

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

Thursday, April 28, 2016 - 9:30 a.m.

Palm Springs Village Hall
226 Cypress Lane
Palm Springs, FL

Members Present

Chief Larry Leon, Vice Chairman, Palm Beach County School District Police Department
Chief Dan Alexander, Boca Raton Police Department
Chief Jeffrey Katz, Boynton Beach Police Department (Represented by Assistant Chief Vanessa Snow)
Chief Jeffrey Goldman, Delray Beach 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 (Represented by Deputy Chief Dan Szarszewski)
Chief Stephen Stepp, Palm Beach Gardens Police Department
Chief Thomas A. Ceccarelli, Palm Springs Public Safety Department
Chief Bryan Kummerlen, West Palm Beach Police Department
Troy Walker, Special Agent in Charge, Florida Department of Law Enforcement
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 Jeff Ardelean)
Captain Rodney Tilley, Florida Division of Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco
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

Members Absent

Chief Brian Smith, Chairman, Juno Beach Police Department
Chief Robert Mangold, Atlantis Police Department
Chief Garrett Ward, Gulf Stream Police Department
Chief Craig Hartmann, Highland Beach Police Department
Chief Frank Kitzerow, Jupiter Police Department
Chief John Pruitt, Jupiter Inlet Colony Police Department
Chief Wes Smith, Lake Clarke Shores Police Department
Chief Sean Scheller, Lantana Police Department
Chief Duncan Young, Palm Beach Shores Police Department
Major Robert Chandler, Florida Highway Patrol
Chief Clarence Williams III, Riviera Beach Police Department
Chief Carl Webb, South Palm Beach Police Department
Chief Christopher Elg, Tequesta Police Department
Sheriff Ric Bradshaw, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
Chief Charles Lowe, Florida Atlantic University Police Department
Lieutenant Anthony Stafford, State Fire Marshall's Office
Robert Shirley, Resident Agent in Charge, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives
Ellie Michaud, Supervisory Special Agent in Charge, Internal Revenue Service
Xavier Morales, Patrol Agent in Charge, U.S. Border Patrol

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
Julie Hogan, Deputy Statewide Prosecutor, Attorney General's Office of Statewide Prosecution

Guests

Commander Pat McCutcheon, Palm Beach County School District Police Department
Chief Assistant State Attorney Brian Fernandes, State Attorney's Office, 15th Judicial Circuit
Assistant Chief Mary Olsen, Delray Beach Police Department
Judge James Martz, 15th Judicial Circuit
Assistant Chief Clint Shannon, Palm Beach Gardens Police Department
Lt. Nicholas Caristo, Palm Beach Police Department
Assistant Chief Jim Stormes, Palm Beach Gardens Police Department
Assistant Chief Suzanne Crawford, Boynton Beach Police Department
Assistant Chief Kelly Harris, Boynton Beach Police Department
Commander Robert Haggerty, Lantana Police Department
Deputy Chief Michele Miuccio, Boca Raton Police Department
Captain David Bernhardt, West Palm Beach Police Department
Assistant Chief Sarah Mooney, West Palm Beach Police Department
Major Braxton Davis, Palm Beach County School District Police Department
Lavidah Johnson, Project Manager, PBC Substance Awareness Coalition
Angelique Abbott, Intelligence Led Policing Manager, Boca Raton Police Services Department
Captain Tom Mitchell, Delray Beach Police Department
Sergeant Paul Weber, Delray Beach Police Department
Richard Markoe, PBC Manager - Court Operations
Ted Gonzales, LEX Countywide Program Director
Patrick Doyle, Intelligence Analyst, West Palm Beach Police Department
Scott Nugent, Fusion Center Director
Colonel Frank Demario, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
Mike Edmondson, Executive Assistant, State Attorney's Office, 15th Judicial Circuit
Jake Caldron, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Steven Randerson, Assistant Federal Security Director, Transportation Security Administration
Charity Raba, Section Manager, PBSO
Acting Special Agent Bob Hutchinson, HSI

CJC Staff Present

Kristina Henson, Executive Director
Katherine Hatos, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst
Jackie Esposito, Criminal Justice Analyst

- I. Welcome and opening comments by Chief Larry Leon, Vice Chairman
- II. Roll Call
- III. Introduction of Guests
- IV. The April 28, 2016 agenda was approved.
- V. The minutes of the meeting of March 24, 2016 were approved.
- VI. Member Highlight
 - a. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement/ Homeland Security Investigations: *Acting Special Agent in Charge Robert Hutchison*

Assistant Special Agent in Charge Eddie Thompson introduced the speaker, Acting Special Agent in Charge Robert Hutchinson. Mr. Hutchinson provided a brief history about their office. Their focus is on transnational criminal organizations to stop them from getting into our country, and from going out. They work closely with border patrol, airports and seaports, DEA, FBI, foreign countries, etc. They have 74 offices in 48 countries. Locally, in Miami, they work mostly on money laundering, smuggling (drugs, weapons, and alien), and human trafficking. They also work a lot of customs frauds, stopping counterfeit (auto parts and drugs) from coming in. They focus on gangs, specifically foreign-born gang members who have illegal status here, and deport them. In addition, they work child porn and child exploitation, and basic immigration cases.

b. Florida Department of Law Enforcement: *Resident Agent in Charge Duane Little*

FDLE's mission is to promote public safety and strengthen domestic security by providing services to local, state, and federal agencies. RAC Little shared their organizational chart which shows the five FDLE divisions. They have seven regions, with crime labs in some of the offices. They conduct multi-jurisdictional criminal investigations in the criminal justice investigative side. They focus on major drugs, violent crime, public integrity, domestic security, and cyber crimes. They run forensic evidence from law enforcement through the state's DNA database. They also provide background criminal history checks in the state of Florida. In the professionalism side, they promote competency and professional conduct of Florida criminal justice officers. They provide security for the state capital complex and protect the state government's first family and other visiting dignitaries. They get their power from Florida statute 943.

VII. Update

a. Criminal Justice Commission: *Kristina Henson, Executive Director of the Criminal Justice Commission*

- National Reentry Week - The Department of Justice designated this week as National Reentry Week for the first time ever. On average, there are 98 people returning from state prison to Palm Beach County every month. Palm Beach County has a very robust reentry program which has been active for several years. The primary goal of the program is to get people jobs as they come back to Palm Beach County. They have a DOC transition facility in Pahokee called Sago Palms, where people returning to Palm Beach County can serve their last year while working with counselors and other services to assist them with integration back into the community.

- Community Engagement Task Force – Provided an update about the new Criminal Justice Commission initiative voted on at the Annual Planning Meeting in February, co-chaired by Chief Kitzerow and Barbara Cheives. The goal of the committee is to bridge the gap between criminal justice agencies and the community. They had the first meeting a couple of weeks ago. One of the things the committee decided to do is take an inventory of what is happening in community engagement as it relates to criminal justice agencies. They are currently working on a survey to send out to law enforcement and other criminal justice entities to determine what type of activities are happening in the community.
- MacArthur Foundation – They received a planning grant last year to look at reforms in our system related to how we use our jail. Another planning grant was awarded this year to go forward with two priorities: 1) To divert the mentally ill or the “frequent fliers” in our jail who come in and out of the jail system; 2) To look at reforming first appearance hearings to make them more risk-based. They will be working with the Pretrial Justice Institute to have technical assistance to work with the judges, prosecutors, and public defenders to figure out how to implement a risk-based assessment. This assessment will be used to look at the people who are going to first appearance hearings, so the judges will be able to make a more informed decision about releasing them based upon the risk they pose to the community.

VIII. New Business

- a. Vice Chairman Leon announced the May LEPC meeting date change from May 26 (Thursday) to May 25, 2016 (Wednesday), at the same venue.

Director Schroeder also announced the Region 12 Council Training meeting will coincide with the LEPC meeting date change. Chief Ceccarelli noted that the meeting will be held in the same building, but a different room.

IX. Old Business: No old business discussed.

X. Liaison Updates

- a. Data Sharing: Ted Gonzales, LEX Countywide Director reported that Boynton Beach is currently in Q&A. They are also making great strides in Tequesta in getting their system and service set up. MOUs were received from the FBI and they are working with US Customs and DEA on getting MOUs established. They are very close to over a thousand users for the month. He expressed thanks for everyone’s help and support.
- b. Sexual Assault Response Team: Chief Jenkins referred to the attached SART report.

- c. Recruitment & Retention Committee: Chief Duncan Young was not present to give the report, but Vice Chairman Leon referred to the attached survey.
- d. Criminal Justice Institute: Director Schroeder reported that the law enforcement and 911 academies are graduating on May 12th. The next law enforcement academy will begin on May 26th. Corrections (full-time) and cross over (day & night) academies will begin in July. The next equivalency training will also be held in July. In addition, they are doing an online 911 course. Next week is the CJSTC meeting at the Harborside Hotel in Jupiter.
- e. Communications/Interoperability: No report presented.
- f. State Attorney's Office: Chief Assistant State Attorney Brian Fernandes announced Operation Fresh Start which deals with outstanding non-violent misdemeanor warrants. They have reduced the outstanding warrants so far by 10,000 (starting from 30,000 to 20,000) outstanding warrants, specifically through Chief Assistant Adrienne Ellis. They are doing a full day on Saturday at Gun Club and south county, with about 10 prosecutors, Clerk's Office, defense attorneys, and PBSO. Mr. Fernandes also talked about the Sober Homes problems, and Chief Assistant Alan Johnson elaborated on the issue. They will be forming a Task Force that will be starting on July 1st. Mr. Johnson asked any agency interested to contact him.

XI. Training Announcements

- a. Advanced DV Investigations for Law Enforcement (on peach paper).

XII. Member Comments

Vice Chairman Leon announced that today is Scott Nugent's last meeting. He congratulated Mr. Nugent and thanked him for being part of LEPC, and wished him well on his future endeavors.

Captain Bernhardt announced that Marlins baseball will be hosting Pittsburg on June 2nd with proceeds going to the national memorial.

Vice Chairman Leon announced the LEX meeting after a ten-minute break.

Mr. Gonzales reminded everyone that May is law enforcement memorial month. He encouraged everyone to go the Police Chief's website for information on the memorial services and activities at the different agencies in Palm Beach County. Please send him an email if you would like to include any information.

XIII. Attachments

- a. SART Update (*on purple paper*)
- b. Sworn Vacancy Report (*on yellow paper*)

c. Advanced DV Investigations for Law Enforcement (*on peach paper*)

XIV. Adjournment

Next Meeting: May 25, 2016, Palm Springs Village Hall