

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

Thursday, May 23, 2013 - 9:30 a.m.

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

Members Present

Chief Steve Kniffin, Chairman, Palm Beach Shores Police Department
Chief Dan Alexander, Vice Chairman, Boca Raton Police Department
Chief Robert Mangold, Atlantis Police Department
Chief Matt Immler, 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 Sean Scheller, Lantana Police Department
Chief Carmen Mattox, Manalapan Police Department
Chief Richard Jenkins, North Palm Beach Public Safety Department
Chief Christopher Yannuzzi, Ocean Ridge Police Department
Chief Stephen Stepp, Palm Beach Gardens Police Department
Director Kirk Blouin, Palm Beach Police Department
Chief Clarence Williams III, Riviera Beach Police Department
Chief Thomas A. Ceccarelli, Palm Springs Public Safety Department
Chief Roger M. Crane, South Palm Beach Police Department
Chief Vincent Demasi, West Palm Beach Police Department
Sheriff Ric Bradshaw, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
(Represented by Chief Deputy Michael Gauger)
Michael Driscoll, Resident Agent in Charge, 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 Supervisory Special Agent Chris Klettheimer)
John McKenna, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Drug Enforcement Administration
(Represented by Special Agent Michael Carovillano)
Edward Thompson, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
(Represented by Supervisory Special Agent Steve Wunderlich)
Michael Fagan, Special Agent, U.S. Secret Service

Members Absent

Chief Anthony Strianese, Delray Beach Police Department
Director Michael Porath, Greenacres Department of Public Safety
Chief Garrett Ward, Gulf Stream Police Department
Chief John Stewart, Jupiter Inlet Colony Police Department
Chief Wes Smith, Lake Clarke Shores Police Department
Chief Christopher Elg, Tequesta Police Department
Chief Larry Leon, Palm Beach County School District Police Department
Chief Charles Lowe, Florida Atlantic University Police Department
Major Luis Ramil, Florida Highway Patrol
Captain John Suggs, Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission
Lieutenant Anthony Stafford, State Fire Marshall's Office
Major Carol Owsiany-Himmel, Florida Division of Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco

Robert Shirley, Resident Agent in Charge, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives
Glen Wilner, Assistant Chief, U.S. Marshals Service
George Sanders, Supervisory Special Agent in Charge, Internal Revenue Service
Steven Randerson, Assistant Federal Security Director, Transportation Security Administration
Frank Miller, 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
Julie Hogan, Deputy Statewide Prosecutor, Attorney General's Office of Statewide Prosecution
(Represented by Stephanie Tew)

Advisory Members Absent

Feirmon Johnson, Chief Probation Officer, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice
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

Jim Kelly, Executive Director, Palm Beach County Association of Chiefs of Police
Chief Assistant Brian Fernandes, State Attorney's Office, 15th Judicial Circuit
Jason Greenberg, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
Hansel Escobal, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
Patricia Vazquez, Law Enforcement Liaison, Florida Department of Children and Families
Ed Allen, Gulfstream Police Department
Captain David Schaeffer, Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission
Colonel Jim Stormes, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
Assistant Chief Michele Miuccio, Boca Raton Police Department
Major David England, Jupiter Police Department
Major Chris Smith, Jupiter Police Department
Captain David Bernhardt, West Palm Beach Police Department
Eileen Berry, U.S. Secret Service
Commander Robert Hagerty, Lantana Police Department
Deputy Chief Dan Szarszewski, Palm Beach Police Department
Denise Vidal-Bennette, ISS - LEX Project
Penny Anderson, ISS - LEX Project
Special Agent Supervisor Duane Little, Florida Department of Law Enforcement
Special Agent Supervisor Maurice Spates, Florida Department of Law Enforcement
Assistant Chief Rick Facchine, Palm Beach Gardens Police Department
Assistant Chief Clint Shannon, Palm Beach Gardens Police Department
Captain Nancy Grimes, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
Lieutenant Hal Hutchins, Ocean Ridge Police Department
Commander Pat McCutcheon, Palm Beach County School District Police Department
Chief Assistant Al Johnson, State Attorney's Office, 15th Judicial Circuit
Stewart Saalfield, Court Program Specialist II, Court Administration
Barry Krischer, State Attorney's Office 15th Judicial Circuit/Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
Mike Edmondson, State Attorney's Office, 15th Judicial Circuit
Louis Tomeo, Director, Clerk & Comptroller Palm Beach County
Jeff Kadel, Palm Beach County Substance Abuse Coalition
Captain Jeff Lindskoog, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
Patrick Doyle, Intelligence Analyst, West Palm Beach Police Department
Greg Kridos, Chief of Intake, State Attorney's Office, 15th Judicial Circuit
Scott Nugent, Director, Fusion Center

CJC Staff Present

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

I. Welcome and opening comments by Chief Steven Kniffin, Chairman

II. Roll Call

III. Introduction of Guests

IV. Approval and/or additions to the agenda

The May 23, 2013 agenda was approved.

V. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of April 25, 2013

The April 25, 2013 minutes were approved.

VI. Chairman's Comments

- a. Congratulated Resident Agent in Charge Michael Driscoll of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement on his retirement and presented him with a plaque honoring his service. Katherine Hatos also recognized his career achievements. RAC Driscoll introduced his replacements, Special Agent Supervisor Maurice Spates and Special Agent Supervisor Duane Little.

VII. Presentations

- a. DCF Transformation: *Mary Bosco, DCF Supervisor Specialist*

Ms. Bosco provided information about DCF's new initiative called "Transformation". She explained how it relates to child protective investigations and specific protocols in working with law enforcement. The new system involves spending more time and getting additional information from families. She said that their department has been good in addressing and assessing present danger, but not pending danger which they hope to improve with the new process.

VIII. New Business

- a. Electronic Search Warrant Legislation: *Colonel Jim Stormes, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office and Greg Kridos, Chief of Intake, State Attorney's Office 15th Judicial Circuit State Attorney's Office*

Colonel Stormes provided background information and an update on legislation pertaining to electronic search warrants. He advised that the Palm Beach County Chief's Association approved forming a group to look at electronic search warrants almost a year ago. The committee paired up with Manatee County which was working on a similar project. Judge Harry Belvin Perry and Judge Munyon from Central Florida, along with the Florida Sheriff's Association and the Florida Chief's Association supported their language for an electronic search warrant bill. The bill passed with no

opposition and is waiting to be signed by the Governor and will go into effect on July 1st. Greg Kridos discussed in detail the legal aspect of the bill, while Colonel Stormes talked about the procedural/operational part of the process. PBSO and Court Administration are currently working on the technical aspect of attaching electronic signatures to search warrants. He requested involvement of IT staff from municipal agencies in the process.

a. Election

Chairman Kniffin called for an election to fulfill the remaining term of office. Vice Chairman Alexander moved that they waive the rules and nominated Chief Stephen Stepp for Chairman. Motion was seconded and Chief Stepp was unanimously elected as Chairman.

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 referred to the 2nd quarter report (January to March) included in the packet on blue paper. He thanked Katherine Hatos and all the agencies for their contribution.

c. Traffic Committee: No report was presented.

d. Sexual Assault Response Team: Chief Hartmann reported that the committee created recommendations/best practices for sexual battery forensic testing – a comprehensive document with input from the crime lab, investigators, Sheriff's Office, and State Attorney's Office. Katherine Hatos will send electronic copies to agencies.

e. Court Systems Task Force: No report was presented.

f. Property Crimes Workgroup: Chief Kitzerow said that the only thing they need to do is to adopt the recommendations made by Chief Immler's subgroup that will be presented at the June meeting. Then the committee can be closed.

XI. Liaison Updates

a. Data Sharing: Chief Kitzerow mentioned that the LEX countywide intel meeting will start about 5 -10 minutes after the LEPC meeting.

b. Child Abuse Protocol: Chief Scheller reminded everyone of the Specialist Meeting on June 14th at 9:00 AM at Department of Children and Families, 111 Sapodilla in West Palm Beach.

- c. Criminal Justice Commission: Vice Chairman Alexander noted that there hasn't been a meeting since the last liaison update; however there is one scheduled for next Monday.
- d. Criminal Justice Institute: Director Schroeder remarked the biggest issue right now is the reduction in their trust fund by the legislature. They went from \$67 to \$40 per officer equating to a loss of \$100,000. He said they are looking at ways of providing as much training as possible with limited funds. They are working with the advisory board and are reaching out to agencies for input. In addition, they are looking at different strategies including hiring vendors.
- e. High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area: Colonel Stormes reminded everyone of the International Money Laundering Investigations training a copy was included in the packet.
- f. High School Criminal Justice Academies: No report was presented.
- g. Communications/Interoperability: Chief Mangold reported that attorneys representing the city of West Palm Beach and the MPSCC met last week to discuss a new amendment to the interlocal agreement. He doesn't believe there will be any major obstacles once completed. They would like to go to contract for a P25 overlay on the MPSCC network with Harris by the end of June.

XII. Training Announcements

- a. International Money Laundering Investigations (*on white paper*)
- b. Statewide Technology and Safety Institute: Bringing the Toolkit to Life: *Kristin Cantrell, Attorney, Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County (on lavender paper)* – Ms. Cantrell provided more details about the training.

XIII. Member Comments

Interim Chairman Stepp thanked Chairman Kniffin for his 33 years of service to law enforcement, and talked about his personal background and professional achievements. He presented him with a plaque from LEPC honoring 33 years of law enforcement service, and for outstanding and dedicated service to the Law Enforcement Council, LEPC Chairman for 2013.

Chief Kitzerow acknowledged those in attendance from the Secret Service. He mentioned that they lost an officer in the line of duty on the presidential detail last September. They attended the Law Enforcement Memorial Service in Washington D.C. this week that honored Officer Bruce St. Laurent. Chief Kitzerow commended the Secret Service and noted some of the highlights of the trip including that full escorts were provided for the family and members of the department. The President

honored Officer St. Laurent and his family at the event and met with the family at the Oval Office. They also went to the Secret Service Headquarters and met the Director, Assistant Director, and other agents including Special Agent Lynch. Chief Kitzerow thanked the Secret Service and mentioned that they did a phenomenal job.

XIV. Other Attachments

- a. Legal Eagle (*on white paper*)
- b. Quarterly Staffing Report (*on blue paper*)
- c. Electronic Search Warrants (*on yellow paper*)
- d. LEPC Bylaws (*on gray paper*)

XV. Adjournment

Next Meeting: June 27, 2013 (Clayton Hutchinson Agricultural Center, Exhibit Hall "B", 559 North Military Trail, West Palm Beach)