

Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission
LAW ENFORCEMENT PLANNING COUNCIL

Thursday March 5, 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 Crane, South Palm Beach
Chief Matt Immler, Boynton Beach
Chief Howe, Palm Beach
Chief Lincoln, Lantana
Chief Kelly, PBC School District PD
Mike Driscoll, FDLE
Chief Kitzerow, Jupiter
Chief Strianese, Delray Beach
Chief McCollom, Tequesta
Chief Williams, Riviera Beach
Chief Bush, West Palm Beach
Dana Morrison, DEP
Glen Wilner, US Marshal
Director Ludos, Greenacres
Chief ward, Gulf Stream
Chief Hartmann, Highland Beach
Chief Hillery, Ocean Ridge
Chief Stepp, Palm Beach Gardens
Luis Perez, DEA
Eddie Thompson, ICE
David Stermen, FWC

Advisory Members Present

Rolando Garcia, US Atty
Director Schroeder, PBCC
Joni Livingston, FDLE
Feirmon Johnson, DJJ
Rosalyn Baker, DOC

Guests

Jim Stormes, PBSO
Steve Kniffin, Palm Beach Shores
Michelle Spangenberg, Court Admin.
Charlie Orlando, Greenacres
Jeff Tyson, Lantana

Patricia Vasquez, DCF
Scott Nugent, PBSO
Ed Brewer, School Police
Duane Little, FDLE
Michelle Miuccio, Boca Raton
Clayton Perry – PBC ISS
Nancy Dixon, Victims Services
Luis Ramil, FHP
Mark Hall, Palm Springs
Bob Daniels, Juno Beach
Dave Kelley, Palm Beach Shores
David Harris, Riviera Beach
M. Porath, Greenacres
Ken Johnson, DOC
Tom Menichok, Palm beach
Michael Madden, Riviera Beach
Leonard Mitchell, Riviera Beach
Dave Gregg , Juno Beach
Joseph Sheehan, Palm Beach Gardens
Bobby Fury, North Palm Beach
John Suggs, FWC
Amy Fay, Jupiter
James Durr, PBSO
Paul Zacks,SAO
Ron Wells, Riviera Beach
Robert Perez, Palm Springs
Danny Auer, IRS- CID
Jerome Burdi, Sun-Sentinal
Marvin Jenne, Atlantis
Nancy Grimes,PBSO
Lesley Shuchung, PBSO
Michael Wingate, PBSO
David England,Jupiter
Un Cha Kim, Clerk/ Comptroller
Mike Waites, SAO
Kim Myers, WPB PD
Kirk Blouin, Palm Beach
Dennis Crespo, WPB PD
Ernie Carr, Palm Beach Gardens
Jill Richstone, SAO

CJC Staff Present

Wayne English
Michael Rodriguez
Katherine Hatos
Jenise Link

- I. Chief Immler 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 February 5, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved.

VI. Chairman's Comments

A. The Chair thanked Chief Strianese for volunteering to Chair the Child Abuse Protocol Committee.

B. The Chair announced that there will be a law enforcement only briefing by the State Attorney's Office following this meeting.

C. The Chair announced that there will be there will be a LEX Board of Directors Meeting following the briefing.

D. The Chair welcomed Acting Chief Richard Howe of the Palm Beach Police Department

VII. Presentations

A. Major Stormes introduced forensic artist Paul Moody who joined PBSO last year. Deputy Moody described his experience and gave an overview of what a forensic artist does. Major Stormes noted that his services are available to any agency needing assistance.

B. Captain Durr from PBSO discussed pending pharmaceutical database legislation. There are 4 separate bills at this time which it is hoped will be merged into one. A copy of all 4 bills will be sent to members. Also a data base is being developed to deal with the pharmaceutical problem. Letters will be sent to all chiefs asking for a point of contact to use the database.

C. Paul Zacks and Jill Richstone from the SAO discussed Discovery Issues. Information is being disclosed in some cases before the discovery procedures are completed. The defense lawyers can decide whether to participate in the discovery process. It was noted that active criminal intelligence is exempt to public records requests. Active is defined as being related to an ongoing investigation and with the probability of an arrest and prosecution in the foreseeable future. Requests from defense attorneys should be referred to the SAO to verify the status of the case.

VIII. Updates/Discussion

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

A. Major Blouin and Dr. Crouse presented the recommendations of the DNA / Law Enforcement Services Work Group. There are currently about 758 cases waiting for DNA testing. The best way to reduce this back log in the short term would be to outsource the work at an estimated cost of \$347,000. The Workgroup recommends that agencies voluntarily contribute towards reducing the backlog. For the long term it recommends a pre- screening lab which should help in preventing future backlogs. There is a federal grant available to help fund the lab however it does require a cash match. The grant application

is due in 3 weeks. A long term commitment is also needed to continue funding after the grant runs out. The prescreening lab could cut processing time to hours/days instead of weeks/months. It was noted that agencies would have to get their commission approvals to utilize forfeiture funds which is a lengthy process. Chief Alexander indicated that Boca Raton is very interested in participating and providing the facility. He will meet with Dr. Crouse to discuss the details. The issue is the long term funding of the projects. The cost for the lab after the grant runs out is about \$60,000 per year. The backlog was discussed at length. It was suggested that agencies review their cases in the backlog (77% are burglaries) and eliminate those that are not viable for testing or prosecution. It was also suggested that the SAO review the cases to make sure that they are still open.

XI. Liaison Updates

- A. Major Stormes gave an update on HIDTA. There will be an executive committee meeting in March.
- B. Chief Kitzerow announced that there would be a LEX Board of Directors meeting following this meeting.
- C. Director Schroeder gave an update on the Criminal Justice Institute. There was a Region 12 meeting prior to this meeting.
- D. Chief Mangold gave an update on the MPSCC. 4 sites have been acceptance tested and the 5th site will be done in 2 weeks. The system should be operational in about 8 weeks.

XII. Committee Reports

- A. Chief Kelly gave an update on the JAC Committee. The JAC lease will be extended to September 30, 2016.

XIII. Member Comments

- A. . Luis Perez discussed the relocation of several DEA offices to begin in April.

XIV. Adjournment