

Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission
LAW ENFORCEMENT PLANNING COUNCIL

Thursday January 8, 2009
Clayton Hutchinson Agricultural Center
Exhibit Hall "B"
559 North Military Trail
West Palm Beach, Florida 33415

MINUTES

Members Present

Chief Mangold, Atlantis
Chief Alexander, Boca Raton
Chief Weiner, Juno Beach
Chief Crane, South Palm Beach
Chief Matt Immler, Boynton Beach
Chief Reiter, Palm Beach
Chief Lincoln, Lantana
Chief Kelly, PBC School District PD
Sheriff Bradshaw
Mike Driscoll, FDLE
Chief Kitzerow, Jupiter
Chief Wes Smith, Lake Clarke Shores
Chief Walker, Manalapan
Chief Stepp, Palm Beach Gardens
Steven Burdelski, FBI
Miguel Guzman, FHP
Matthew Lynch, Secret Service
Chief Strianese, Delray Beach
Chief McCollom, Tequesta
Luis Perez, DEA
George Sanders, IRS – CI

Advisory Members Present

Dr. Michael Bell, Medical Examiner
Feirmon Johnson, DJJ
Michael McAlliffe, State Attorney
Rolando Garcia, US Atty
Joni Livingston, FDLE

Guests

William Stern, FBI
David Stermen, FWC
Jerome Burdi, Sun- Sentinel
Greg Vinello, DHS-ICE
Jeff Lindskoog, PBSO
Jim Stormes, PBSO
Steve Kniffin, Palm Beach Shores

Steven Randerson, TSA
Michelle Spangenberg, Court Admin.
Charlie Orlando, Greenacres
Kirk Blouin, P.B.P.D
Jeff Tyson, Lantana
Todd Weicholz, Statewide Prosecutor
Patricia Vasquez, DCF
Rob O'Neill, Jupiter
Nancy Grimes, PBSO
Scott Nugent, PBSO
Ed Brewer, School Police
Duane Little, FDLE
Michelle Miuccio, Boca Raton
Scott DeAtley, Jupiter PD
Al Johnson, SAO
Bobby Furey, North Palm Beach
Wayne Pickering, US Marshal
Gary Sykes, Palm Springs
Clayton Perry – PBC ISS
Penny Anderson, PBC ISS
Dan McBride – PBSO
Jay Bonner, DJJ Board
P. McCutcheon, School Police
Nancy Dixon, Victims Services
Luis Ramil, FHP
Mark Hall, Palm Springs
Bob Daniels, Juno Beach
Dave Kelley, Palm Beach Shores

CJC Staff

Wayne English
Katherine Hatos
Journey Beard
Mike Szakacs
Jenise Link
Becky Walker
Brenda Oakes

- I. Chief Pickens called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
- II. Roll call was conducted and a quorum was present.
- III. Guests introduced themselves
- IV. The agenda was unanimously approved.
- V. Minutes from the December 4, 2008 meeting were unanimously approved.
- VI. Chairman's Comments
 - A. The Chair announced that there will be a LEX Board of Directors Meeting following this meeting.
 - B. The Chair welcomed our new State Attorney, Michael McAuliffe.
 - C. The Chair congratulated Larry Schroeder on his appointment as Director of the Criminal Justice Institute at PBCC and Craig Hartman on his selection as Chief at Highland Beach PD.
 - D. The Chair also congratulated Tony Ross on his retirement from the SAO.
- VII. Presentations
 - A. Al Johnson from the SAO discussed issues with Foreign Language Transcripts. A protocol was established in August of 2008 setting forth how translations would be handled. It was agreed that it would be reviewed after a few months. There have been less than 6 cases in that time that required translations. There have been some issues with detectives not being aware of the protocol. It also must be determined who will do the translations. It appears that the court translations personnel are the only ones that can. Cost is \$35 per minute and there is no charge for portions of the tape that are silent. The SAO can have the translation done and the cost billed directly to the agency. There was a discussion regarding why the agencies are responsible for the cost of the translations. The Sheriff stated that his office would cover the costs if the case was from the Violent Crimes Task Force and the agency was a member of the task force. It was noted that a translation would not be required until a case was set to go to court and not at the filing stage. It was decided to go forward with this and revisit it in a few months.
 - B. Al Johnson also discussed some problem issues with depositions. There were over 500 no shows at depositions out of 1498 in November of 2008. A single point of contact system has been in place to deal with no shows but better scheduling would also help. It was suggested that technology might be of help in scheduling. Mr. McAuliffe suggested that a working group be formed to try to find a solution to these issues. Members of the group are Mr. McAuliffe, Chief Smith, Chief Strianese, Chief Weiner and a representative from the Public Defenders office. A meeting will be scheduled in the near future.

- C. Capt. Lindscoog from PBSO gave an overview of the upcoming homeless count. An accurate count is needed to support grant applications and other funding. Also it is a federal mandate that the count be conducted every 2 years. The count will be conducted on January 28 and 29. It was requested that each agency assign a contact person to the homeless count. Community Services from the county will be working with PBSO.

VIII. Updates/Discussion

- A. Steve Burdelski from the FBI announced that he will be assigned in Washington for a year and that Bill Stern will be taking his place for that time.
- B. Becky Walker gave an update on the Attorney General's Gang Reduction Strategy. There have been regional meetings to discuss it. We are in Region 7 and its meeting will be held in Broward on February 12. Invitations will be sent out in the next week.

IX. Old Business

- A. Chief Kelly announced that all the documents for the Mutual Aid Agreement have been received and the Sheriff will sign off on it before February 1.

X. New Business - None

XI. Liaison Updates

- A. Major Stormes gave an update on HIDTA. Tri county meetings are being held. He also invited everyone to the Sheriff's Inauguration Picnic to be held on Saturday. A flyer was made available.
- B. Chief Mangold gave an update on the MPSCC. The final site should be completed in 3 weeks.
- C. Chief Kitzerow announced that there would be a LEX Board of Directors meeting following this meeting.

XII. Committee Reports

- A. Chief Lincoln gave an update on the Recruitment and Retention Committee and presented the quarterly staffing report. There were only 62 vacancies out of 3314 positions for a less than 2% vacancy rate countywide. He announced that beginning with the next quarterly report, the number of frozen positions and personnel allocation reductions would be included.
- B. Chief Kelly gave an update on the JAC Committee. There will be a full presentation at the February meeting.
- C. Chief Carne gave an update on the traffic hearing committee. There will be a meeting at the end of the month. He asked that the chief's look at the number of dismissals their officers are turning in.

- D. Chief Crane gave an update on the corrections committee. It was noted that state budget cuts could effect offenders being held under the Jimmy Ryce Act and their housing facilities. There are about 18 of these people in PBC. The state may try to move the costs of these facilities to the counties.

XIII Member Comments

- A. . Chief Strianese commented on a robbery that occurred on Thanksgiving eve and thanked Chief Alexander, Chief Immler, Sheriff Bradshaw, Major Stormes and the State Attorney's Office for all the assistance rendered by their agencies
- B. Chief Kitzerow congratulated Major Rob O'Neil on his upcoming retirement
- C. Chief Immler reminded the members of the Chief's Association Installation Dinner on January 21 and asked that everyone RSVP.

XIV. Adjournment