

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

Thursday, October 24, 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
(Represented by Assistant Chief Michele Miuccio, Boca Raton Police Department)
Chief Anthony Strianese, Delray Beach Police Department
(Represented by Assistant Chief Tina Heysler)
Director Michael Porath, Greenacres Department of Public Safety
Chief Brian Smith, Juno Beach Police Department
Chief Frank Kitzerow, Jupiter Police Department
Chief John Pruitt, Jupiter Inlet Colony Police Department
Chief Richard Jenkins, North Palm Beach Police Department
Chief Christopher Yannuzzi, Ocean Ridge Police Department
(Represented by Lieutenant Hal Hutchins)
Chief Duncan Young, Palm Beach Shores Police Department
Chief Thomas A. Ceccarelli, Palm Springs Public Safety Department
Chief Roger M. Crane, South Palm Beach Police Department
Sheriff Ric Bradshaw, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
Chief Larry Leon, Palm Beach County School District Police Department
Timothy Donovan, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation
John McKenna, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Drug Enforcement Administration
Edward Thompson, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
Michael Fagan, Special Agent, U.S. Secret Service
Karen Hanlon, Federal Security Director, Transportation Security Administration
(Represented by Assistant Federal Security Director Steven Randerson)

Members Absent

Chief Robert Mangold, Atlantis Police Department
Chief Jeffrey Katz, Boynton Beach Police Department
Chief Garrett Ward, Gulf Stream Police Department
Chief Craig Hartmann, Highland Beach Police Department
Chief Wes Smith, Lake Clarke Shores Police Department
Chief Sean Scheller, Lantana Police Department
Chief Carmen Mattox, Manalapan Police Department
Director Kirk Blouin, Palm Beach Police Department
Chief Clarence Williams III, Riviera Beach Police Department
Chief Christopher Elg, Tequesta Police Department
Chief Vincent Demasi, West Palm Beach Police Department
Chief Charles Lowe, Florida Atlantic University Police Department
Major Luis Ramil, Florida Highway Patrol
Duane Little, Special Agent Supervisor, 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

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
Peter Daniel, Patrol Agent in Charge, U.S. Border Patrol
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
Gregory Starling, Chief Probation Officer, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice
Julie Hogan, Deputy Statewide Prosecutor, Attorney General's Office of Statewide Prosecution

Advisory Members Absent

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

Guests

Chief Assistant Brian Fernandes, State Attorney's Office 15th Judicial Circuit
Assistant Chief Jeffrey Goldman, Delray Beach Police Department
Assistant Chief Rick Facchine, Palm Beach Gardens Police Department
Assistant Chief Clint Shannon, Palm Beach Gardens Police Department
Stewart Steele, Boynton Beach Police Department
Erica Reuter, Information and Analysis Manager, Boca Raton Police Department
Scott Nugent, Director, Fusion Center
Denise Vidal-Bennette, Senior Manager, ISS - LEX Project
Penny Anderson, Senior Coordinator, ISS - LEX Project
Eileen Berry, U.S. Secret Service
Captain Dave Bernhardt, West Palm Beach Police Department
Clay Walker, Community Development Administrator, Department of Children and Families
Colonel Jim Stormes, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
Commander Pat McCutcheon, Palm Beach County School District Police Department
Captain Pat Kenny, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
Stewart Saalfield, Court Program Specialist II, Court Administration
Louis Tomeo, Director, Clerk & Comptroller Palm Beach County
Sergeant Dave Kelley, Palm Beach Shores Police Department
Ed Nucci, USAC
Major Chris Smith, Jupiter Police Department
Jim Kelly, Executive Director, Palm Beach County Association of Chiefs of Police
Mike Edmondson, Executive Assistant, State Attorney's Office, 15th Judicial Circuit
Steve Wunderlich, Homeland Security Investigations
Patrick Doyle, Intelligence Analyst, West Palm Beach Police Department
Greg Kridos, Chief of Intake, State Attorney's Office, 15th Judicial Circuit

CJC Staff Present

Michael Rodriguez, Executive Director
Katherine Hatos, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst
Danielle Ouellette, Student Intern
Damir Kucek, Research and Planning Manager

- 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 October 24, 2013 agenda was approved with one addition from Chief Jenkins.

V. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of September 26, 2013

The minutes of the September 26, 2013 meeting was approved.

VI. Chairman's Comments

- a. Congratulated Chief Roger Crane of the South Palm Beach Police Department on his retirement. He has been with the department for 28 years; 20 years of which as Chief. Chairman Stepp also presented Chief Crane a plaque in appreciation of his dedicated and outstanding service to the LEPC. Chief Crane thanked the members of the LEPC and the Chief's Association for the camaraderie through the years.
- b. Congratulated Chief John Pruitt of Jupiter Inlet Colony Police Department on his appointment.
- c. The committee voted to cancel the November meeting as it was too close to the October meeting date, and meet in December when elections will also be held. Reminded everyone that the December 12th meeting will be held at the West Palm Beach Police Department.

VII. Presentations

- a. DNA Direct Initiative: One Year Later *Dr. Cecelia A. Crouse, Crime Laboratory Director of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office*

Dr. Crouse provided an update on the initiative. She explained the reasons for the initiative and the relationship between property and violent crimes. She discussed a 3-year collaborative study between New York City, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach County that clearly showed that stopping individuals at the property crime level affects the numbers of violent crime which makes property crime investigations very important. However, since most property crimes do not have a suspect, DNA collection is very labor intensive. So they developed a more efficient system which involves outsourcing PBC property crime DNA samples. Chairman Stepp thanked Dr. Crouse for their good work.

VIII. New Business

- a. Chief Richard Jenkins was contacted by Jeff Kadel Director of the Palm Beach County Substance Abuse Awareness Coalition about the Great Debate that

will be held at the Duncan Theatre at Palm Beach State College on October 30th at 6:30 pm. The debate is concerning the potential legalization of marijuana during the upcoming legislative year. He encouraged all agencies to send a representative and said Katherine Hatos will email the details to everyone.

b. Baker Act: *Michael Rodriguez, Executive Director of the Criminal Justice Commission*

Michael Rodriguez wanted to know if the committee would like to change the MOU concerning law enforcement transport for Baker Act facilities signed in 2009 to add JFK and another hospital that have recently become receiving facilities. Captain Kenny remarked that the MOU basically says that everyone is required to follow the state statute. But he wanted to know whether the MOU should be followed every year, or only for that legislative year, and if it is the latter, he suggested not doing it. Chief Crane commented that JFK has been receiving Baker Act individuals almost on a daily basis so he wondered why they wanted to be part of the MOU. Captain Kenny said that he got the call from JFK and that they have a new director who has become aware of the MOU. After some further discussion, Chairman Stepp suggested and everyone agreed that CJC staff will research the best way to resolve the issue.

IX. Old Business: No old business discussed.

X. Committee/Workgroup Reports

- a. Book and Release Committee: Chief Crane recommended that the CJC continue to have a representative from the State Attorney's Office on the committee, and thanked Mr. Brian Fernandes for his input, because their presence has a significant impact on the discussions especially with their extensive knowledge of the state statutes. Chairman Stepp asked for volunteers to replace Chief Crane.
- b. Recruitment and Retention Committee: Ms. Hatos will send the report by email.
- c. Traffic Committee: Chief Crane shared his experience as a member of the committee. He thinks the committee needs to continue. He noted that they have received cooperation from the court system, and thanked Louis Tomeo for his help and all the information they obtained from the Clerk's Office. He offered some suggestions on how to improve the committee, and suggested that the next LEPC representative have a good rapport with the Chief Judge and a good handle of the inner workings of the court.

- d. Sexual Assault Response Team: Chief Hartmann will be stepping down from the team. Chairman Stepp thanked Chief Jenkins for volunteering for the position.
- e. Court Systems Task Force: No report was presented.

XI. Liaison Updates

- a. Data Sharing: Chief Kitzerow advised that they are still moving ahead with the LEX Finder contractor. After the meeting with the Sheriff, they will have a LEX briefing, at the conclusion of which will be a briefing with John Large about the FPL power grid and the security there. He encouraged everyone to stay for the briefing.
- b. Child Abuse Protocol: No report was presented.
- c. Criminal Justice Commission: No report was presented.
- d. Criminal Justice Institute: Director Schroeder reported that 34 recruits graduated last Thursday night, and they are starting a new class on Monday. The CJSTC will meet on November 4th in Destin. The biggest issue on the agenda is the reworking of the curriculum for the law enforcement basic recruit class. He will report back at the next meeting.
- e. High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area: Colonel Stormes mentioned that Captain Coleman is sending out a notice about a new class and encouraged everyone to attend.
- f. High School Criminal Justice Academies: No report was presented.
- g. Communications/Interoperability: Chairman Stepp mentioned that the MPSCC is meeting with Mayor Muoio next week.

XII. Training Announcements - *attached*

XIII. Member Comments: No member comments.

XIV. Attachments

- a. Direct DNA Initiative Update - *on white paper*

XV. Adjournment

A closed door meeting will be held with Sheriff Bradshaw to include Chiefs or their representatives following the LEPC meeting.

Next Meeting: December 12, 2013