

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

Thursday, June 26, 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 Anthony Strianese, Delray Beach Police Department (Represented by Assistant Chief Jeffrey Goldman)
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 Police Department
Chief Christopher Yannuzzi, Ocean Ridge Police Department
Chief Stephen Stepp, Palm Beach Gardens Police Department
Chief Thomas A. Ceccarelli, Palm Springs Public Safety Department
Chief Carl Webb, South Palm Beach Police Department
Chief Bryan Kummerlen, West Palm Beach Police Department
Chief Larry Leon, Palm Beach County School District Police Department
Chief Charles Lowe, Florida Atlantic University Police Department
Duane Little, Special Agent Supervisor, Florida Department of Law Enforcement
Edward Thompson, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
Robert Pearce, Resident Agent in Charge, U.S. Secret Service
Xavier Morales, Patrol Agent in Charge, U.S. Border Patrol
Timothy Donovan, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation (Represented by Stuart Robinson)

Members Absent

Chief Robert Mangold, Atlantis 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 Wes Smith, Lake Clarke Shores Police Department
Chief Duncan Young, Palm Beach Shores Police Department
Chief Clarence Williams III, Riviera Beach Police Department
Chief Christopher Elg, Tequesta Police Department
Sheriff Ric Bradshaw, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
Major Luis Ramil, Florida Highway Patrol
Maurice Spates, Resident Agent in Charge, Florida Department of Law Enforcement
Mike Waites, Chief Investigator, State Attorney's Office 15th Judicial Circuit
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
Glen Wilner, Assistant Chief, U.S. Marshals Service
Stephan Robinson, Supervisory Special Agent in Charge, Internal Revenue Service
Karen Hanlon, Federal Security Director, Transportation Security Administration

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
Joni Livingston, CJSTC Field Specialist, Florida Department of Law Enforcement
Julie Hogan, Deputy Statewide Prosecutor, Attorney General's Office of Statewide Prosecution

Advisory Members Absent

Dr. Michael Bell, Palm Beach County Medical Examiner
Gregory Starling, Chief Probation Officer, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice
Rolando Garcia, Deputy Chief, U.S. Attorney's Office
Rosalyn Baker, Circuit Administrator, Florida Department of Corrections

Guests

Commander Pat McCutcheon, Palm Beach County School District Police Department
Rick Morril, Palm Beach County School District Police Department
Richard Markoe, Clerk & Comptroller Palm Beach County
Ted Gonzales, LEX
Andrea Ward, Fusion Center
Lieutenant Robert Rizzotto, South Palm Beach Police Department
Chief Assistant Brian Fernandes, State Attorney's Office 15th Judicial Circuit
Brian Kapper, West Palm Beach Police Department
Deputy Chief Dan Szarszewski, Palm Beach Police Department
Major Dan Kerr, Jupiter Police Department
Colonel Jim Stormes, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
Erica Reuter, Information and Analysis Manager, Boca Raton Police Department
Eli Cano, Palm Beach County School District Police Department
Lieutenant Hal Hutchins, Ocean Ridge Police Department
Denise Vidal-Bennette, Senior Manager, ISS - LEX Project
Penny Anderson, Senior Coordinator, ISS - LEX Project
Cristy Altaro, Alternative Sanctions Coordinator, Court Administration
Edgar Morley, Support Services Manager, Palm Springs Police Department
Steve Wunderlich, HSI/ICE
Assistant Chief Clint Shannon, Palm Beach Gardens Police Department
Assistant Chief Rick Facchine, Palm Beach Gardens Police Department
Todd Bonlarron, Palm Beach County Legislative Affairs
Michelle Spangenberg, Criminal Court Operations Manager, Court Administration
James Smigel, West Palm Beach Police Department
Assistant Chief Michele Miuccio, Boca Raton Police Department
Jeff Kadel, Executive Director, Palm Beach County Substance Awareness Coalition
Patrick Doyle, Intelligence Analyst, West Palm Beach Police Department
Jessica Minei, Senior Crime Analyst, Palm Beach Gardens Police Department
Major Christopher Smith, Jupiter Police Department
Mike Edmondson, Executive Assistant, State Attorney's Office, 15th Judicial Circuit

CJC Staff Present

Katherine Hatos, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst
Craig Spatara, R.E.S.T.O.R.E. Program Manager

- I. Welcome and opening comments by Chief Daniel Alexander, Chairman
- II. Roll Call
- III. Introduction of Guests

IV. Approval and/or additions to the agenda

The June 26, 2014 agenda was approved with the addition of an update on the legislature by Todd Bonlarron from Legislative Affairs.

V. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of May 22, 2014

The minutes of the May 22, 2014 meeting was approved.

VI. Chairman's Comments

- a. Welcomed and congratulated Patrol Agent in Charge Xavier Morales of the US Border Patrol, and Chief Bryan Kummerlen of the West Palm Beach Police Department.
- b. Reminded that the July 24, 2014 meeting will be held in the West Palm Beach Police Department's Community Room.

VII. Discussion

- a. Credit Card Fraud: Chief Sean Scheller suggested revising the 2008 Credit Card Workgroup recommendations that were presented to LEPC. These included a Point of Contact Rule (if it is known where the original credit card theft occurred, that jurisdiction will handle the theft report and accept documentation of all further frauds/incidents involving that card investigated by other agencies) and Home Rule for those that don't have documentation. Chief Scheller recommended streamlining the process by having the originating agency handle all incidents so victims aren't being referred to other agencies. Chief Assistant Brian Fernandes, State Attorney's Office, concurred that it is better to keep these cases victim centralized. He recommended that if a victim files a theft whether it is for credit card fraud, criminal use of personal id, or dealing in stolen property for the agency to follow it at least throughout the county and put it under one investigation. This will help the SAO to know what the individual has done so it can be charged together. It also makes it easier for the victim. Chairman Alexander agreed with Chief Scheller's recommendation to revise the point of contact rule and send it out as a best practice.
- b. Legislative Update: Todd Bonlarron discussed this year's legislative session noting that it was a good financial year in the state of Florida for law enforcement and criminal justice. Criminal and civil justice appropriations experienced a 4.5% increase of overall budget equivalent to a \$200M increase across the board. Mr. Bonlarron also talked about substantive legislation in terms of policy such as in the areas of prescription drug monitoring program (wherein the Attorney General created a \$2M allocation as a dedicated multi-

year funding source); inmate reentry (identification cards for released inmates); human trafficking (increased penalties). In terms of medical marijuana, there will be a question on the November ballot that will ask voters whether they want to allow for a broader range in the use of medical marijuana. This legislation passed very limited use of medical marijuana in pill or liquid form. Two areas where nothing happened but will be back next year are red light cameras and sober houses. Mr. Bonlarron also reported that the legislation that Sheriff Snyder of Martin County worked extensively on passed which will increase some of the penalties on crimes committed across county lines. Legislation also passed creating a law enforcement hall of fame to recognize outstanding work.

State Attorney Aronberg asked about the attempted change in the pension plan in the state of Florida. Mr. Bonlarron said he has seen a strong will to move away from a defined contribution/pension benefit system that exists now to one much more like a private 401K program. The Florida senate has stopped these changes the last couple of years, but he sees more attempts to change the system in the future. Law enforcement and special risk have been primarily protected.

Jeff Kadel Executive Director of the Palm Beach County Substance Awareness Coalition mentioned that the marijuana legislation that just passed is for very low THC. He addressed some concerns about the upcoming vote that would increase marijuana use. The Florida Sheriff's Association setup an education site <http://www.dontletfloridagotopot.com/>. Also, the Coalition has convened a group of industry professionals including a lot of the sober home owners plus the Florida and National Association of Recovery Residences (FARR and NARR) that is looking for input on a self regulation with reporting legislative piece. Please let him know if you are interested in attending the next meeting.

Chairman Alexander inquired about lobbying on a state level for mandatory as opposed to voluntary reporting for sober homes. Mr. Bonlarron advised that they could potentially make some mandatory changes at the state and local level if they get the changes they are looking for on the federal level. Chairman Alexander also asked about the zoning and land use perspective in terms of medical marijuana. Mr. Bonlarron advised that they haven't gone that far yet on the county level but they will continue the discussion to see what happens in November. Chairman Alexander mentioned concerns about the policy process taking too long at the local level to wait on the November ballot and the need to start early. Mr. Bonlarron will carry the message back to the county. Chairman Alexander thanked Mr. Bonlarron for a great legislative report. Mr. Kadel advised that he is working with a city that has

started to develop a moratorium and he can provide the information for those that are interested. New Business

- c. Committee Vacancies: Sex Offender Population & Book and Release. Chairman Alexander asked anyone interested to let him know.

VIII. Old Business: No old business discussed.

IX. Committee/Workgroup Reports

- a. Book and Release Committee: Chief Yannuzzi reported that Katherine Hatos sent an email reminding the departments about the end of the quarter on June 30th. They hope to have a quick return on the data to get the report ready for the July 24th meeting.
- b. Recruitment and Retention Committee: No report was presented.
- c. Sexual Assault Response Team: Chief Jenkins announced that the SART has a second interview room open and available to detectives at their 45th and Australian location. They are also continuing to work on the draft of the general order discussed last month. Please let him know if you have any input.
- d. Court Systems Task Force: No report was presented.
- e. Sex Offender Population: No report was presented.

X. Liaison Updates

- a. Data Sharing: Chief Kitzerow reported they are still working on the number of agencies contributing data to the LEX system; Delray Beach should be about 98%, Lantana about 75%, Palm Beach about 50%, and Riviera Beach about 10%. The training is still moving ahead. TrainU video is being developed for use in the field. They are looking at 5 training tracks: patrol officer, investigative detective, analyst, user administrator, and auditor. Following the LEX countywide meeting, there will be a meeting for the team looking at system enhancements including auto-tagging, uploading multiple bulletins, database enhancements, and updating the RIM features. Please get with Chief Kitzerow if you have any suggestions for a recognition award that they are putting together for using LEX.
- b. Child Abuse Protocol: Chief Scheller reported that there was pretty good turnout for the Specialist meeting on June 6th. The most recent revised update to the protocol was reviewed. The next follow up meeting will be on July 9th at the SAO to finalize the protocol.
- c. Criminal Justice Commission: No report was presented.

- d. Criminal Justice Institute: Director Schroeder reported they have two full time academies; one starting in August, and one starting in October; and a part-time starting in September. They have four in progress. They will be starting two full-time corrections academies; both starting in October, and one comprised of PBSO employees. Director Schroeder remarked that when FDLE CJSTC sends out inquiries (needs for information, surveys, etc;), it is important for agencies to respond because this information will determine the type of curriculum that will be taught, and it is important that it reflects the needs of the county. Chief Kitzerow reinforced what Director Schroeder said and to put it on top of the priority list.
- e. High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area: Colonel Stormes looked back to the days when they had no voice and funding; it has been baby steps for them, but he is very encouraged. Last year they had \$104,000 initiative for the Palm Beach County Narcotics Taskforce they just upped by \$46,000 this year. They are also looking forward to some supplemental funding.
- f. High School Criminal Justice Academies: No report was presented.
- g. Communications/Interoperability No report was presented.

XI. Member Comments

Chief Yannuzzi recognized the passing and accomplishments of Garland “Smitty” Smith on June 21st, Saturday. He served 40 years in law enforcement part-time with 29 years of service at the Ocean Ridge Police Department.

Vice-Chairman Blouin thanked the Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office particularly Captain Barnes and his team for responding to their mutual aid request on Tuesday for a search of a felon that was wanted on a homicide in the city of Miami.

Chief Leon announced two retirements for the Palm Beach County School District Police Department. A get together will be held on June 30th at Duffy’s on Hypoluxo.

Jeff Kadel thanked those who responded to their request for their first compliance check week. He recognized Chief Jenkins and noted that 8 police departments attended the training - West Palm Beach, Palm Beach Gardens, North Palm Beach, Riviera Beach, Palm Springs, Lantana, Boca Raton, and Delray Beach. 4 agencies and PBSO District 3 office did compliance checks right away. They had 51 compliance checks and 13 sales were reviewed. Unfortunately they had a 23% violation rate which means they need to do more of these compliance checks. They hope to do it again in a few months. The coalition will be sending out thank you letters to businesses that were in compliance; and letters to businesses that were in violation to let them know that the coalition will provide them free responsible beverage server training.

Chief Yannuzzi reminded the committee that the anti-stalking coalition that was formed over two years ago is still around and is still grant funded. He noted that out of their meetings, some agencies developed their own stalking protocol, and requested these agencies to make sure that their SOPs were forwarded to Jennifer Rey for grant backup; and if not, to please consider reviewing the suggested protocol and implementing it in their agencies.

Chief Alexander mentioned the upcoming Florida Police Chiefs Association Conference in Boca Raton starting on June 29th. He was looking forward to Chief Kitzerow's installation as President of the FPCA.

Chief Kitzerow announced a 5 minute break, then they will have the LEX meeting.

XII. Adjournment

Chief Alexander reminded everyone that next month's meeting will be at the West Palm Beach Police Department.