

**PALM BEACH COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION
LAW ENFORCEMENT PLANNING COUNCIL**

FINAL MINUTES

Thursday, August 4, 2011 – 9:30 a.m.

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

Members Present

Chief Frank Kitzerow, Chairman
Chief Clarence Williams, III, Vice-Chairman
(Represented by Assistant Chief David Harris)
Chief Robert Mangold
Chief Matt Immler
Chief Anthony Strianese
Chief Garrett Ward
Chief Craig Hartmann
Chief Brian Smith
Chief John Stewart
Chief Jeff Tyson
Chief Clay Walker
Chief Robert O'Neill
(Represented by Captain Robert Furey)
Chief Christopher Yannuzzi
Chief Stephen Stepp
Chief Steve Kniffin
Chief Mark Hall
Chief Roger M. Crane
Chief Pete Pitocchelli
Chief Delsa Bush
Sheriff Ric Bradshaw
(Represented by Chief Deputy Mike Gauger)
Chief Charles Lowe
Chief James Kelly
Major Luis Ramil
Mike Waites, Chief Investigator
Major Jeffrey Hubert
Major Carol Owsiany-Himmel
Steven Burdelski, Senior Supervisory Resident Agent
John McKenna, Assistant Special Agent in Charge
(Represented by Michael Gannon)
Edward (Eddie) Thompson, Resident Agent in Charge
Matthew Lynch, Resident Agent in Charge
Pete Garcia, Federal Security Director

Members Absent

Director Michael Porath
Chief Wes Smith
Director Kirk Blouin
Michael Driscoll, Resident Agent in Charge
Lt. Anthony Stafford
Dana Morrison, Special Agent Supervisor
Stephen Barborini, Resident Agent in Charge

Glen Wilner, Assistant Chief
George Sanders, Supervisory Special Agent in Charge
John Modlin, Patrol Agent in Charge

Advisory Members Present

Director Larry Schroeder
Rolando Garcia, Deputy Chief
Roselyn Baker, Circuit Administrator
(Represented by Donald Monroe)
Julie Hogan, Deputy Statewide Prosecutor

Advisory Members Absent

Dr. Michael Bell
Hon. Michael McAuliffe, State Attorney
Joni Livingston, FDLE
Feirmon Johnson, Chief Probation Officer

CJC Staff

Katherine Hatos

- I. Welcome and opening comments by Chief Frank Kitzerow, Chairman
- II. Roll Call
- III. Introduction of Guests
- IV. Approval and/or additions to the agenda
 - a. The August 4, 2011 agenda was approved.
- V. Approval of the minutes
 - a. The July 7, 2011 minutes were approved.
- VI. Under Chairman's Comments, Chairman Kitzerow:
 - a. Advised that a Law Enforcement only briefing will be held following the meeting.
- VII. Presentations
 - a. Domestic Violence Investigations Training Evaluation Results: Katherine Hatos, Criminal Justice Commission, provided an overview of the training initiative and the evaluation results. At the February 3, 2011 LEPC meeting, Mike Rodriguez, Executive Director of the Criminal Justice Commission, advised that approximately \$140,000 had accumulated in the Domestic Violence Trust Fund that could be used to either offset domestic violence incarceration costs or allocated for domestic violence response training for officers. He suggested that the funds be used for the Domestic Violence

protocol. The LEPC requested that Elizabeth Parker, Chief Assistant State Attorney, provide funding recommendations at the March meeting. On March 3, 2011, Ms. Parker presented the Palm Beach County Law Enforcement Guidelines for Domestic Violence Investigations to the LEPC and recommended that the funds be allocated for training the new guidelines to approximately 100-150 officers. The LEPC approved supporting a domestic violence investigations training program and any associated costs, including bringing a speaker to the area with expertise on the topic.

Ms. Hatos noted that the first training session was held on June 10, 2011 at the City of Boca Raton Training Facility from 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM, and included presentations by Elizabeth Parker, State Attorney's Office, Sergeant Kyle Haas, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, and Lieutenant Mark Wynn, National Trainer. There were 58 attendees that represented 20 agencies. A course evaluation was issued at the end of the training to those that were able to attend the afternoon training session, and 32 evaluations were received. Evaluation responses were positive indicating either an "Excellent" or "Good" rating score. Overall, the majority of evaluations noted an "Excellent" rating for each of the evaluation questions. The next training session will be scheduled for the North end of the County.

Chief Bush inquired about the costs for the training. Ms. Hatos advised that minimal costs have been expended as the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office covered the printing costs for the training materials. She is waiting to receive a copy of the invoices for the training that include the speaker's fee and a charge for videotaping the session. Chairman Kitzerow will follow-up with the State Attorney as Liz Parker is no longer with their office to determine who will conduct the training in the future and costs associated with the training.

VIII. Updates/Discussion

- a. **Luncheon Invitation / Reminder of the Advanced Elder Financial Exploitation Training for Law Enforcement:** Preston Mighdoll, Assistant State Attorney, State Attorney's Office, and Mary Jones, Project Director, Area Agency on Aging presented on this topic. Along with Jane Wagley, Program Director, Florida Resource Center for Women and Children, Inc. and the Palm Beach County Sheriff' Office, they have been working on a grant for three years from the Department of Justice, Office of Violence against Women. Over 300 hundred law enforcement officers have been trained.

Mr. Mighdoll advised that one of the last functions of the grant is advanced training for law enforcement officers and detectives that will be focused on elder financial exploitation and held on August 29th. The guest speakers for

the training are Paul Greenwood, San Diego Deputy District Attorney, a prosecutor of the elderly for about 12 years, as well as Dr. Harry Morgan with the Center for Geriatric & Family Psychiatry to address the capacity issue. There are no costs for the training. Ms. Jones discussed the Call to Action: Protecting our Elderly from Financial Exploitation luncheon that will also be held on August 29th from 12-1:30 PM at the Palm Beach Photographic Centre. Paul Greenwood will be the guest speaker at the luncheon. Seating is limited and the cost is \$25.

IX. New Business

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- a. Chairman Kitzerow strongly urged members to review the portion of the minutes from the last meeting concerning the issues brought forward by Mike Driscoll concerning House Bill 45 that goes into effect October 1, 2011 and to make sure that they are in compliance. Penalties include the Governor's ability to remove the Mayor and Police Chief from office, civil liability, and no public funds can be used for defense. Ms. Hatos also provided information to the Palm Beach County League of Cities.

XI. Committee Reports

- a. Book and Release Committee: Chief Crane shared several issues from the Corrections Task Force August 3, 2011 meeting. The Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners is reviewing all their committees to determine if any are redundant or inactive to address potential conflicts. There was a review of non-capital inmates in jail for over 9 months that will be turned over to the judges to determine why they are still incarcerated in an effort to reduce costs. Also, the Book and Release program averaged approximately 10 releases per day for the April - June 2011 period. Chief Crane noted that the program seems to be working so far.
- b. Recruitment and Retention Committee: Chief Yannuzzi presented the quarterly report. He noted that the report was adjusted as the total number of vacant positions should include those that are frozen. Chief Yannuzzi also mentioned that applications are available online for a police officer and a dispatcher position for his agency with a closing date of Friday, August 19, 2011.
- c. Traffic Committee: Chairman Kitzerow inquired about an article in which some of the municipalities and jurisdictions in Broward are considering removing their red light cameras. Chief Hall is following the issues down south. He also advised that at one point they were concerned that the judges were going to make them bring all of their own AV equipment to hearings.

This issue was clarified with the judge, and at a maximum they have to bring their own laptop.

- d. Sexual Assault Response Team: Chief Hartmann advised that the group is still in the development stage and are in the process of gathering baseline data. They will be making a presentation to the Palm Beach County Chief's Association.

XII. Liaison Updates

- a. Data Sharing: Chairman Kitzerow advised that over a 1,000 users are on the LEX system. They have had some very good meetings with Colonel Stormes and his staff at PBSO concerning the future of LEX and integrating with the Fusion Center. They are also looking at integrating with the new regional Compstat environment and analytical tools, as well as what LEX will look like 5 years from now in terms of the operating platform. A consultant has been hired and they are working on a strategic plan. Chairman Kitzerow thanked Colonel Stormes who was recently elected to the Treasurer's position. He also acknowledged Chief Strianese for his work during his tenure as Treasurer including setting up 501(c)(3) status for the organization. Chief Deputy Gauger mentioned that Pride Probation is going web based. This system should be up by mid-September, and will provide additional information including the terms of probation.
- b. Child Abuse Protocol: No report was presented.
- c. Crime Prevention Officers Association: Chairman Kitzerow welcomed Chief Pitocchelli and thanked him for agreeing to take over the Crime Prevention Officers Association committee.
- d. Criminal Justice Commission: No report was presented.
- e. Criminal Justice Institute: Director Schroeder reported that the new driving range should be open in another month. Another academy starts May 22nd (30+ recruits) and 2 classes will be graduating in October (almost 60 recruits). There is also a part-time academy starting in September that is half-full.
- f. High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area: No report was presented.
- g. High School Criminal Justice Academies: No report was presented.
- h. Municipal Public Safety Communications Consortium: Chief Mangold advised that Harris delivered a Scope of Work this week for additional testing over and above the contractual requirement for West Palm Beach. They are forming a committee with some West Palm Beach members to see if

it meets their needs. The Board voted at their last meeting to accept Palm Beach Gardens' gracious offer to act as their Executive Director. They are continuing with ongoing meetings to address some of the allegations in the Post that were less than accurate, and a response is being prepared that members want to hand-deliver for a meeting with the managing editor of the Post. Chief Mangold also advised that a Bylaws Committee meeting will be held at 2 PM today in Atlantis. Chairman Kitzerow thanked Chief Mangold for all his hard work on the MPSCC committee.

XIII. Training Announcements

- a. Elder Financial Exploitation Training (information available in packet)

XIV. Member Comments

- a. Chief Stepp mentioned that the FBI is providing a Street Survival training at Palm Beach State College's Eissey Theater on August 9, 2011 at 9:00 AM that will be offered free of charge. Senior Supervisory Resident Agent Burdelski will send Ms. Hatos information about the training for distribution to members.
- b. Deputy Statewide Prosecutor Hogan introduced Special Prosecutor Dave Aronberg who is working with the Attorney General and the Office of Statewide Prosecution on the pill mill initiative. She also mentioned that if anyone has any questions regarding the initiative to please contact him.

XV. Attachments

- a. Domestic Violence Investigation Training Evaluation Results
- b. Quarterly Staffing Report
- c. Elder Financial Exploitation Training
- d. More than 100 charged in anti-drugs and guns operation in Palm Beach County, Alexander Seltzer, Palm Beach Post, July 28, 2011 (updated)