

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

Thursday, March 27, 2014 - 9:30 a.m.

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

Members Present

Chief Dan Alexander, Chairman, Boca Raton Police Department
Director Kirk Blouin, Vice Chairman, Palm Beach Police Department
Chief Jeffrey Katz, Boynton Beach Police Department
Chief Craig Hartmann, Highland Beach Police Department
Chief Brian Smith, Juno 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 Christopher Yannuzzi, Ocean Ridge Police Department
Chief Duncan Young, Palm Beach Shores Police Department
Chief Clarence Williams III, Riviera Beach Police Department (Represented by Major Leonard Mitchell)
Chief Larry Leon, Palm Beach County School District Police Department
Chief Charles Lowe, Florida Atlantic University Police Department
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
Timothy Donovan, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation (Represented by SSA Chris Klettheimer)
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

Members Absent

Chief Robert Mangold, Atlantis Police Department
Chief Anthony Strianese, Delray Beach Police Department
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 Thomas A. Ceccarelli, Palm Springs Public Safety Department
Interim Chief Carl Webb, South Palm Beach Police Department
Chief Christopher Elg, Tequesta Police Department
Chief Vincent Demasi, West Palm Beach Police Department
Sheriff Ric Bradshaw, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
Major Camille Soverel, Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission
Lieutenant Anthony Stafford, State Fire Marshall's Office
Major Carol Owsiany-Himmel, Florida Division of Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco
John McKenna, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Drug Enforcement Administration
Robert Shirley, Resident Agent in Charge, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives
Major Luis Ramil, Florida Highway Patrol
Stephan Robinson, Supervisory Special Agent in Charge, Internal Revenue Service
Karen Hanlon, Federal Security Director, Transportation Security Administration
Peter Daniel, Patrol Agent in Charge, U.S. Border Patrol
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
Julie Hogan, Deputy Statewide Prosecutor, 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
Joni Livingston, CJSTC Field Specialist, Florida Department of Law Enforcement
Rosalyn Baker, Circuit Administrator, Florida Department of Corrections
Gregory Starling, Chief Probation Officer, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice

Guests

Jim Kelly, Executive Director, Palm Beach County Association of Chiefs of Police
Erica Reuter, Information and Analysis Manager, Boca Raton Police Department
Amy Borman, Court Administration
Commander Pat McCutcheon, Palm Beach County School District Police Department
Steve Wunderlich, HSI/ICE
Major Robert Allen, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
Chief Assistant Brian Fernandes, State Attorney's Office 15th Judicial Circuit
Dr. Gary Martin, Lynn University (Retired Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Detective)
Tate Yeatman, Chemistry/Toxicology Manager of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
Scott Nugent, Director, Fusion Center
Lieutenant Hal Hutchins, Ocean Ridge Police Department
Special Agent Vince Holmes of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms
Penny Anderson, Senior Coordinator, ISS - LEX Project
Denise Vidal-Bennette, Senior Manager, ISS - LEX Project
Martin Bechtel, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
Assistant Chief Tina Heysler, Delray Beach Police Department
Captain Sarah Mooney, West Palm Beach Police Department
Chief Assistant Al Johnson, State Attorney's Office 15th Judicial Circuit
Captain Eric Coleman, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
Assistant Chief Rick Facchine, Palm Beach Gardens Police Department
Edward Nucci, US State Attorney's Office
Captain John Cataldo, Florida Highway Patrol
Louis Tomeo, Director, Clerk & Comptroller Palm Beach County
Assistant Chief Maria Santos-Olsen, West Palm Beach Police Department
Stewart Saalfeld, Court Program Specialist II, Court Administration
Captain Javaro Sims, Delray Beach Police Department
Captain Tom Mitchell, Delray Beach Police Department
Colonel Jim Stormes, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
Patrick Doyle, Intelligence Analyst, West Palm Beach Police Department
Jessica Minei, Senior Crime Analyst, Palm Beach Gardens Police Department
Mike Edmondson, Executive Assistant, State Attorney's Office, 15th Judicial Circuit
Captain Dave Bernhardt, West Palm Beach Police Department

CJC Staff Present

Michael Rodriguez, Executive Director
Katherine Hatos, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst

I. Welcome and opening comments by Chief Daniel Alexander, Chairman

Chair Alexander led a moment of silence for prayer and reflection for Officer Robert German who was killed in the line of duty in the City of Windermere.

II. Roll Call

III. Introduction of Guests

IV. Approval and/or additions to the agenda

The March 27, 2014 agenda was approved.

V. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of February 27, 2014

The minutes of the February 27, 2014 meeting was approved.

VI. Chairman's Comments

- a. Congratulations to Chief Vincent Demasi of the West Palm Beach Police Department on his upcoming retirement and welcome to Interim Chief Bryan Kummerlen.

VII. Presentations

- a. Certified Process Servers ~ *Amy Borman, General Counsel, 15th Judicial Circuit*

Amy Borman provided an overview on Certified Process Servers. Chapter 48 governs service of process. There is a separate provision for Special Process Servers, as in Broward County, and for Certified Process Servers as in the 15th Judicial Circuit. Certified Process Servers apply in October, go through training in December, and are sworn in by the Chief Judge in January. There is a list of CPS maintained on the 15th Judicial Circuit website which is updated every January. CPS wear an ID and should not carry a badge to clearly distinguish them from a law enforcement officer. Ms. Borman discussed the implications for law enforcement in terms of access to private property and obstruction of justice, as law enforcement receives calls from the community about CPS on residential properties or places of employment. About two years ago the law changed stating that a guard in a gated residential community must grant unannounced entry into the community, including common areas and elements. Similarly, there is a provision in the statute under 843.01 and 843.02 stating that whoever knowingly or willfully resists, obstructs, or opposes a person legally authorized to exercise process commits a first degree misdemeanor (without force) or a third degree felony (with force). Ms. Borman offered to provide training to any departments that are interested.

- b. *Overdose Suppression Project ~ Dr. Gary Martin, Lynn University (Retired Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Detective) & Tate Yeatman, Chemistry/Toxicology Manager of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office*

Dr. Martin gave a brief history of the Overdose Suppression Project and talked about its three components: law enforcement, public awareness/education, and research. The project came out in 2009 as PBSO's comprehensive response to the complex problem of drug overdose in the community. On the public awareness side, they teamed up with NOPE (Narcotics Overdose Prevention & Education) to help diminish the frequency of overdose and reduce the impact in the community by speaking to different groups about the issue. In terms of research, PBSO created an overdose database where they collect information from reviewing every overdose death from the Medical Examiner's reports. This information is supplemented by second level information not available in the reports by interviewing the decedents' family members and friends. The data indicates that overdose deaths are caused by high risk drugs, opiate medication; depressant and sedatives; and illicit drugs and alcohol. The majority of the decedents were middle aged or working white males, 21-60 years old. Second level information revealed that 82% of the decedents had a known substance abuse history.

Mr. Yeatman talked about recent trends in opiate case submissions at the laboratory. As the prescription opiates (oxycodone) dried up in 2011 the trend was replaced by heroin. Recently there was a dramatic change in the number of fentanyl-laced heroin cases. Three cases were reported in November 2013 this is the same number that was reported for almost 20 months from January 2012-October 2013. In December 2013, 4 out of 5 suspected heroin overdose cases indicated that they were laced with fentanyl. They also analyzed 8 other cases; 4 of which had viable evidence for drug testing (1- heroin/fentanyl, 1- fentanyl only, & 2 cases were inconclusive). The heroin was also mixed with cocaine in every one of the cases. Fentanyl is a Schedule II narcotic analgesic that is 100 times more potent than morphine most commonly prescribed for end stage illnesses. He noted caution in these cases for first responders as fentanyl can be absorbed through the skin. He also mentioned that this trend appears to have subsided.

- c. *Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) ~ Special Agent Vince Holmes of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms*

Special Agent Holmes said that a couple years ago the CJC and ATF reached out to BJA (Bureau of Justice Assistance) and brought the G.R.E.A.T. training to PBC. As a result of training, they had 17 officers certified and 1,300 students the first year in the PBC school system. Since then they have lost

some officers for various reasons, so they reached out again to the National Institute of Training in Tallahassee and got the opportunity to bring the training back to PBC. He referred to the flyer for more information and encouraged everyone to register early. Training will be held June 17-26 at the Boca Raton Police Training Center. Chief Leon mentioned that their Elementary officers will be attending the training. It will also coincide with Victims & Bystanders. He also noted the change in format that will be beneficial for 5th graders transitioning to 6th grade. Special Agent Holmes discussed the differences between the Elementary (6 week program) and Middle School (13 week program) component. Executive Director Jim Kelly remarked that he was critical of G.R.E.A.T. in the past, but he has been assured that they have made a lot of changes to the curriculum that will benefit all of us. He encouraged everyone to participate in the free training and noted that they provide all the materials.

VIII. New Business: No old business discussed.

IX. Old Business: No old business discussed.

X. Committee/Workgroup Reports

- a. Book and Release Committee: No report was presented.
- b. Recruitment and Retention Committee: Chief Yannuzzi mentioned the end of the quarter will be next Monday and that departments should have received the request for statistics from Katherine Hatos. The report will be presented at the next meeting.
- c. Sexual Assault Response Team: Chief Jenkins noted no meeting this month; nothing to report.
- d. Court Systems Task Force: No report was presented.
- e. Sex Offender Population: No report was presented.
- f. Traffic Committee: No report was presented.

XI. Liaison Updates

- a. Data Sharing: Chief Kitzerow announced that West Palm Beach is now a contributor to PBC LEX. They are in the planning stage for adding Delray Beach. The old LEX CI platform is now officially replaced by PBC LEX. They are currently working with Officer Frank Fanelli of the PBC School District Police Department to create a TrainU video. At the LEX countywide meeting today, there will be a discussion about an issue relating to jurisdictions with coastal communities. Penny Anderson reported that the advertisement for

the LEX Countywide Program Director position ends on Monday, after which they will be setting up interviews.

- b. Child Abuse Protocol: Chief Scheller reported that they had a meeting on February 12th at the State Attorney's Office with all the stakeholders. They are fine-tuning the protocol a little bit more. Another meeting is scheduled at the end of April. Once it is finished, it will be sent out for review.
- c. Criminal Justice Commission: No report was presented.
- d. Criminal Justice Institute: Director Schroeder announced the annual South Florida 911 Training Conference they will be hosting on their campus starting on April 7th, for one full week. Letters were sent out to all the agencies regarding their recruiting event on April 25th. He reported 4 law enforcement, 2 corrections, 1 crossover, and 1 dispatcher academy in progress.
- e. High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area: Colonel Stormes reported they had an executive board meeting, but nothing substantial at this point to report.
- f. High School Criminal Justice Academies: No report was presented.
- g. Communications/Interoperability: No report was presented.

XII. Training Announcements:

- a. Gang Resistance Education and Training

XIII. Member Comments: Chief Yannuzzi reminded that tonight is the Duffy's Tip-a-Cop event with proceeds going to the Special Olympics. Next Wednesday is the actual Law Enforcement Torch Run for the Special Olympics. The week after that is the Tour de Force bike event from April 7th - April 11th, of which the PBC leg is on Tuesday, April 8th.

Executive Director Jim Kelly reminded everyone of the Florida Police Chief's Conference meeting tomorrow morning at 10 AM at the Boca Training Facility.

XIV. Attachments

- a. Overdose Suppression Project *on white paper*
- b. Certified Process Servers *on blue paper*
- c. Gang Resistance Education and Training *on yellow paper*

XV. Adjournment

Next Meeting: May 22, 2014