

PALM BEACH COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION
LAW ENFORCEMENT PLANNING COUNCIL

FINAL SUMMARY MINUTES

Thursday, September 6, 2012 – 9:30 a.m.

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

Members Present

Chief Clarence Williams III, Chairman
Chief Dan Alexander
(Represented by Assistant Chief Michele Miuccio)
Chief Matt Immler
Chief Anthony Strianese
Chief Frank Kitzerow
Chief Wes Smith
Chief Sean Scheller
Chief Richard Jenkins
Chief Christopher Yannuzzi
Chief Stephen Stepp
Director Kirk Blouin
(Represented by Deputy Chief Dan Szarszewski)
Chief Steve Kniffin
Chief Thomas A. Ceccarelli
Chief Roger M. Crane
Chief Larry Leon
Major Luis Ramil
(Represented by Captain Warren Fast)
Michael Driscoll, Resident Agent in Charge
Mike Waites, Chief Investigator
Steven Burdelski, Senior Supervisory Resident Agent
John McKenna, Assistant Special Agent in Charge
Edward (Eddie) Thompson, Assistant Special Agent in Charge
(Represented by Steve Wunderlich)
Matthew Lynch, Resident Agent in Charge
George Sanders, Supervisory Special Agent in Charge
Steven Randerson, Assistant Federal Security Director
Frank Miller, Patrol Agent in Charge
(Represented by Supervisory Border Patrol Agent John Solek)

Members Absent

Chief Robert Mangold
Director Michael Porath
Chief Garrett Ward
Chief Craig Hartmann
Chief Brian Smith
Chief John Stewart
Chief Carmen Mattox
Chief Pete Pitocchelli
Chief Vincent Demasi
Sheriff Ric Bradshaw
Chief Charles Lowe
Major Jeffrey Hubert

Lieutenant Anthony Stafford
Dana Morrison, Special Agent Supervisor
Daniel Dooley, Acting Resident Agent in Charge
Glen Wilner, Assistant Chief

Advisory Members Present

Director Larry Schroeder
Joni Livingston, FDLE Field Specialist
Roselyn Baker, Circuit Administrator
Feirmon Johnson, Chief Probation Officer

Advisory Members Absent

Dr. Michael Bell
Rolando Garcia, Deputy Chief
Hon. Peter Antonacci, State Attorney
Julie Hogan, Deputy Statewide Prosecutor

Guests

Assistant Chief David Harris, Riviera Beach Police Department
Lieutenant Hal Hutchins, Ocean Ridge Police Department
Colonel Jim Stormes, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
Major Wendy Unger, Boynton Beach Police Department
Lieutenant Steve Thibodeau, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
Sergeant Dave Kelley, Palm Beach Shores Police Department
Major Frank Briganti, Boynton Beach Police Department
Stephanie Slater, Public Information Officer, Boynton Beach Police Department
Michelle Spangenberg, Director of Case Management, Court Administration
Louis Tomeo, Director of Criminal Court Services, Clerk & Comptroller's Office
Barry Krischer, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
Mary Jones, Director, Elder Rights
Pat Sheffield, DJJ - JDAI
Mike Edmondson, Children's Services Council
Micah Robbins, Palm Beach County Substance Abuse Coalition
Jeff Kadel, Executive Director, Palm Beach County Substance Abuse Coalition
Dr. Cecelia Crouse, Crime Laboratory Director, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
Julie Sikorsky, Forensic Biology Unit Manager, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
Pamela Ross, Laboratory Analyst - Evidence Coordinator, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
Detective Marvin Jenne, Atlantis Police Department
Assistant Chief Jeff Goldman, Delray Beach Police Department

CJC Staff Present

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

- I. Welcome and opening comments by Chief Clarence Williams, III - Chairman
- II. Roll Call
- III. Introduction of Guests
- IV. Approval and/or additions to the agenda
The September 6, 2012 agenda was approved.
- V. Approval of the minutes
The August 2, 2012 minutes were approved.

VI. Chairman's Comments

- a. Welcomed Chief Larry Leon of the Palm Beach County School District Police Department and expressed his appreciation for the assistance with a recent incident in Riviera Beach. Chief Leon extended an offer to assist other agencies as needed. He also thanked Chief Stepp for his support and assistance that was provided at Garden's High School.
- b. Welcomed Chief Vincent Demasi of the West Palm Beach Police Department.
- c. Reminded members that the next meeting will be held on October 11th at 9:30 AM at the Clayton Hutchinson Agricultural Center

VII. Presentation

Dr. Cecelia Crouse, Crime Laboratory Director, provided information concerning the changes that resulted from a presentation before the LEPC four years ago to address the DNA backlog of 1,770 cases. These changes included the introduction of the case submission policy in which agencies determine and submit the most important samples. Dr. Crouse commended agencies for their response to the policy and mentioned that it has been very successful at one point they reached a zero backlog. She discussed how the backlog fluctuates due to the massive amount of property crime from a high of 456 this year to 96 two weeks ago. They have also experienced success with outsourcing 90% of all property crimes to a private vendor.

In addition, a DNA workgroup was established by the LEPC to address the backlog. The group looked at how to keep the backlog down and determined that screening the evidence at the beginning of a case took an inordinate amount of work. A National Institute of Justice Efficiency Improvement grant was written and approved for approximately \$700,000. Chief Alexander volunteered to put a screening laboratory, Biological Processing Laboratory (BPL), with the Boca Raton Police Services Department. Chief Immler and Chief Strianese agreed to participate and formed an MOU. The lab has been successful and they would like to see one in the North end.

Dr. Crouse discussed the cases outsourced to Bode Technology from 2009-2011 and the associated cost. She also reviewed the DNA analysis process for property crimes. The current process takes about a year to complete. Dr. Crouse provided information concerning the Direct DNA Initiative in which they anticipate turnaround time to be 4 months or less. Agencies will submit their samples directly to Bode Technology by requesting a shipping label from the PBSO DNA unit. PBSO will pay for shipping and all DNA analysis for eligible cases that include burglary, theft, arson, larceny, shoplifting, and vandalism. Direct DNA Initiative training will be held on Wednesday,

September 26th at the PBSO "Cherry Road" Training Facility from 8:30am-11:00am.

Chief Stepp expressed interest in hosting the north end pre-screening as part of the NAMAC initiative. He mentioned that they have freed up some space and will be looking at the facility in Boca Raton. Chief Crane commended Dr. Crouse on the progress and also inquired about the chain of evidence. Dr. Crouse advised that the protocols and training address this concern. Assistant Chief Miuccio inquired if about the process for BPL. Dr. Crouse advised NIJ that they will see how the process works where BPL's cases are prioritized because they have been screened. They need to do that for at least a year. So, they will maintain what they are doing now. Chief Kitzerow mentioned that they are hearing from the LEX Regional Intelligence meetings that property crimes are driving crime rates. As a group we should think about other ways and a strategy to address property crimes.

VIII. New Business

Chairman Williams introduced the proposal to change the LEPC meeting dates to the 4th Thursday. Chief Kitzerow provided additional information concerning the proposal by Chief Alexander as he wasn't able to attend the meeting. He mentioned that the schedule modification and having the Mutual Aid Consortium meetings immediately after LEPC would allow real time information for making decisions. Chief Yannuzzi inquired about the availability of the room and extending the meeting time. Katherine Hatos advised that the room is available for the new 2013 schedule except for the April 25th meeting date. The Vista Center was reserved for that date. She also mentioned that the Ag Center will not be available for the December 6th meeting due to air conditioning repairs. So, the Vista Center will be used for the December 6, 2012 meeting.

Chief Yannuzzi made the motion. Under discussion, Chief Kitzerow confirmed for Chief Immler that they won't be having the meeting after the Chief's meeting as it will be held after the LEPC meeting. The motion was seconded. Katherine Hatos provided the address for the Vista Center (2300 N. Jog Road, 1st Floor East, Room 58-59) and noted that a copy of the proposed meeting schedule was included in the meeting packet. She also mentioned that another date will need to be scheduled for the November and December 2013 dates due to conflicts with the holidays. Members unanimously approved the motion. The new schedule will start for calendar year 2013.

IX. Old Business

X. Committee Reports

- a. Book and Release Committee: Chief Crane reported on the Corrections Task Force meeting. He advised that the JAC Center should be moving from Belvedere to 45th Street in 6 weeks. He also discussed funding for security. Chief Crane provided information concerning Professional Probation Services (PPS) that has taken over for Pride. Katherine Hatos will send out the addresses and locations for PPS.
- b. Recruitment and Retention Committee: Chief Yannuzzi advised that the survey is still a work in progress. He will check with former Chief Lincoln to determine the original intent of the report. Information will be provided by the end of the month to prepare for the 3rd quarter report.
- c. Traffic Committee: Chief Crane has been in contact with Ms. Blumberg concerning issues with how parking tickets are being handled by the magistrates. She is going to have training for the magistrates.
- d. Sexual Assault Response Team: No report was presented.
- e. Sex Offender Population: No report was presented.
- f. Court Systems Task Force: No report was presented.

XI. Liaison Updates

- a. Data Sharing: Chief Kitzerow advised that they are moving ahead with the SharePoint sites and selecting a new platform for LEX. He reminded everyone of dues and the upcoming Board of Directors meeting. He also clarified that they are hoping that after the LEPC meeting they will have what is equivalent to the MAC meeting with the Chiefs Association. It is designed to take all the Regional LEX meetings (North, Central, and South) in terms of intelligence sharing/information and bring them back to the law enforcement body after the LEPC meeting. The meeting will serve as a centralized point to make some decisions and take action not only regionally but countywide. The meeting will be closed for law enforcement.
- b. Child Abuse Protocol: Chief Strianese mentioned that there is a House Bill 1355 that goes into effect October 1st concerning a mandated change in non-caregiver abuse reporting. They haven't put out a lot of information about how it will be tracked through the system yet. DCF is working on what calls will need to be sent through. Information will be provided on the Sheriff's Association website concerning a training webinar on September 12th and 13th. Chief Strianese suggested that agencies review the Child Abuse Protocol and that the protocol could be adjusted for Palm Beach County. For right now, information will be provided by Florida Administrative message. He will send out additional information through Katherine Hatos as soon as it becomes available. He recommended retaining cases in the juvenile section if you get one that seems like it would fit non-caregiver abuse. They will try to

- get an Oversight meeting scheduled between now and October 1st. Chief Crane inquired about the MOU that will need to be signed with the Sheriff's office. Chief Strianese believes that the protocol would satisfy this requirement.
- c. Crime Prevention Officers Association: No report was presented.
 - d. Criminal Justice Commission (CJC): No report was presented.
 - e. Criminal Justice Institute: Director Schroeder reminded everyone that they are trying to run another Dispatcher Certification course for September 24th. They have only 5 signed up. He asked that agencies that are interested to sign up so they can run the course. The first class graduates October 4th. Half of the attendees are employed, but they will have a few if agencies are looking for certified dispatchers. Director Schroeder provided information concerning the Blue Mass that will be held on September 29th.
 - f. High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area: No report was presented.
 - g. High School Criminal Justice Academies: No report was presented.
 - h. Communications/Interoperability: Chief Stepp provided the report for Chief Mangold; he thanked everyone for their support in attending the Board of County Commissioner's meeting concerning the ruling to maintain \$12.50 for the municipalities.
 - i. Juvenile Assessment Center: No report was presented.

XII. Training Announcements

- a. Blue Mass for All Law Enforcement and Safety Officers – Lt. Steve Thibodeau of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office provided information concerning the Blue Mass that will be held on September 29th at 8:30 AM at the Cathedral of St. Ignatius Loyola. The Blue Mass is a celebration to honor all law enforcement officers. They had a great turnout last year with a little over hundred in attendance. Years prior there were only about a half-dozen to dozen in attendance. The service is open to all faiths. He also mentioned that the Blue Mass is held on the 29th of September every year as that is the date of the Feast of Saint Michael, the Patron Saint of Law Enforcement. Lt. Thibodeau thanked Chief Stepp for his cooperation. This year they are having a blended honor guard. He invited everyone to consider sending some of their honor guard. A flyer was included in the meeting packet.
- b. Elder Death Investigations Training - Mary Jones, Director of Elder Rights, provided information concerning the Elder Death Investigations Training that will be held on September 28th from 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM. There is a registration cut off of September 18th. Information was e-mailed to members and provided in the meeting packet.

- c. Media Relations and Public Information – Stephanie Slater, Public Information Officer of the Boynton Beach Police Department, provided information concerning training that will be held on October 2-4, 2012 from 5 pm – 9 pm at the Criminal Justice Institute. She encouraged agencies to send representatives to the training. Director Schroeder mentioned that it is an excellent class and they received rave reviews from those that participated at the last class.
- d. Resident Agent in Charge Michael Driscoll mentioned that on September 12th a public hearing will be held on the Stand your Ground Law that will be open to the public at the South Florida Water Management District.
- e. Chief Yannuzzi reminded members of the countywide September 11th memorial service that will take place at Christ Fellowship at 10 AM. This is a joint venture between Palm Beach County Fire Rescue and any police agencies that wish to participate. He encouraged agencies to attend.
- f. Micah Robbins of the Palm Beach County Substance Abuse Coalition reminded everyone about the upcoming training concerning Youth Party Dispersal and Alcohol Vendor Compliance Checks and Marijuana Grow House Indictors and Operations. Information will be sent out by Katherine Hatos.

XIII. Member Comments

XIV. Attachments

- a. Legal Eagle September Edition (*on white paper*)
- b. Elder Death Investigations Training (*on blue paper*)
- c. Blue Mass for All Law Enforcement and Safety Officers (*on blue paper*)
- d. Criminal Justice Institute Update (*on yellow paper*)
- e. Palm Beach County won't halt its longtime distribution of ticket money to cities and towns, Jennifer Sorentrue, Palm Beach Post, August 22, 2012
(*on yellow paper*)

XV. Adjournment