

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

**Thursday, February 25, 2016 - 9:30 a.m.**

Palm Springs Village Hall  
226 Cypress Lane  
Palm Springs, FL

**Members Present**

Chief Brian Smith, Chairman, Juno Beach Police Department  
Chief Larry Leon, Vice Chairman, Palm Beach County School District Police Department  
Chief Robert Mangold, Atlantis Police Department  
Chief Dan Alexander, Boca Raton Police Department (Represented by Deputy Chief Michele Miuccio)  
Chief Jeffrey Katz, Boynton Beach Police Department  
Chief Jeffrey Goldman, Delray Beach Police Department  
Chief Craig Hartmann, Highland Beach Police Department  
Chief Frank Kitzerow, Jupiter Police Department  
Chief Wes Smith, Lake Clarke Shores Police Department  
Chief Sean Scheller, Lantana Police Department  
Chief Carmen Mattox, Manalapan Police Department  
Chief Richard Jenkins, North Palm Beach Police Department  
Chief Hal Hutchins, Ocean Ridge Police Department  
Director Kirk Blouin, Palm Beach Police Department  
Chief Stephen Stepp, Palm Beach Gardens Police Department  
Chief Thomas A. Ceccarelli, Palm Springs Public Safety Department  
Chief Carl Webb, South Palm Beach Police Department  
Chief Bryan Kummerlen, West Palm Beach Police Department (Represented by Assistant Chief Sarah Mooney)  
Sheriff Ric Bradshaw, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office  
Major Robert Chandler, Florida Highway Patrol  
Duane Little, Resident Agent Supervisor, Florida Department of Law Enforcement  
Bill Fraser, Chief Investigator, State Attorney's Office 15th Judicial Circuit  
Major Camille Soverel, Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission (Represented by Captain David Schaeffer)  
Michael D'Alonzo, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
John McKenna, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Drug Enforcement Administration  
Edward Thompson, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement  
Glen Wilner, Assistant Chief, U.S. Marshals Service  
Robert Pearce, Resident Agent in Charge, U.S. Secret Service  
Pete Garcia, Federal Security Director, Transportation Security Administration  
Xavier Morales, Patrol Agent in Charge, U.S. Border Patrol

**Members Absent**

Chief Garrett Ward, Gulf Stream Police Department  
Chief John Pruitt, Jupiter Inlet Colony Police Department  
Chief Duncan Young, Palm Beach Shores Police Department  
Chief Clarence Williams III, Riviera Beach Police Department  
Chief Christopher Elg, Tequesta Police Department  
Chief Charles Lowe, Florida Atlantic University Police Department  
Troy Walker, Special Agent in Charge, Florida Department of Law Enforcement  
Lieutenant Anthony Stafford, State Fire Marshall's Office  
Captain Rodney Tilley, Florida Division of Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco  
Robert Shirley, Resident Agent in Charge, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives  
Ellie Michaud, Supervisory Special Agent in Charge, Internal Revenue Service

**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  
Stephanie Tew, Chief Assistant, Attorney General's Office of Statewide Prosecution

### **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**

Lieutenant Wendy Morse, West Palm Beach Police Department  
Shawn Johnson, West Palm Beach Police Department  
John Sluth, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office  
Assistant Chief Mary Olsen, Delray Beach Police Department  
Chief Assistant State Attorney Brian Fernandes, State Attorney's Office, 15th Judicial Circuit  
Assistant Chief Kelly Harris, Boynton Beach Police Department  
Assistant Chief Suzanne Crawford, Boynton Beach Police Department  
Jason Manar, Supervisory Special Agent, FBI  
Craig Stallings, Special Agent, FBI  
Denise Vidal-Bennette, Senior Manager, ISS - LEX Project  
Captain Dale Allen, Jupiter Inlet Colony  
Richard Markoe, PBC Manager - Court Operations  
Support Services Manager Ed Morley, Palm Springs Police Department  
Assistant Chief Vanessa Snow, Boynton Beach Police Department  
Lissa Udell, Florida Department of Law Enforcement  
Kristen Brennan, Florida Department of Law Enforcement  
Captain Robert Perez, Palm Springs Police Department  
Captain David Bernhardt, West Palm Beach Police Department  
Major Pat McCutcheon, Palm Beach County School District Police Department  
Captain Brian Kapper, West Palm Beach Police Department  
Judge James Martz, 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
Assistant Chief Javaro Sims, Delray Beach Police Department  
Lieutenant Tina Heysler, Palm Springs Police Department  
Detective Frank Milow, Palm Springs Police Department  
Patrick Doyle, Intelligence Analyst, West Palm Beach Police Department  
Stewart Saalfeld, Court Program Specialist II, 15th Judicial Circuit Court  
Ted Gonzales, LEX Countywide Program Director  
Nicole Bishop, Director of Palm Beach County Victim Services  
Sharon Daugherty, Sexual Assault Outreach Coordinator, Palm Beach County Victim Services & Certified Rape Crisis Center  
Scott Nugent, Fusion Center Director  
Special Agent Vince Holmes, ATF  
Colonel Frank Demario, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office

### **CJC Staff Present**

Katherine Hatos, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst  
Allison Orr, Administrative Assistant

#### **I. Welcome and opening comments by Chief Brian Smith, Chairman**

Chairman Smith again thanked Chief Ceccarelli and the Village of Palm Springs for the use of their facility which turned out to be a great meeting venue for their monthly meetings; and reminded everyone that all meetings for the year will be held there.

#### **II. Roll Call**

#### **III. Introduction of Guests**

#### **IV. The February 25, 2016 agenda was approved.**

V. The minutes of the meeting of January 28, 2016 were approved.

VI. LEPC Chairman's Comments

- a. Welcomed Major Robert Chandler of the Florida Highway Patrol. Major Chandler noted that Palm Beach County seemed to be the busiest among the five counties that they patrol, so he thanked all the agencies that assist their troopers. He is looking forward to building relationships with everyone.

VII. CJC Executive Director's Comments

- a. Operation Fresh Start

Richard Markoe from the Clerk and Comptroller's Office talked about Operation Fresh Start which is a special one-day event that will take place on April 30<sup>th</sup>. It will be held at two locations - the South County Courthouse downtown, and the Gun Club Complex. It is a joint effort among all the court partners within the Clerk's Office, Sheriff's Office, State Attorney's Office, and Public Defender's Office. Approximately 25,000 individuals with outstanding warrants for non-violent misdemeanor offenses and criminal traffic violations will be invited to participate and have their warrants resolved, establishing payment plans, and avoid jail time. The Florida Department of Motor Vehicles will also be on site to reinstate driver's licenses. Individuals with violent crimes and felonies are not eligible. Interested parties will have to contact the Public Defender's Office which will screen the applications.

VIII. Presentations

- a. Child Abduction Response Team: *Duane Little, Resident Agent in Charge of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement*

Duane Little, Resident Agent in Charge of the Palm Beach Field Office, FDLE, gave a brief overview on the Child Abduction Response Team (CART). They help coordinate resources among participating agencies, through an MOU, in locating an abducted child, e.g. in an amber alert. The Miami Region is divided into four teams - Palm Beach, Broward, Monroe, and Miami-Dade. Palm Beach County agencies that have participated over the years are the Sheriff's Office, Boynton Beach, Riviera Beach, and School Board.

IX. Member Highlight

Chairman Smith noted this is something new they are doing this year wherein each month, a representative from one or two agencies will introduce their agency, talk about what they do, their mission, and how everyone can work together.

a. US Marshals: *Glen Wilner, Assistant Chief Deputy*

Assistant Chief Deputy Glen Wilner gave an overview and history of the US Marshals and what they do in the district. South Florida consists of five offices, with the main office in Miami. They are also responsible for Highlands, Okeechobee, Indian River and Martin Counties although they do not have offices in these areas. The Southern District of Florida is the second largest district behind only to the Southern District of New York as far as every statistic available and everything they do. The US Marshals services was created in 1789 by judiciary act; basically the enforcement of federal laws and presidential decrees. By statute Deputy Marshals have the same power as the Sheriff or Deputy Sheriffs in the county they are working. Until the Secret Service was created, the US Marshals were tasked with presidential protection. Assistant Chief Deputy Wilner also touched upon other services performed by their agency, in the past and currently, e.g. oversight of federal prison executions, hurricane response, riots, etc. In terms of its mission, Assistant Chief Deputy Wilner simply described the US Marshals essentially as like the Sheriff in a federal system, e.g. they handle federal court security and courthouse protection; conduct protective investigations; provide full protection details when deemed necessary; etc. Chairman Smith remarked that the Marshals are a tremendous asset; they really give you a lot of leverage in your jurisdiction.

b. Juvenile Community Program: *Jeffrey Katz, Boynton Beach Police Dept.*

The Neighborhood Office Program is funded by the CRA which provided them \$200,000 this year for staffing and equipment. They have established a substation on their MLK corridor. On the surface it looks like a relationship-building program, which it is, but there are three primary objectives under the surface: 1) develop an opportunity to cultivate contacts and resources to help with their clearance rates; 2) use contact theory as a way of developing trust with the community; and 3) goals are established by the community. Majority of what they are doing is focused on the youth in their community and helping to build bridges, turning around the programming of youth seeing law enforcement as the enemy.

X. Announcements

a. Start by Believing Campaign: *Nicole Bishop, Director of Justice Services  
Honorable Dave Aronberg, State Attorney and Brian Fernandes, Chief Assistant  
State Attorney, 15th Judicial Circuit*

The Start by Believing Campaign is a national campaign designed to change the way we respond to rape and sexual assault in our communities. As rapists are likely to reoffend, it is important that we create a positive

community response. Ms. Bishop requested for support by signing a certificate saying that you agree to the campaign and to send road patrol officers/detectives to their training. She noted that agencies are already supporting their training endeavors. Last year, almost 3,000 law enforcement professionals were trained in the community. Ms. Bishop explained how to complete the certificate which will be framed and displayed at their SART center and agencies will receive a copy. The campaign will kick-off on April 1<sup>st</sup> at about 6:00 PM at the Flash Mob event in City Place. State Attorney Aronberg and other Chiefs will be at the event. Also, in the beginning of April, the Board of County Commissioners will be signing a proclamation for sexual awareness month. State Attorney Aronberg also offered a few words on the importance of protecting the rights of victims. In Florida unlike many other states, victims' rights are entrenched in our constitution, which a lot of victims are not aware. Initiatives like this are important because it focuses not only on victims, but victims of sexual violence that are particularly under reported; this program sends these victims a strong message that we are supporting them. State Attorney Aronberg also thanked Ms. Bishop and SART for their continued great work.

XI. New Business:

- a. Gang Resistance Education and Training: *Vince Holmes, Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms*

The Gang Resistance Education and Training (GREAT) program has been around since 1992. GREAT provides youth with initial contact with law enforcement outside of a negative environment. In Palm Beach County, GREAT is being taught in 32 schools; for school year 2015-2016 over 3,100 kids have been trained to date by 44 certified instructors/law enforcement officers. Special Agent Holmes thanked the agencies that have participated: Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, Palm Beach County School District Police Department, Lantana, Boynton Beach, West Palm Beach, and Riviera Beach Police Departments. He requested for more officers to sign up so they can bring the training back to Palm Beach County. There will be an upcoming training in Miami in June. Chairman Smith asked for the detailed information to be brought to LEPC as soon as it becomes available.

XII. Old Business: No old business discussed.

XIII. Liaison Updates

- a. Data Sharing: Chief Kitzerow reported that they are in the process of adding Tequesta and Boynton Beach RMS to their LEX system. Training is scheduled for Boynton Beach and Riviera Beach, and Boca will begin training in March. They are moving forward in giving FDLE temporary access to LEX; they

- already have a connection to LEX through CJNET. The next steps will include getting an MOU signed, which he will talk about at the LEX meeting.
- b. Recruitment and Retention Committee: Chairman Smith referred members to the staffing survey in the meeting packet.
  - c. Sexual Assault Response Team: Chief Jenkins referred to the attached SART report, and reminded everyone to sign the poster on their way out.
  - d. Criminal Justice Commission: Chief Kitzerow provided a brief update about the CJC Annual Planning Meeting: identified the funding priorities; discussed what direction CJC should go; and his personal take away from the discussions was to play a more active role in getting the message out to the community on issues such as fair and impartial policing initiatives, etc.
  - e. Communications/Interoperability: Chief Mangold reported that West Palm Beach EAQ testing will start next week.
  - f. Criminal Justice Institute: Director Schroeder reported that they had graduation last Thursday night; 35 recruits, about 10 of them are employed. Four academies are running right now; two of them will be graduating in the latter part of April.
  - g. State Attorney's Office: Chief Assistant State Attorney Brian Fernandes provided an update from last year's statistics: average of 30 days or less for warrant reviews (previously when they started the office it was 3 ½ to 4 months). He appreciated everyone's help with working on filing packets. Also, their conviction rates for circuit court and felonies are over 92% which is a drastic increase over the last several years. This increase is attributed to the cooperation between law enforcement agencies. In addition, under State Attorney Aronberg they put together an elder abuse task force that refocuses the state task force already in place to address exploitation and physical abuse of the elderly. They had a great meeting last month; will have another meeting in March; and asked for more agencies to participate.
  - h. Legislative Update: Documents on legislative items that they are following are included in the packet. Ms. Katherine Hatos noted that she has been sending legislative reports each week as she receives them from Todd Bonlarron.

#### XIV. Training Announcements

- a. FDLE CJSTC: Officer Discipline (*on yellow paper*)
- b. USSS National Threat Assessment Center: Prevention of Targeted Violence (*on yellow paper*)

## XV. Member Comments

Chief Leon mentioned that everyone should've received an email from FPCA about civil citation. He requested that members send an email to Representative Kerner about their position since PBC supports youth court.

State Attorney Aronberg remarked that Representative Kerner has been really outstanding in standing up for them in Tallahassee. He was instrumental in killing the revised stand your ground bill. Chief Kitzerow remarked that HB 7085 regarding civil citations will be discussed at the judiciary committee meeting today at 1 PM. He will forward an email to Katherine to send out to the membership. The email will include a list of contact information for the members on the committee.

Chief Blouin inquired about the proper person to contact about legislative issues. Chief Kitzerow suggested going to their local representative, the Florida Chiefs' Association, and Florida Sheriffs' Association. It depends on the issue, but it is important to establish relationships. State Attorney Aronberg recommended reaching out to Representative Kerner, because he is focused on criminal justice issues.

Chairman Smith reiterated the new Member Highlights section. The next few months are already lined up. He asked for any agency partner that would like to volunteer to highlight their agency on one of the months for the rest of the year to contact him or Katherine. He thanked Assistant Chief Deputy Wilner of the US Marshals for being the first one.

Chief Kitzerow reminded everyone of the 10-minute break before the LEX meeting.

## XVI. Attachments

### a. Legislative/Community updates: *(on white paper)*

- Police outline neighborhood program, Alexandra Seltzer, Palm Beach Post, 2/24/16
- Florida House set to OK public pension changes, Palm Beach Post, 2/23/16
- Florida bill stiffens penalties for crimes against real estate agents, 2/22/16
- Scott gets nine bills, including one to curb backyard gun ranges, Palm Beach Post, 2/18/16
- Addiction treatment ethics bill gets overhaul, Christine Stapleton, Palm Beach Post, 2/9/16

b. Sworn Vacancy Report (*on blue paper*)

c. SART Update (*on purple paper*)

XVII. Adjournment

Next Meeting: March 24, 2016, Palm Springs Village Hall