

**PALM BEACH COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION  
LAW ENFORCEMENT PLANNING COUNCIL**

**FINAL SUMMARY MINUTES**

**Thursday, March 1, 2012 – 9:30 a.m.**

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

**Members Present**

Chief Clarence Williams III, Chairman  
Chief James Kelly, Vice-Chairman  
Chief Robert Mangold  
Chief Dan Alexander  
Chief Matt Immler  
(Represented by Major Frank Briganti)  
Chief Anthony Strianese  
Chief Garrett Ward  
Chief Craig Hartmann  
Chief Brian Smith  
Chief Frank Kitzerow  
(Represented by Captain James Barrett)  
Chief John Stewart  
Chief Wes Smith  
Chief Jeff Tyson  
(Represented by Commander Sean Scheller)  
Interim Chief Carmen Mattox  
Captain Robert Fuery  
Chief Christopher Yannuzzi  
Director Kirk Blouin  
Chief Steve Kniffin  
Captain in Charge Robert Perez  
Chief Roger M. Crane  
Chief Pete Pitocchelli  
Assistant Chief Mary Santos-Olsen  
Chief Charles Lowe  
Mike Waites, Chief Investigator  
Major Carol Owsiany-Himmel  
(Represented by Captain Priscilla Turner)  
Steven Burdelski, Senior Supervisory Resident Agent  
John McKenna, Assistant Special Agent in Charge  
(Represented by Mike Gannon)  
Edward (Eddie) Thompson, Resident Agent in Charge  
Daniel Dooley, Acting Resident Agent in Charge  
Matthew Lynch, Resident Agent in Charge  
George Sanders, Supervisory Special Agent in Charge  
Frank Miller, Acting Patrol Agent in Charge  
(Represented by John Solek)

**Members Absent**

Director Michael Porath  
Chief Stephen Stepp  
Sheriff Ric Bradshaw  
Major Luis Ramil

Major Jeffrey Hubert  
Lt. Anthony Stafford  
Dana Morrison, Special Agent Supervisor  
Glen Wilner, Assistant Chief  
Pete Garcia, Federal Security Director  
Michael Driscoll, Resident Agent in Charge

### **Advisory Members Present**

Director Larry Schroeder  
Rolando Garcia, Deputy Chief  
Feirmon Johnson, Chief Probation Officer  
Joni Livingston, FDLE  
Rosalyn Baker, Circuit Administrator  
Dr. Michael Bell

### **Advisory Members Absent**

Hon. Michael McAuliffe, State Attorney  
Julie Hogan, Deputy Statewide Prosecutor

### **Guests**

Assistant Chief David Harris, Riviera Beach Police Department  
Patricia Vazquez, Criminal Justice Coordinator, Department of Children and Families  
Steve Wunderlich, Homeland Security Investigations  
Major Wendy Unger, Boynton Beach Police Department  
Assistant Chief Michelle Miuccio, Boca Raton Police Department  
Colonel Jim Stormes, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office  
Assistant Chief Jeff Goldman, Delray Beach Police Department  
Jeff Kadel, Palm Beach County Substance Abuse Coalition  
Cristy Altaro, Court Administration  
Michelle Spangenberg, Court Administration  
Patrick McCutcheon, Palm Beach County School District Police Department  
Assistant Chief Rick Facchine, Palm Beach Gardens Police Department  
Assistant Chief Clint Shannon, Palm Beach Gardens Police Department  
Sergeant Dave Kelley, Palm Beach Shores Police Department  
Lieutenant Kelly Harris, Boynton Beach Police Department  
Lieutenant Hal Hutchins, Ocean Ridge Police Department  
Cindy Guerra, Palm Beach County Clerk & Comptroller  
Mike Edmondson, Children's Services Council

### **CJC Staff Present**

Michael Rodriguez, Executive Director  
Katherine Hatos, Criminal Justice Analyst  
Damir Kukec, Research and Planning Manager  
Becky Walker, Criminal Justice Manager  
Tangela Walden, CJC Intern  
Megan Minotti, CJC Intern

- I. Welcome and opening comments by Chief Clarence Williams, III - Chairman
- II. Roll Call
- III. Introduction of Guests
- IV. Approval and/or additions to the agenda  

The March 1, 2012 agenda was approved.
- V. Approval of the minutes

The February 2, 2012 minutes were approved.

VI. Under Chairman's Comments, Chairman Williams:

Congratulated Chief Robert O'Neill of the North Palm Beach Public Safety Department on his retirement.

Advised that there will be a law enforcement only briefing after the meeting regarding IRS's ID Theft Taskforce.

Reminded members that the next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.

VII. Presentations

- a. Rapid Response Team (RRT) 2010 Annual Report: Becky Walker, Criminal Justice Manager, Criminal Justice Commission advised that the 2011 report should be ready in the next couple months. Mrs. Walker provided an overview of the Rapid Response Team (RRT). She advised that the purpose of the annual report is to review RRT cases and determine if there are any process issues that need to be addressed. Highlights of the report include that RRT cases have increased by 10 from the prior year with 52 cases in 2010. Most of the cases or 71% were for children under the age of two years old. Primary reasons for referral included not breathing (co-sleeping) and drowning. Mrs. Walker discussed the importance of participation in the quarterly reviews. Recommendations included training (RRT process and child death investigations), developing a protocol to resolve issues between counties, parental awareness concerning dangers of co-sleeping, and notification to all RRT agencies about the release of the Medical Examiner's report.

VIII. New Business

IX. Old Business

- a. 2012 LEPC Workplan: Chairman Williams advised that a copy of the workplan was provided electronically for input and comment. Chief Alexander recommended that new initiatives be included as 2012 projects and added data sharing to the programs as there is a lot of work to be done with LEX. Damir Kucec advised that the Data and Evaluations Subcommittee stems from a couple issues: ongoing evaluation and research conducted by the Criminal Justice Commission and incident level data that isn't available from FDLE. Vice-Chairman Kelly agreed to serve as Chairman of the group to work on developing requests that are more specific rather than broad requests. A motion passed with no dissenting votes to accept the amended workplan.

- b. Domestic Violence Trust Fund will be discussed at the April meeting. Ms. Hatos asked if members would consider whether they want to have additional training and other options as the costs for training are minimal.

## X. Committee Reports

- a. Book and Release Committee: No report was presented.
- b. Recruitment and Retention Committee: Chief Yannuzzi advised that the revised quarterly report is included in the meeting packet. He also inquired about interest in expanding the report to include civilian personnel as a number of agencies have lost these positions. He noted that now the trend has been reversed with sworn personnel doing civilian work. Vice-Chairman Kelly suggested the inclusion of certain categories such as evidence and records to see how they are shifting. Damir Kukec also discussed the possibility of providing the survey in an electronic format. Chairman Williams noted that there was consensus to revise the report.
- c. Traffic Committee: Chief Crane advised that the postponed January 19<sup>th</sup> meeting will be rescheduled within the next 30-45 days. He noted from attending court that all the traffic camera cases that are lost are being dismissed in bulk, because of a motion that attorneys are making. One of the issues is that the County doesn't get the \$106 court cost when all the cases are dismissed. Chief Crane also noted that time permitting they will discuss night court as midnight officers aren't receiving preference from THO's. Several other issues were discussed including suspension of fines, transition to Showcase, and legal fees.
- d. Sexual Assault Response Team: Chief Hartmann reported that the Butterfly House at Wellington Regional is open and 13 sexual assault victims were treated last month. Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE) also responded to hospitals around the county. The responses have been really positive from investigators and emergency rooms concerning the service. SART nurses and staff will work out of the new location at 4210 North Australian in West Palm Beach and they hope to have an open house during Victims Rights month. Chief Strianese commented that they have used the Butterfly House twice recently at Wellington location and Delray Medical Center. Investigators had positive feedback and indicated reduced turnaround time at both locations.
- e. Sex Offender Population: No report was presented.

## XI. Liaison Updates

- a. Data Sharing: No report was presented.
- b. Child Abuse Protocol: Chief Strianese reported that attendance at the Specialist meeting increased dramatically from an historic average of less

than 50% to all but 3 agencies attending. Issues addressed included lack of use on the database. Chief Strianese also attended the Rapid Response Team (RRT) and noted that the meeting is worth Chiefs attending if they haven't ever attended or haven't attended in a number of years. The most common breakdown is agencies not notifying the RRT timely. The Oversight Committee met the following week. A commitment has been received from all the parties. The State Attorney's Office has committed Kirk Volker to be part of the committee, and Terri Skiles will help them get before the Grand Jury. They don't know what the relationship will be with the new state attorney, but a Grand Jury report is due in 2012. Assistant Chief Miuccio also determined that the MOU signed in 2005 doesn't have an expiration date. It is a living document for the 2012 Grand Jury. There is also a question concerning at what time can the county come out from under a Grand Jury mandate as Palm Beach County is the only county in the state mandated by the protocol. Information will be sent out to the Chiefs for the next meetings.

- c. Crime Prevention Officers Association: No report was presented.
- d. Criminal Justice Commission: Vice-Chairman Kelly advised that at the last CJC meeting they supported going forward to the County Commission for the remainder of the money needed to finish the relocation of the JAC to the Detention Center site off 45<sup>th</sup> Street. He noted there was a lot of discussion concerning a meeting held the week before that didn't have all the players. Those that did attend had issues concerning the way juvenile justice is handled in the county in general. They also questioned committee assignments and why the CJC isn't involved. Vice-Chairman Kelly was appointed as the Chairman to look into juvenile justice issues. The committee will look at the appropriate way to deal with the full spectrum of services needed. He stressed the importance of being proactive to avoid another spike, which they are already seeing. Vice-Chairman Kelly advised that the JAC is still on track and discussed a meeting with West Palm Beach Planning and Zoning concerning changes to the site. He will bring back a full report concerning what are the important issues to deal with from now forward if they are going to take an aggressive role to stop crime where it should be stopped with the youth instead of allowing them to develop into career criminals and deal with them on the back end.
- e. Criminal Justice Institute: Director Schroeder reported that everything is going well. Their academies are full and they are doing a lot of advanced specialized training. They will be providing three instructor courses: Driver Instructor course (May 7<sup>th</sup>), DT Instructor, and Firearms Instructor. They are trying to offer these courses free of charge to agencies using the Region XII trust fund. The Firearms Instructor course may have to fall after July 1<sup>st</sup> when they get their new infusion of trust fund dollars. They hope to have the DT Instructor course before the end of their fiscal year.

- f. High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area: No report was presented.
- g. High School Criminal Justice Academies: No report was presented.
- h. Communications/Interoperability: Chief Mangold: No report was presented.
- i. Juvenile Assessment Center: report provided above.

## XII. Training Announcements

- a. Cristy Altaro, Court Administration discussed the Circuit 15 Juvenile Justice Board Community Event Invitation

## XIII. Member Comments

- a. Chief Yannuzzi provided information concerning upcoming law enforcement fundraising events. The Special Olympics events include the Law Enforcement Torch Run on Wednesday morning, April 11<sup>th</sup> at Hypoluxo and Federal Highway to Royal Palm School on Lawrence Road and the Annual Tip-A-Cop program on Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. They are trying for three Duffy's locations this year at Palm Beach Gardens, Royal Palm, and possibly Boynton Beach. Also, the Annual Tour de Force fundraising event for families of the fallen. The 270 mile bike ride starts Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup> in Boynton Beach – Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at Daytona Beach Shores. Chief Yannuzzi would appreciate any participation from Chiefs or their officers. He will send information to Katherine Hatos for distribution and information will also be available on the Palm Beach County Chiefs of Police Association's website.
- b. Chief Strianese talked about the value that comes out of this type of a meeting and the south end regional meetings. He thanked everyone for their support during the four critical incidents that occurred last Tuesday. The events were all within an hour and 500 yards from the police department. Within less than 30 minutes they coordinated with all surrounding agencies including Boca, Boynton, FBI, FDLE, School Board Police, Rapid Response Team, and PBSO air support. Chief Strianese also spoke about the challenges of social media and the importance of having someone in your agency that is well versed in social media or bringing someone in quickly. He discussed the challenges of monitoring multiple sites and determining the accuracy of information.
- c. Vice-Chairman Kelly announced that the new Chief in North Palm Beach, Richard Jenkins, is being sworn in tomorrow at 2:00 p.m.

## XIV. Attachments

- a. Rapid Response Team Annual Report
- b. Proposed 2012 LEPC Workplan

- c. Quarterly Staffing Report (Revised 2/10/12)
- d. Criminal Justice Institute Update
- e. Circuit 15 Juvenile Justice Board Community Event Invitation

XV. Adjournment

Next Meeting: April 12, 2012