

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

**Thursday, July 25, 2013 - 9:30 a.m.**

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

**Members Present**

Chief Stephen Stepp, Chairman, Palm Beach Gardens Police Department  
Chief Dan Alexander, Vice Chairman, Boca Raton Police Department  
Interim Chief Jeffrey Katz, Boynton Beach Police Department  
Chief Anthony Strianese, Delray Beach Police Department  
(Represented by Assistant Chief Jeff Goldman)  
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  
Director Kirk Blouin, Palm Beach Police Department  
Chief Duncan Young, Palm Beach Shores 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  
Duane Little, Special Agent Supervisor, Florida Department of Law Enforcement  
Major Camille Soverel, Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission  
Timothy Donovan, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
(Represented by Julio Quinones)  
John McKenna, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Drug Enforcement Administration  
(Represented by Acting Resident Agent in Charge Mike Gannon)  
Edward Thompson, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement  
(Represented by Supervisory Special Agent Steve Wunderlich)  
Steven Randerson, Assistant Federal Security Director, Transportation Security Administration  
Mike Waites, Chief Investigator, State Attorney's Office 15th Judicial Circuit  
Frank Miller, Patrol Agent in Charge, U.S. Border Patrol

**Members Absent**

Chief Robert Mangold, Atlantis Police Department  
Director Michael Porath, Greenacres Department of Public Safety  
Chief Garrett Ward, Gulf Stream Police Department  
Chief Clarence Williams III, Riviera Beach Police Department  
Interim Chief John Pruitt, Jupiter Inlet Colony Police Department  
Chief Thomas A. Ceccarelli, Palm Springs Public Safety Department  
Chief Roger M. Crane, South Palm Beach Police Department  
Chief Larry Leon, Palm Beach County School District Police Department  
Chief Charles Lowe, Florida Atlantic University Police Department  
Major Carol Owsiany-Himmel, Florida Division of Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco  
Michael Fagan, Special Agent, U.S. Secret Service  
Major Luis Ramil, Florida Highway Patrol  
Lieutenant Anthony Stafford, State Fire Marshall's Office  
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

## **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

## **Advisory Members Absent**

Rosalyn Baker, Circuit Administrator, Florida Department of Corrections  
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  
Julie Hogan, Deputy Statewide Prosecutor, Attorney General's Office of Statewide Prosecution

## **Guests**

Scott Nugent, Director, Fusion Center  
Deputy Chief Dan Szarszewski, Palm Beach Police Department  
Dave Kelley, Palm Beach Shores Police Department  
Captain Dave Bernhardt, West Palm Beach Police Department  
Colonel Jim Stormes, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office  
Dr. Barbara Gerlock, Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative Chair  
Lynn Powell, Chief Juvenile Division, Office of the State Attorney, 15th Judicial Circuit  
Schnelle Tonge, Chief Juvenile Division, Public Defender's Office  
Captain Robert Perez, Palm Springs Public Safety Department  
Jim Ling, Florida Department of Law Enforcement  
Chief Assistant Brian Fernandes, State Attorney's Office 15th Judicial Circuit  
Greg Kridos, Chief of Intake, State Attorney's Office, 15th Judicial Circuit  
Commander Robert Hagerty, Lantana Police Department  
Cristy Altaro, Alternative Sanctions Coordinator, Court Administration  
Assistant Chief Michele Miuccio, Boca Raton Police Department  
Asst. Chief Clint Shannon, Palm Beach Gardens Police Department  
Asst. Chief Rick Facchine, Palm Beach Gardens Police Department  
Commander Pat McCutcheon, Palm Beach County School District Police Department  
Lieutenant Hal Hutchins, Ocean Ridge Police Department  
Sgt. Kyle Haas, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office  
Captain Thomas Mitchell, Delray Beach Police Department  
Chief Assistant Al Johnson, State Attorney's Office 15th Judicial Circuit  
Karen Hanlon, Federal Security Director, Transportation Security Administration  
Jenise Link, PBC Manager of Court Services  
Major Chris Smith, Jupiter Police Department  
Louis Tomeo, Director, Clerk & Comptroller Palm Beach County  
Micah Robbins, Palm Beach County Substance Abuse Coalition  
Patrick Doyle, Intelligence Analyst, West Palm Beach Police Department  
Jessica Minei, Senior Crime Analyst, Palm Beach Gardens Police Department  
Tony Spaniol, Director PBC Youth Affairs  
Sergeant Michael Barbera, Jupiter Police Department  
Penny Anderson, Senior Coordinator, ISS - LEX Project  
Denise Vidal-Bennette, Senior Manager, ISS - LEX Project  
Erica Reuter, Information and Analysis Manager  
Mike Edmondson, Executive Assistant, State Attorney's Office 15th Judicial Circuit  
Captain Nancy Grimes, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office

## **CJC Staff Present**

Michael Rodriguez, Executive Director  
Katherine Hatos, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst  
Becky Walker, Criminal Justice Manager  
Danielle Kennedy, Student Intern  
Danielle Ouellette, Student Intern

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

IV. Approval and/or additions to the agenda

The July 25, 2013 agenda was approved.

V. Chairman's Comments

a. Welcome to

Major Camille Soverel of the Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission

Chief Duncan Young of the Palm Beach Shores Police Department

Interim Chief Jeffrey Katz of the Boynton Beach Police Department

VI. Presentations

a. Juvenile Justice Advisory Board New Statute: *Dr. Barbara Gerlock, Chair, Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI)*

Dr. Gerlock discussed new legislation impacting the composition of the Juvenile Justice Advisory Board. The existing board ceases to exist on September 30<sup>th</sup>, and the new board constitution goes into effect on October 1<sup>st</sup>. The board chair for Palm Beach County will be selected by the Secretary of the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), and will be announced by September 13<sup>th</sup>. The board will be comprised of 19 members (including the chair) who will also be selected by the Secretary of DJJ, and appointed effective November 14<sup>th</sup>. The committee agreed to pass the selection of the law enforcement representative/nominee to the Chiefs of Police Association. It will be put on their next agenda, and will be reported at the next LEPC meeting.

b. Domestic Violence Cases involving Juvenile Offenders: *Lynn Powell, Chief Juvenile Division, Office of the State Attorney, 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit & Schnelle Tonge, Chief Juvenile Division, Public Defender's Office*

Ms. Powell and Ms. Tonge are members of the subcommittee on Domestic Violence Respite. They started the committee to look at how many respite beds there are for domestic violence youth. They came up with a suggested protocol for law enforcement to help prevent domestic violence kids from ending up in the detention center due to lack of respite beds. The committee is asking law enforcement not to bring this type of youth offender (first time misdemeanor domestic violence offenders) to the juvenile assessment center and process them there (fingerprinted). Instead bring them to shelters like Children's Home Society or Safe Harbor, relatives, etc., because this may have a lasting impact on their lives due to having a juvenile arrest record. Ms. Powell said that they have requested Children's Home Society to add beds and/or dedicate these beds strictly to domestic violence offenders. Several

concerns were expressed by members including liability issues. There was a suggestion that a state attorney screen these cases at the JAC to simplify the process. Ms. Powell thanked everyone for their comments and will take them back to the committee.

VII. New Business:

- a. Chief Alexander asked that the Chiefs be involved in the process concerning civil citations and requested an update on the status. Becky Walker announced that they will be having a meeting with the juvenile first offender officers tomorrow to look at the process and come up with a proposal to recommend to the Palm Beach County Association of Chiefs of Police at the August meeting. Chief Alexander suggested circulating this information to the Chiefs either through LEPC or the Chiefs Association. Ms. Walker said they will do that next week after the meeting.

VIII. Old Business: No old business discussed.

IX. Committee/Workgroup Reports

- a. Book and Release Committee: No report was presented.
- b. Recruitment and Retention Committee: Chief Yannuzzi referred to the quarterly report for June 2013 in the meeting packet. The report will be modified with changes received from Boynton Beach. However, these changes do not impact the total number of funded positions, just in terms of which positions are filled or not. Chief Yannuzzi asked for everyone's review and comments.
- c. Traffic Committee: No report was presented.
- d. Sexual Assault Response Team: No report was presented.
- e. Court Systems Task Force: No report was presented, but Chief Elg announced that the next meeting will be on October 8<sup>th</sup>.

X. Liaison Updates

- a. Data Sharing: Chief Kitzerow announced that Denise Vidal-Bennette is in the process of rolling out the new platform for data sharing for LEX. Reminded that the LEX meeting will be held in the same room after a 10-minute break.
- b. Child Abuse Protocol: No report was presented.
- c. Criminal Justice Commission: No report was presented.
- d. Criminal Justice Institute: Director Schroeder reported that they are busy processing more than 100 applicants for the August, September, and October academies. They are looking forward to the training center directors' meeting and the CJC meeting coming up first week of August. He anticipates a lot of

discussion over the 40% reduction in the trust fund that they are facing and hope that they will come to a resolution. He will report back at next month's meeting.

- e. High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area: No report was presented.
- f. High School Criminal Justice Academies: No report was presented.
- g. Communications/Interoperability: No report was presented.

XI. Training Announcements: No training announcements.

XII. Member Comments

Chief Yannuzzi thanked Katherine Hatos again for helping put together the packet for the recruitment and retention survey. He also thanked the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office and the Boynton Beach Police Department for their assistance during an incident on July 9<sup>th</sup>.

XIII. Attachments

- a. Quarterly Staffing Report (*on white paper*)
- b. Domestic Violence (D/V) Respite Care for Juveniles (*on yellow paper*)
- c. Letter from Secretary of the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice (*on lavender paper*)
- d. HB 617 Implementation Requirements (*on lavender paper*)
- e. Membership Questionnaire (*on lavender paper*)

XIV. Adjournment

Next Meeting: August 22, 2013