

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

FINAL SUMMARY MINUTES

Thursday, October 6, 2011 – 9:30 a.m.

Seacrest Training Center
2350 Seacrest Boulevard
Delray Beach, Florida

Members Present

Chief Frank Kitzerow, Chairman
Chief Anthony Strianese
Chief John Stewart
Chief Garrett Ward
Chief Craig Hartmann
Chief Jeff Tyson
Chief Clay Walker
Chief Christopher Yannuzzi
Chief Stephen Stepp
(Represented by Commander Laurie Van Deusen)
Chief Steve Kniffin
Chief Mark Hall
Chief Roger M. Crane
Chief Pete Pitocchelli
Interim Assistant Chief Bryan Kummerlen
Sheriff Ric Bradshaw
(Represented by Colonel Jim Stormes)
Chief James Kelly
Mike Waites, Chief Investigator
Major Carol Owsiany-Himmel
John McKenna, Assistant Special Agent in Charge
Edward (Eddie) Thompson, Resident Agent in Charge

Members Absent

Chief Clarence Williams, III, Vice-Chairman
Chief Matt Immler
Chief Robert Mangold
Director Michael Porath
Chief Brian Smith
Chief Robert O'Neill
Chief Charles Lowe
Major Luis Ramil
Michael Driscoll, Resident Agent in Charge
Major Jeffrey Hubert
Lt. Anthony Stafford
Dana Morrison, Special Agent Supervisor
Stephen Barborini, Resident Agent in Charge
Matthew Lynch, Resident Agent in Charge
George Sanders, Supervisory Special Agent in Charge
Pete Garcia, Federal Security Director
John Modlin, Patrol Agent in Charge
Chief Wes Smith
Director Kirk Blouin
Steven Burdelski, Senior Supervisory Resident Agent
Glen Wilner, Assistant Chief

Advisory Members Present

Director Larry Schroeder
Hon. Michael McAuliffe, State Attorney
Rosalyn Baker, Circuit Administrator
Joni Livingston, FDLE

Advisory Members Absent

Dr. Michael Bell
Rolando Garcia, Deputy Chief
Julie Hogan, Deputy Statewide Prosecutor
Feirmon Johnson, Chief Probation Officer

CJC Staff

Katherine Hatos
Katie Aguila (Student Intern)

- I. Welcome and opening comments by Chief Frank Kitzerow, Chairman
 - a. Chairman Kitzerow thanked Chief Kelly and Chief Strianese for allowing the Law Enforcement Planning Council to use the Seacrest Training Center for the October meeting and for setting up the tour of the center.
- II. Roll Call
- III. Introduction of Guests
- IV. Approval and/or additions to the agenda
 - a. The October 6, 2011 agenda was approved.
- V. Approval of the minutes
 - a. The September 1, 2011 minutes were approved.
- VI. Under Chairman's Comments, Chairman Kitzerow:
 - a. Noted that a tour and demonstrations would be provided after the meeting.
- VII. Presentations
- VIII. Updates/Discussion
 - a. Captain Eric Coleman (Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, Narcotics Division) and Cheryl Caracuzzo (State Attorney's Office, Deputy Felony Chief) presented information concerning the State Attorney's Office and Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Multi-Agency Diversion Taskforce (MADTF). Captain Eric Coleman mentioned the partners in the endeavor and noted the complexity and cost of the investigations. Highlights of the presentation (full copy attached) include the *2010 Drugs Identified in Deceased Persons* report that

indicates the top two drugs are the typical cocktail doctors are issuing of Oxycodone and Xanax, while heroin deaths have declined by 49%. There has also been a 20% reduction in overdose deaths for Palm Beach County in 2010 (Detective Gary Martin, Overdose Prevention Project). Through the partnership with the Department of Health and the Drug Enforcement Agency the number of pain clinics has also been cut in half. Information concerning legislative changes and funding of these operations was also presented.

Cheryl Caracuzzo explained how the operation evolved from street level cases to focusing on doctors. Two cases were highlighted in which doctors were prescribing Schedule II narcotics with no medical necessity. Information was also presented concerning several operations that involved high level distributors. They are seeing a trend that these doctors are using their medical licenses and illegally getting people medications on the street. Ms. Caracuzzo noted that they are trying to increase the sentences to combat this epidemic. Case updates and case dispositions for 2010 and 2011 were presented. The number of cases going to DOC was doubled in 2011. State Attorney McAuliffe mentioned that there are a large number of pending prosecutions for 2011. Ms. Caracuzzo noted that they are also looking at some proposed legislation changes.

Rosalyn Baker reported that the Department of Corrections, Probation and Parole, is being proactive in terms of this issue by collecting information on individuals on probation that are testing positive. They are also trying to partner with the Department of Health to share information if they see a pattern. Ms. Caracuzzo requested that departments that are working doctor shopping cases contact the State Attorney's Office as these cases are very technical. Chief Strianese highlighted the importance of supporting this initiative. Chairman Kitzerow also recognized the value of this collaboration and extended an invitation for future taskforce updates.

IX. New Business

- a. Chief Kelly shared proposed legislation in reference to the new gun law that amends the concealed weapons statute.
- b. Chairman Kitzerow mentioned that elections will be held at the November meeting.

X. Old Business

- a. Chairman Kitzerow advised that the bylaws amendment request to eliminate the LEPC's advisory role was approved by the Criminal Justice Commission (CJC). State Attorney McAuliffe noted that this clarifies the overarching role and the working reality of the body. The LEPC has historically been its own

operating entity that is a forum for law enforcement leaders in the community to exchange information. If the need arises, the LEPC can still advise or make recommendations to the CJC or the Board of County Commissioners by acknowledging the issue and complying with communications restrictions while the issue is still pending. Chairman Kitzerow thanked State Attorney for his help regarding this issue. Chief Crane requested a copy of the CJC Taskforce/Committee Issues be distributed to members. Katherine Hatos advised that the list is currently being updated and will e-mail a copy as soon as it is ready.

Chairman Kitzerow advised that the bylaws were also amended to officially include the Statewide Prosecutor, Border Patrol, and Department of Environmental Protection.

- b. Chairman Kitzerow provided an update regarding funding for the JAC. Department of Juvenile Justice will provide funding in the amount of \$77,000.

XI. Committee Reports

- a. Book and Release Committee: Chief Crane advised that book and release is working as indicated in the Average Daily Incarceration report. The Corrections Taskforce is touring the new facility out west next month. Katherine Hatos will work on setting up a tour for LEPC.
- b. Recruitment and Retention Committee: Chief Yannuzzi advised that the survey is out for the third quarter which is the last quarter of the fiscal year. The majority of agencies have responded.
- c. Traffic Committee: No report was presented.
- d. Sexual Assault Response Team: No report was presented.

XII. Liaison Updates

- a. Data Sharing: Chairman Kitzerow thanked all that attended the Strategic Planning Meeting for LEX. They have a very good road map for where they are going in the future for systems enhancements and modifications. Chairman Kitzerow will be reaching out for some additional help with the workgroups.
- b. Child Abuse Protocol: No report was presented.
- c. Crime Prevention Officers Association: No report was presented.
- d. Criminal Justice Commission: No report was presented.

- e. Criminal Justice Institute: Director Schroeder advised that the update was included in the package and spoke about the driving range.
- f. High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area: Colonel Stormes advised that the South Florida HIDTA was selected as number one HIDTA nationally. He also spoke about the Smart Policing Institute and will forward information to Chairman Kitzerow about becoming an affiliate member. Chairman Kitzerow discussed the regional predictive policing goals for the LEX project.
- g. High School Criminal Justice Academies: Rosalyn Baker reported that the high school academies, particularly Lake Worth High School, are still looking for equipment and speakers.
- h. Municipal Public Safety Communications Consortium: Chief Crane brought a motion forward to Sunset the MPSCC committee. Under Discussion, Chief Kelly recommended amending the motion to change MPSCC to the Communications/Interoperability committee. Chief Crane's amended motion was unanimously approved.
- i. Juvenile Assessment Center: Chief Kelly advised that the security is covered for this fiscal year, and a conference call is scheduled with DJJ regarding the logistics of getting the JAC situated at the Detention Center. A report will be provided next month. Chief Yannuzzi thanked Chief Kelly for keeping LEPC up-to-date on this issue.

XIII. Training Announcements

- a. Seacrest Training Center Tour: Chief Kelly provided the history of the training center which was the wrestling facility for the old Atlantic High School. They partnered with Delray when the high school closed to setup the current training center. Chief Kelly mentioned that the facility is open to everybody in the county and provided an overview of the resources available. Chief Strianese mentioned that the complex was a vision of Director Schroeder and Chief Kelly. A tour was provided after the meeting adjourned.

XIV. Member Comments

- a. Chief Yannuzzi expressed his appreciation to those that offered assistance during a recent incident that occurred in Ocean Ridge. He mentioned that "this Thanksgiving will mark the second anniversary of a tragic day for Jupiter PD". "On Saturday, October 1, 2011, in little old Ocean Ridge - where nothing ever happens - the Post Office delivered a package to a house; something that happens, thousands of times an hour throughout this county, state and country. As we all know now, it turned out to be not such a routine

event – based on both the content of the package and the person to who it was addressed”. Chief Yannuzzi concluded that “On behalf of ORPD and the residents of Ocean Ridge, I thank you all for coming to our party!” Chairman Kitzerow spoke about the importance of the relationships formed at these meetings.

XV. Attachments

- a. Amended Bylaws – July 7, 2011
- b. Criminal Justice Institute Update

XVI. Adjournment