

**PALM BEACH COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION  
LAW ENFORCEMENT PLANNING COUNCIL  
FINAL SUMMARY MINUTES**

**Thursday, January 22, 2015 - 9:30 a.m.**

Clayton Hutchinson Agricultural Center  
Exhibit Hall "B"  
559 North Military Trail  
West Palm Beach, Florida

**Members Present**

Director Kirk Blouin, Chairman, Palm Beach Police Department  
Chief Brian Smith, Vice Chairman, Juno Beach Police Department  
Chief Robert Mangold, Atlantis Police Department  
Chief Dan Alexander, Chairman, Boca Raton Police Department  
Chief Jeffrey Katz, Boynton Beach Police Department  
Chief Jeffrey Goldman, Delray Beach Police Department  
Chief Craig Hartmann, Highland Beach Police Department  
Chief Sean Scheller, Lantana Police Department  
Chief Frank Kitzerow, Jupiter Police Department  
Chief Wes Smith, Lake Clarke Shores Police Department  
Chief Richard Jenkins, North Palm Beach Police Department  
Chief Christopher Yannuzzi, Ocean Ridge Police Department  
Chief Duncan Young, Palm Beach Shores Police Department  
Chief Thomas A. Ceccarelli, Palm Springs Public Safety Department  
Chief Carl Webb, South Palm Beach Police Department  
Chief Larry Leon, Palm Beach County School District Police Department  
Special Agent in Charge Troy Walker, Florida Department of Law Enforcement  
Maurice Spates, Resident Agent in Charge, Florida Department of Law Enforcement  
Duane Little, Special Agent Supervisor, Florida Department of Law Enforcement  
Mike Waites, Chief Investigator, State Attorney's Office 15th Judicial Circuit  
Major Camille Soverel, Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission  
Major Carol Owsiany-Himmel, Florida Division of Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco  
John McKenna, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Drug Enforcement Administration  
Edward Thompson, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement  
Robert Pearce, Resident Agent in Charge, U.S. Secret Service  
Pete Garcia, Federal Security Director, Transportation Security Administration (Represented by Steven Randerson, Assistant Federal Security Director)  
Xavier Morales, Patrol Agent in Charge, U.S. Border Patrol

**Members Absent**

Director Michael Porath, Greenacres Department of Public Safety  
Chief Garrett Ward, Gulf Stream Police Department  
Chief John Pruitt, Jupiter Inlet Colony Police Department  
Chief Stephen Stepp, Palm Beach Gardens Police Department  
Chief Carmen Mattox, Manalapan Police Department  
Chief Clarence Williams III, Riviera Beach Police Department  
Chief Christopher Elg, Tequesta Police Department  
Chief Bryan Kummerlen, West Palm Beach Police Department  
Sheriff Ric Bradshaw, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office  
Chief Charles Lowe, Florida Atlantic University Police Department  
Major Luis Ramil, Florida Highway Patrol  
Lieutenant Anthony Stafford, State Fire Marshall's Office  
William Maddalena, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Robert Shirley, Resident Agent in Charge, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives  
Glen Wilner, Assistant Chief, U.S. Marshals Service  
Stephan Robinson, Supervisory Special Agent in Charge, Internal Revenue Service  
Jeff Himmel, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Department of Labor

## **Advisory Members Present**

Director Larry Schroeder, Criminal Justice Institute of Palm Beach State College  
Hon. Dave Aronberg, State Attorney, 15th Judicial Circuit  
Joni Livingston, CJSTC Field Specialist, Florida Department of Law Enforcement  
Gregory Starling, Chief Probation Officer, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice  
Julie Hogan, Deputy Statewide Prosecutor, Attorney General's Office of Statewide Prosecution (Represented by Stephanie Tew)

## **Advisory Members Absent**

Dr. Michael Bell, Palm Beach County Medical Examiner  
Rolando Garcia, Deputy Chief, U.S. Attorney's Office  
Rosalyn Baker, Circuit Administrator, Florida Department of Corrections

## **Guests**

Ted Gonzales, LEX Countywide Program Director  
Denise Vidal-Bennette, Senior Manager, ISS - LEX Project  
Jim Johnston, ISS - LEX Project  
Penny Anderson, Senior Coordinator, ISS - LEX Project  
Captain David Bernhardt, West Palm Beach Police Department  
Commander Pat McCutcheon, Palm Beach County School District Police Department  
Colonel Jim Stormes, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office  
Rodney Tilley, Florida Division of Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco  
Lieutenant John Crane-Baker, Delray Beach Police Department  
Tony Strianese, G4S Secure Solutions  
Chief Assistant Brian Fernandes, State Attorney's Office 15th Judicial Circuit  
Commander Robert Hagerty, Lantana Police Department  
Deputy Chief Michele Miuccio, Boca Raton Police Department  
Erica Reuter, Information and Analysis Manager, Boca Raton Police Department  
Major Stewart Steele, Boynton Beach Police Department  
Major Kelly Harris, Boynton Beach Police Department  
Major Suzanne Gitto, Boynton Beach Police Department  
Amy Senior, Florida Department of Health Investigative Services Unit  
Steve Finney, Florida Department of Health Investigative Services Unit  
Captain Brian Kapper, West Palm Beach Police Department  
Assistant Chief Rick Facchine, Palm Beach Gardens Police Department  
Support Services Manager Edgar Morley, Palm Springs Public Safety Department  
Andrew Baldwin, U.S. Border Patrol  
Assistant Chief Sarah Mooney, West Palm Beach Police Department  
Jenise Link, Manager of PBC Court Services  
Assistant Chief Clint Shannon, Palm Beach Gardens Police Department  
Bonnie Summer, Department of Health District Manager  
Michelle Miller, Department of Health ISU  
Kathleen Herd, Alzheimer's Community Care  
Lieutenant Hal Hutchins, Ocean Ridge Police Department  
Chief Assistant Al Johnson, State Attorney's Office 15th Judicial Circuit  
Stewart Saalfield, Court Program Specialist II  
Patrick Doyle, Intelligence Analyst, West Palm Beach Police Department  
Scott Nugent, PBSO/Fusion Center  
Clemente Ortiz, ISS - LEX Project  
Ashley Carseni, PBSO Volunteer  
Louis Tomeo, Director, Clerk & Comptroller Palm Beach County  
Mike Edmondson, Executive Assistant, State Attorney's Office, 15th Judicial Circuit  
Bill Fraser, State Attorney's Office, 15th Judicial Circuit  
Assistant Chief Mary Olsen, Delray Beach Police Department  
Todd Bonlarron, Director of PBC Legislative Affairs (conference call)

## **CJC Staff Present**

Michael Rodriguez, Executive Director  
Katherine Hatos, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst  
Allison Orr, Administrative Assistant  
Jacquelyn Esposito, Criminal Justice Analyst  
Craig Spatara, R.E.S.T.O.R.E. Program Manager

- I. Welcome and opening comments by Director Kirk Blouin, Chairman
- II. Roll Call
- III. Introduction of Guests
- IV. Approval and/or additions to the agenda
- V. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of November 14, 2014
- VI. Chairman's Comments
- VII. Presentations

The January 22, 2015 agenda was approved.

The minutes of the November 14, 2014 meeting was approved.

- a. Legislative Update

Mr. Todd Bonlarron, Director of PBC Legislative Affairs provided an update by phone from Tallahassee. He gave a brief overview of law enforcement issues being discussed in the legislature. One of the top issues deal with sober house regulations, specifically the creation of a voluntary registration system to weed out bad entities. Other issues included reforms at FDLE and DOC; body cameras; FRS pensions; Marchman and Baker Acts; domestic violence; mental health and substance abuse; juvenile justice; and a local initiative on lighting in high crime areas. Chief Kitzerow asked about legislation concerning the use of the law enforcement trust fund. Chairman Blouin requested Director Bonlarron to send more details on the issues he talked about to Ms. Katherine Hatos. Director Bonlarron said that he will continue communicating with the committee and will be at the February meeting for another update.

- b. LEX Program - *Ted Gonzales, LEX Countywide Program Director*

Mr. Ted Gonzales, LEX Countywide Program Director, gave a demonstration of the new LEX 3.0 version. He referred to the new front page where you log in, which also logs you in to FINDER, and immediately goes straight to the data. The new version provides: immediate view of bulletins; simplification for data brokers; new and enhanced calendar for situation awareness; ability to search bulletins and RIM (Regional Intel Meeting) reports from one search bar; enhanced auditing query and report capabilities; ability to document LEX success stories; and streamline user administration. They will be training officers in the next two to three weeks, and have added a couple of agencies into the system. The new program will be out at the end of the quarter, and they already have plans for LEX 3.1 which will feature

notifications on different types of crimes. He also recognized ISS for their hard work. Chairman Blouin thanked Director Gonzales and commented that LEX is the way to the future.

#### VIII. New Business

- a. Membership request for Palm Beach County 9-1-1 Coordinator and Radio System Manager

Chief Yannuzzi spoke on behalf of the agency which did not have a representative in attendance. He mentioned that he was approached to request if the agency could be put on the agenda for consideration as a regular member of LEPC. With the changes in Public Safety, Chief Yannuzzi said it makes sense to make them members so they can answer any questions right away and provide regular updates. Chairman Blouin clarified whether the representative will be a presenter or a member. Chief Yannuzzi suggested perhaps an advisory member under the bylaws section 2, like the Medical Examiner. Chairman Blouin had concerns about adding new members mentioning that smaller membership is more efficient. Chief Mangold remarked that committee meetings are open to the public so they are welcome to attend any meeting without having to become members. Chief Kitzerow agreed. Chief Stepp mentioned potential issues with other presenters requesting membership. Chief Alexander concurred and noted that they already have an established communications update under liaison reports.

#### IX. Old Business: No old business discussed.

#### X. Committee/Workgroup Reports

Chairman Blouin suggested reviewing the committees and deciding which ones to keep on the list as regular reports, and which ones to include as periodic updates. The members agreed to discuss this issue later.

- a. Book and Release Committee: No report was presented.
- b. Recruitment and Retention Committee: Chief Yannuzzi mentioned that the quarterly staffing request went out late due to the holidays and other distractions. Currently they are short six agencies, but he anticipates the report will be available for distribution at the February meeting.
- c. Sexual Assault Response Team: No report was presented.
- d. Court Systems Task Force: No report was presented.
- e. Sex Offender Population: No report was presented.

#### XI. Liaison Updates

- a. Data Sharing: Chief Kitzerow thanked Director Gonzales for the presentation and encouraged everyone to continue evaluating the program and giving feedback. A lot of the changes came from feedback. He also thanked Denise Vidal-Bennett, Penny Anderson, Jim Johnston, Clemente Ortiz for their work, and Mr. Steve Bordelon, ISS Director, for his commitment to the program; and the Criminal Justice Commission without their support they would not have Director Gonzales.

Updates: Riviera Beach and Atlantis are now contributing to the RMS data. Planning phase for Tequesta and Ocean Ridge. Next agencies are going to include FAU, Highland Beach, South Palm, and Palm Springs.

- b. Child Abuse Protocol: Chief Scheller encouraged everyone to attend the next specialists meeting noting low attendance at the previous meeting. It will be held on February 13<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM in the Community Room at the West Palm Beach Police Department. In addition, he reported that the child abuse protocol is in the last stages of review with Brian Fernandes; after which it will be sent out in an MOU for everyone to review and sign.
- c. Criminal Justice Commission: CJC Executive Director Michael Rodriguez announced that the Annual Planning Meeting will be held on February 23<sup>rd</sup>; location to be determined. They will set their priorities for the upcoming year at the meeting.
- d. Criminal Justice Institute: Director Schroeder announced that they started BLE 178 full-time law enforcement academy this past Tuesday. Next Monday they start the new corrections academy; the following Monday the next auxiliary academy; and the following Monday the next part-time law enforcement academy. In addition, the FDLE audit starts on Monday. Chairman Blouin asked how many of the recruits are sponsored. Director Schroeder said 5-7%, which is still low. He remarked that they do not have the ability to recruit and that each agency has its own specific needs. He encouraged the departments to find their own recruits, and he will try to find a place for them in the academy. There was a discussion about recruiting concerns and challenges. Chief Kitzerow mentioned this is a serious issue for Chiefs.
- e. High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area: Colonel Stormes announced there is an executive board meeting later this month.
- f. High School Criminal Justice Academies: No report was presented.
- g. Communications/Interoperability: Chief Mangold reported that the West Palm Beach P25 project is moving along. Next week members of the MPSCC will be travelling to Miami-Dade to take a look at their new system. It is a hybrid system (part Open Sky and part P25) that has over 30,000 subscriber units. He will report back at the February meeting.

## XII. Training Announcements

Chairman Blouin mentioned the Fair and Impartial Policing Workshop on Friday. He said it is different from other courses in that it plants a seed and makes you think differently; and that Dr. Fridell successfully points out that we all have biases.

### XIII. Member Comments

Major Carol Owsiany-Himmel introduced Rodney Tilley, Captain for Florida Division of Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco for the West Palm and Fort Pierce district offices.

Colonel Stormes thanked everyone for responding to his emails regarding electronic search warrants. They are on schedule to go live on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Small groups will be held for the judges. He explained the training process. Classes will start with the administrators then train the trainer for agencies. They will also have a conference call for IT. Chairman Blouin asked if they can do electronic search warrants in the middle of the night; Colonel Stormes said yes. He explained that every agency will have to use the system. They can use a laptop computer or a computer in their office to electronically submit search warrants to judges.

In follow up to the legislative issues discussion, Chief Kitzerow encouraged everyone to pay attention to legislation concerning asset forfeiture funds. He said there is a move in both the house and senate to use these funds for more public and government purposes as opposed to traditional law enforcement and crime prevention use. He asked everyone to get in touch with their local elected officials. Trust fund dollars used to train law enforcement personnel is another issue to follow. These funds were cut a couple years ago. The primary goal this year is to put this back on the budget as a recurring item. Chief Kitzerow has met with the Governor regarding this issue. Currently funds are at \$67 per officer, and their ultimate goal in the next several years is to bring funds back to \$103 per officer. Chief Kitzerow also mentioned the need to follow pension reform for those on the state as well as local pensions. And lastly, he reached out to the Governor and Cabinet concerning the FDLE commissioner. He wished they were consulted before the FDLE commissioner was removed from office. Especially, since the former commissioner was in office for such a long period of time and a good friend to law enforcement. They have also reached out to the new commissioner as an organization.

Chairman Blouin recognized Special Agent in Charge Troy Walker of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

Chief Yannuzzi thanked everybody for their support over the past month, and clarified his situation with the department. He is still the Chief until March 1<sup>st</sup>, after which he will begin a five-month consultant contract. It appears that Lieutenant Hutchins will be the interim chief effective March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Chairman Blouin asked everyone to review the attached bylaws. The LEX meeting will follow after a ten-minute break.

XIV. Attachments

- a. Law Enforcement Planning Council Bylaws (*on yellow paper*)

XV. Adjournment

Next Meeting: February 26, 2015 Clayton Hutchinson Agricultural Center