandated the creation of the Corrections Task Force. The Task Force was combined with the pre-existing Public Safety Coordinating Council (created under Florida Statute 951.26), since many of the Task Force members were already members of the Council. The two committees sit as one, with the primary purpose of monitoring the Palm Beach County adult detention facility for overcrowding; and to make recommendations concerning programs that may alleviate overcrowding in the county.

In support of their mandate, the Corrections Task Force/Public Safety Coordinating Council completed a number of activities. The Council also addressed a number of issues, including mentally ill offenders in jail, re-entry programs, sex offender registry, and oversight at the Juvenile Detention Center. In 2006, the Council completed the following tasks:

- compiled monthly jail population and jail counselor reports. The monitoring of the jail population in Palm Beach County found that it did not exceed their capacity in 2006, as of end September 2006;
- reviewed research (Pulitzer, Bogard & Associates, 2006) that examines the capacity (or “bed space”) of the County jail and forecasts future jail populations. The report concludes that the current capacity of the County jail would not be able to house the expected increase in the inmate population, without exceeding capacity on a regular basis.
- completed consultations with senior criminal justice and corrections officials on possible solutions that may help alleviate future overcrowding in the county jail;
- developed recommendations, that proposed alternatives to incarceration, as noted in the report completed by Pulitzer, Bogard & Associates (2006); in addition to building more jail spaces, their recommendation called for establishing Day Reporting Centers and a Bond Review Program at a cost of just over \$590,000 per year; and,
- Criminal Justice Commission approved the recommendations and concept paper and proposed budget. The concept paper outlines that the proposed recommendations may have reduced the average daily jail population by 174 beds and saved 5 million dollars in operating costs. After some consideration, the Board of County Commissioners did not approve the implementation of the Day Reporting  
36 Centers and Bond Review Program.

Florida Statute 951.26 (2)

2) The council shall meet at the call of the chairperson for the purpose of assessing the population status of all detention or correctional facilities owned or contracted by the county, or the county consortium, and formulating recommendations to ensure that the capacities of such facilities are not exceeded. Such recommendations shall include an assessment of the availability of pretrial intervention or probation programs, work-release programs, substance abuse programs, gain-time schedules, applicable bail bond schedules, and the confinement status of the inmates housed within each facility owned or contracted by the county, or the county consortium.



### **Probation Advisory Board**

The Probation Advisory Board was originally established to monitor the county professional services contract for misdemeanor probation services to the 15<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court in Palm Beach County. In 2006, the board conducted a random sample audit of 4,891 probation cases that ended between October 1, 2004 and September 2005. The audit found that the service provider was in compliance with the probation services contract. The findings were presented to the Criminal Justice Commission.



"The Criminal Justice Commission is a partnership among various organizations and agencies that embraces a cooperative spirit and commitment to enhancing the criminal justice system and quality of life of each and every citizen of Palm Beach County."

**J. Max Davis, 2006 Chair**



"We have completed a tremendous amount of work this year. Our accomplishments and success are a result of the teamwork and countless volunteers that help us do more with less."

**L. Diana Cunningham, Executive Director**

### Planning and Partnerships

#### Annual Planning Meeting

Each year the Criminal Justice Commission holds its annual planning meeting in November, to identify the issues and priorities for the upcoming year. This year, the Commission met for half a day to discuss the potential issues the Commission may address in 2007. The planning meeting is one of the mechanisms where members and others may raise issues for the Commission's consideration. This year, local criminal justice system practitioners and experts presented on five issues of concern in Palm Beach County and perhaps the nation, for the Commission to consider. The presentations included:

- Gangs in Palm Beach County, Sheriff Ric Bradshaw & Mike Wallace
- Adult Mentally Ill in Jails, Public Defender Carey Haughwout
- Re-entry/Release From Incarceration Back to the Community, Deputy Chief U.S. Attorney Andrew Lourie
- Unified Family Court & Helping Courts, Chief Judge Kathleen Kroll & Mary Quinlan
- Youth Violence Prevention, Riviera Beach Chief of Police Clarence Williams

While most members would likely agree that the above issues and priorities are all important, limited resources and jurisdictional issues require the Criminal Justice Commission to prioritize its work.



## Partnerships

The success of the Criminal Justice Commission hinges upon the positive relationships it fosters between Commission members; as well as with others in the community in Palm Beach County. These relationships often translate into partnerships which facilitate information sharing and the sharing of resources to develop and implement strategies aimed at enhancing public safety in our neighborhoods. Partnerships encourage innovation, which does not always require new funds. Without partnerships, the Commission's work would be a Sisyphean task.

The Youth Violence Prevention Project is a good example of a partnership, where the Criminal Justice Commission helped to form a partnership between the County and five cities to implement and maintain a program aimed at addressing growing youth violence. This partnership includes a commitment to provide funding and locations needed to implement part of the program calling for Youth Empowerment Centers and Adult Justice Service Centers. Thus far, the partnership includes a proposed budget of over two million dollars from the County and another 1.4 million from three cities. Another highlight this year was the opening of a second Community Justice Service Center located in Westgate. This would have been difficult to achieve without the support of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office.

There are countless other programs that the Criminal Justice Commission has developed and implemented with partners throughout the County. While most of these programs were originally supported through federal grants, most of the support now comes from the County and local partnerships, either with cities or other criminal justice agencies or not for profit organizations. In 2006, the Commission coordinated programs under each pillar (e.g., Truancy Interdiction Program implemented by the Palm Beach Sheriff's Office, Drug Courts, Chiefs of Police Association, and Children's Place at Home Safe).

Memoranda of Understanding and individual contracts are administered by the Criminal Justice Commission Staff, under the direction of Executive Director and the Commission Funding Allocation Committee. In 2006, Commission Staff completed and submitted an application for the 2007 (fiscal year) Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program (formally know as the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant) for Palm Beach County. The Commission received notice that the application for grant funding was approved on July 5, 2006. The Commission was also successful in obtaining funds from the 2007 (fiscal year) Byrne Formula Grant Program.





## Vision

The Criminal Justice Commission can take a number of lessons from this years work and accomplishments.

First, the Commission's work is evolving as federal grant dollars are diverted elsewhere, and new funding methods (i.e., Article V, Revision 7) continue to place added pressure on county and local policymakers for resources. This is further exacerbated by the 32,000 new residents moving into Palm Beach County each year and the commensurate increase of law enforcement officers on the beat, which has out paced the growth of other criminal justice practitioners in the courts and corrections sector. These pressures require the Commission to work even harder and in unison to present innovative solutions, to the Board of County Commissioners, which stretch scarce resources and maximize the effectiveness of the Criminal Justice System.

Second, the Youth Violence Prevention Project is perhaps a glimpse into the future of the Commission, where the Commission spearheads research and consultations to develop an evidence-based response to growing crime problems in the County. The development stage would consider all four pillars to ensure that future recommendations are balanced and reflect the concerns of local communities affected by the problem (e.g., youth groups to inform the development of the Youth Violence Prevention Project). Support from all partners, including the Board of County Commissioners, is central to laying the ground work for eventual program implementation and on-going maintenance by local partners, and future evaluations with all involved partners.

Finally, the Criminal Justice Commission is embracing technology (e.g., video and web conferencing, internet web portal, etc.) to be more effective by doing more with less time and resources as the County continues to grow in population. This may also include greater public access to Commission documents (e.g., reports, minutes, statistics), by the public and practitioners interested in the work of the Commission. It is important to emphasize that technology will become an aid, rather than replace the face-to-face interaction between members and partners. It is this interaction that facilitates much of the work and accomplishments not documented in this report. The spirit of cooperation and a shared commitment to enhancing public safety and impacting the lives of citizens in Palm Beach County will continue to be the cornerstone of the Criminal Justice Commission in the future.



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