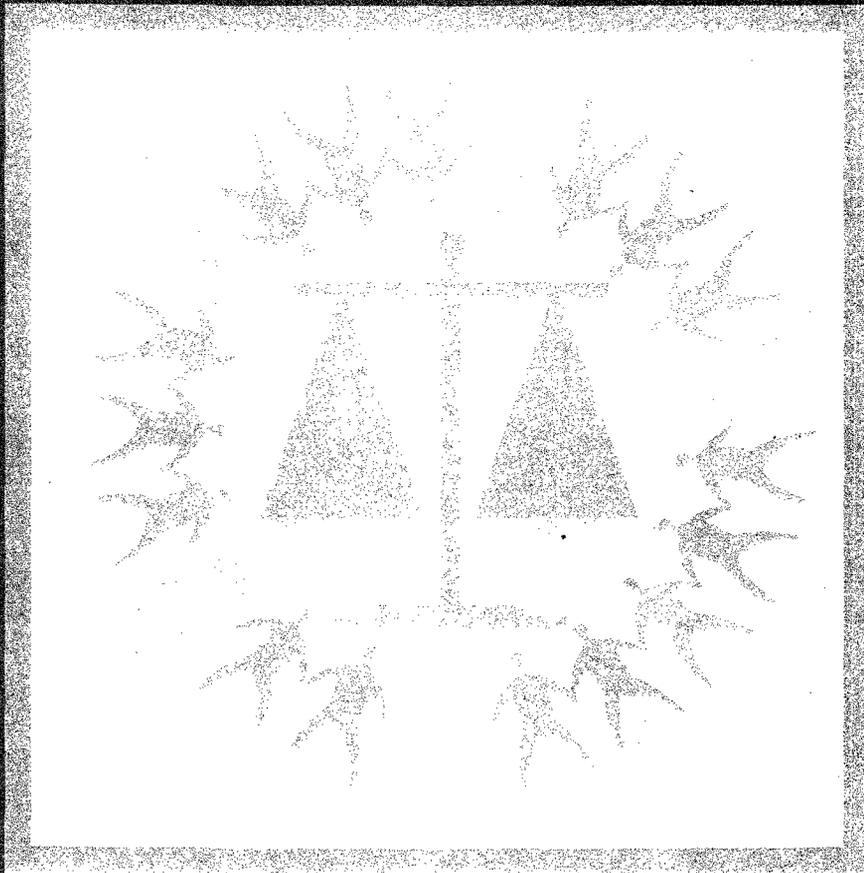


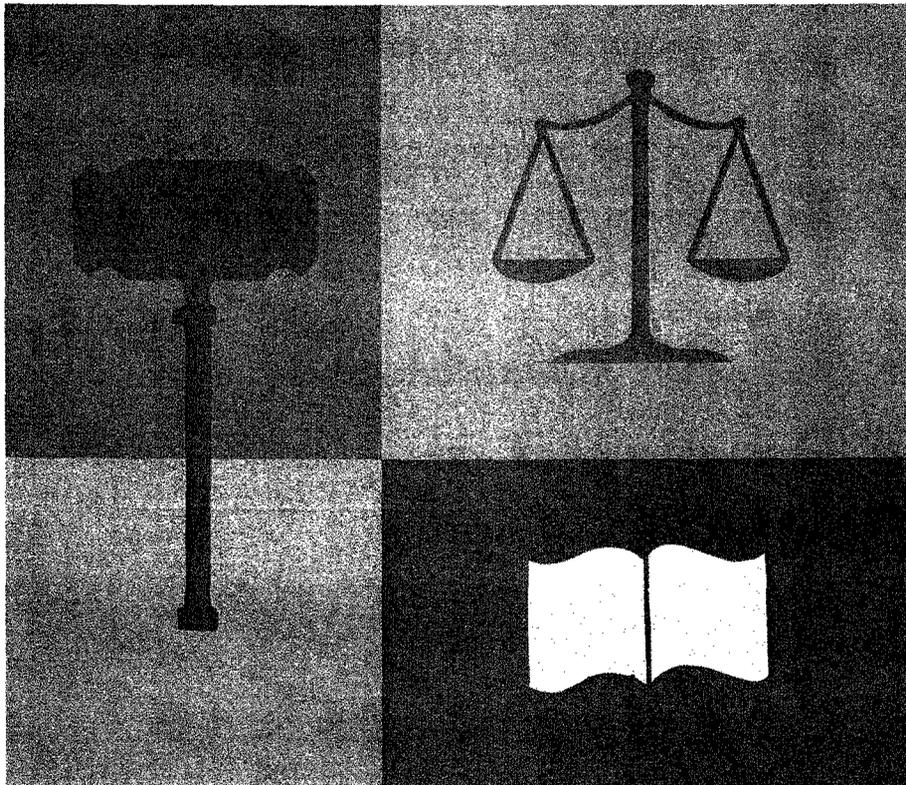
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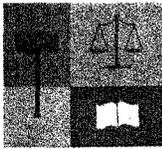
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cultivate and enrich  
local criminal justice  
policy, practice, and  
program development.**



**It does this by  
serving as a catalyst  
to bring together  
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# 2000 Annual Report



On behalf of the members, I am proud to present the Criminal Justice Commission's Annual Report for 2000. CJC members believe the best way to prevent crime is to address the root causes of criminal behavior, i.e., substance abuse, mental illness, distressed neighborhoods, and lack of job skills and education. This year the CJC made significant strides in many of these areas.

The opening of the Drug Court on November 6th will be seen as one of the CJC's most noteworthy achievements. Drug Court acknowledges an offender's addictive behavior and constructs an environment designed to treat that addiction, while holding the offender accountable for his/her criminal behavior.

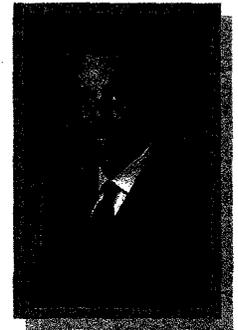
The Weed and Seed Program expanded to its third site—Delray Beach. In its seventh year, our Weed and Seed Program is recognized nationally for realizing the true essence of the Program as envisioned by its creators. Eventually the Program will blanket the entire County under an umbrella that unites distressed communities.

Our Community Court celebrated its first anniversary in August. Its success is immeasurable in so many ways; from the judiciary who welcome the opportunity the Court presents to spend more time addressing each offender's needs; to residents who have flocked to the Court to access its myriad of social services; to the offenders themselves who learn valuable lessons about repairing the harm done to the community by their criminal behavior. Some of these offenders are drug free for the first time in decades and are enjoying gainful employment and GEDs they obtained all through the efforts of the Court.

Our experiment with Community Justice revealed extraordinary potential to change the very way the criminal justice system functions. Addressing crime by understanding the places where it occurs and the people who live there makes sense. We engaged the residents of an area of Delray Beach in shaping and implementing a Community Justice Planning Center. This Center analyzes resources currently spent in the area by criminal justice agencies arresting, prosecuting, and punishing offenders. Community Justice acknowledges that these resources could be invested in ways that have a greater impact on the well-being of the community.

The CJC made significant progress in many other areas this year, including implementing gun safety initiatives, the municipal public safety radio communications system, educating the public about the criminal justice system, training local law enforcement agencies in crime mapping, developing and implementing a funding strategy for Juvenile Assessment Center security, developing the CJC's first five-year strategic plan, monitoring the contract for county court probation services, and administering grant funds for the County.

Please take the time to read this annual report which explains these initiatives in greater detail. It is time well spent.



Richard G. Lubin  
Chairman

*"The CJC  
is unique  
in the  
world of  
criminal  
justice."*



## Successes of 2000

The CJC engaged in many initiatives in 2000. Some are on going with their true benefit yet to be realized. The successes highlighted here are accomplishments that have taken, in some instances, years to realize. They represent initiatives that have come to fruition. All illustrate the exceptional commitment to partnerships made by both the public and private sectors which pervades the work of almost every facet of life in Palm Beach County.

### ***Citizens' Criminal Justice Academy (5th Class)***

We hosted our fifth Academy, educating over 130 county citizens about our local criminal justice system. Each Academy met for 11 weeks and was taught by criminal justice professionals. Students toured the county courthouse, the county jail, the Sheriff's 911 operations center, the Sheriff's Eagle Academy, the Juvenile Assessment Center and the HomeSafe Facility.

### ***Community Court (First Anniversary)***

We celebrated our first year of serving the Weed and Seed community in West Palm Beach. The Court addresses quality-of-life crimes that degrade the community and sentences those who offend against the community to community service repairing the harm they caused. The Court serves as an access point to a whole host of social services for offenders and victims, as well as residents of the area.

### ***Drug Court***

We planned and implemented the first Drug Court in the County. It began operating on November 6th with the hands-on efforts and hard work of the drug court team, representing local criminal justice agencies. The Court will seek to help people overcome their addiction through treatment, intensive monitoring, and support.

### ***Gun Safety***

We concentrated attention on examining methods to prevent children from accidentally harming themselves or others. We worked with many local agencies to start CARGO (Communities Addressing Responsible Gun Ownership) in our local schools, to encourage the use of safety locks on guns, and we sought and received the support of local law enforcement to adopt several firearm programs.

### ***Juvenile Assessment Center Funding Formula***

We developed a fair share cost formula to fund the security aspect of the Center. This had always been funded by grants, but a more definitive method was required. The formula partners all agencies that benefit from the Center including local law enforcement, the courts, and the school district.

### ***Municipal Public Safety Communications Consortium***

We worked very diligently to bring all the local law enforcement agencies together to agree on a way to make their radio communications interoperable. Right now there exist 29 different radio systems, many of which cannot communicate with others, causing serious public safety issues. The Consortium was created through an Interlocal Agreement that was signed by 30 municipal law enforcement agencies in the county.

### ***Strategic Plan: 2001 to 2005***

We created the first five year strategic plan for the CJC to guide its focus during the upcoming years. The plan sets out the vision, mission, core values, goals, and strategies for the CJC. It provides a timeline for existing projects and potential new initiatives.

### ***TV20 Panel Discussions***

We taped seven thirty-minute panel discussions on various CJC initiatives. They were broadcast over the county's government access television channel. Each panel usually consisted of three CJC members and/or our partners with one serving as the moderator to ask questions and guide the discussion. We received such positive feedback from the community on the discussions that we plan to film several more next year.

### ***Weed and Seed Program Expansion***

We expanded the boundaries of the Riviera Beach Weed and Seed site and created a third site in Delray Beach. Our Program is considered by the Federal Executive Office for Weed and Seed to be one of the shining examples of how successful the initiative can be.

# 2000 CJC Members

## PRIVATE SECTOR

Carlos Arruza  
*Sugar Supply, Inc.*

Leslie M. Corley  
*LM Capital Corporation*

Max Davis  
*Economic Council*

Roy H. Davidson  
*Ballensles Development Co.*

Jorge Dominicis  
*Florida Crystals*

George Elmore  
*Hardrives of Delray, Inc.*

Dr. Effie C. Grear  
*Economic Council*

Randolph K. Johnson, Sr.  
*Communications by Johnson*

Wendy Sartory Link  
*Ackerman, Link, & Sartory, P.A.*

Richard G. Lubin  
*Richard G. Lubin, P.A.*

Leo E. Noble  
*Economic Council*

Priscilla Taylor  
*Economic Council*

## PUBLIC SECTOR

Dale Armstrong  
*Alcohol, Tobacco, & Firearms*

Ric Bradshaw  
*West Palm Beach Police Dept.*

Walter N. Colbath, Jr.  
*Chief Judge*

Boone Darden  
*Crime Prevention Officers Assoc.*

Jody Gleason  
*School Board*

Richard Jorandby  
*Public Defender*

Barry Krischer  
*State Attorney*

Karen Martin  
*Administrative Judge, Juvenile*

Earl Moore  
*League of Cities*

Kenneth Morrow  
*Drug Enforcement Administration*

Warren H. Newell  
*County Commissioner*

Robert Neumann  
*Sheriff*

Darryl Olson / David Kerr  
*Florida Dept. of Juvenile Justice*

Valerie Rolle  
*Florida Dept. of Corrections*

Tom Rossin  
*Florida Senate*

Alan Sadowski  
*Federal Bureau of Investigation*

Wes Smith  
*Chiefs of Police Association*

Mike Washam  
*Florida Dept. of Law Enforcement*

Emalyn Webber  
*U.S. Attorney's Office*

V. Lynn Whitfield  
*Criminal Defense Lawyers Assoc.*

Dorothy Wilken  
*Clerk of the Court*

Ad Hoc Member  
Dr. Ben Marlin  
*School District Superintendent*

## 2000 CJC Officers



**RICHARD G. LUBIN**  
Chairman

Richard Lubin was born in New York City and moved to Palm Beach County in 1974. Originally an attorney with the Public Defender's Office, he is currently the principal in the law firm of Richard G. Lubin, P.A., specializing in state and federal criminal defense litigation. He attended Boston University and re-

ceived his law degree from Georgetown University. Mr. Lubin served for thirteen years as President of the Palm Beach County Legal Aid Society. He has also served as Chairman of the Palm Beach County Judicial Nominating Commission, President of the Palm Beach Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, and on numerous other bar committees, including the Florida Bar Grievance Committee, the Board of Directors of both the National and Florida Associations of Criminal Defense Lawyers, and the Supreme Court Committee on Professionalism. Currently, Mr. Lubin is President of the American Board of Criminal Lawyers. He has been a CJC member since 1996.



**LESLIE M. CORLEY**  
Vice Chairman

Mr. Corley was born in Chicago, Illinois. He has almost 30 years of experience in the investment industry. He founded LM Capital, an investment banking firm, in 1988 after a seven year career at Kelso & Company, a venture capital firm specializing in acquisitions. He earned a BS with High Honors in Aeronautical & As-

tronautical Engineering from the University of Illinois where he was an Edmund J. James Scholar, and an MBA from Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration. He currently serves on the boards of directors of the Economic Council of Palm Beach County, the Business Development Board of Palm Beach County, Personal Luxury Products International, Inc., and Roberts Brothers, Inc. Advisory Boards on which he serves include the West Palm Beach Minority Business Development Center and the American Kidney Fund's African American Outreach Program. He has been a CJC member since 1998.



**WENDY SARTORY LINK**  
Secretary

Ms. Link was raised in West Palm Beach, Florida. She and her husband, Scott Link, have two children. She is one of the founding partners of Ackerman, Link, & Sartory, P.A. and serves as the managing partner. She concentrates her practice in the areas of real estate and asset-based

financing, commercial loan transactions, and general corporate matters. She is a graduate of the University of North Carolina, BS, 1986; and Duke University School of Law, JD, 1989. She is a member of the California and Florida bars. While in Los Angeles, Ms. Link received the Wiley M. Manual Award for Pro Bono Legal Services. Her community activities include serving on the boards of the Economic Council of Palm Beach County, The Arc, SunFest, the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches, and the Education Partnership of Palm Beach County. Ms. Link has been a CJC member since 1998.



**LEO E. NOBLE**  
Treasurer

Mr. Noble is the retired Chairman of the Board of *Lawson, Noble and Webb, Inc.*, a South Florida consulting engineering firm founded in 1981. He has been extensively involved in a wide variety of public and private residential and transportation related projects extending throughout Florida to the

Caribbean Basin. He currently serves as Chairman of several committees including the Policy Development Task Force, the Citizens Advisory Committee to the Metropolitan Planning Organization, and the Government Affairs Committee of the Economic Council of Palm Beach County. His previous service includes membership in the Board of Directors of SunFest, the American Cancer Society, the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches, and the Law Enforcement Assistance Foundation. He has been a CJC member since 1997.





# Board of County Commissioners



The Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County created the Criminal Justice Commission in 1988 as an innovative process for coordinating criminal justice issues. In Florida, county government is responsible for a large portion of criminal justice costs but has little authority in determining these costs. The most effective way to control costs is through a more collaborative criminal justice system. The Board of County Commissioners has been supportive of the CJC since its inception, with a Commissioner being an active member of the CJC. Commissioner Warren Newell is currently the Board's representative on the CJC and has served as such since December 1994.



**Maude Ford Lee**  
**Chair (11/98-11/00)**  
• District 7 (to 11/00)



**Warren H. Newell**  
**Vice Chair (11/98-11/00)**  
**Chair (11/00-date)**  
• District 3



**Carol A. Roberts**  
**Vice Chair (11/00-date)**



**Karen T. Marcus**  
• District 1



**Mary McCarty**  
• District 4



**Burt Aaronson**  
• District 5



**Tony Masilotti**  
• District 6



**Addie L. Greene**  
• District 7 (11/00-date)

## A Message from County Administration

On behalf of County Administration, we are pleased to present the Criminal Justice Commission's 2000 Annual Report.

It is a significant task to engage our numerous criminal justice agencies in cooperative efforts. With support of the Economic Council of Palm Beach County, the Board of County Commissioners established the CJC in 1988 to accomplish this.

The CJC is a unique partnership with 21 public sector members and 12 private sector members. The public sector members serve by virtue of their positions as heads of federal, state and local criminal justice and government agencies. The private sector members are nominated by the Economic Council and confirmed by the County Commission for three-year terms. Private sector members serve as chairman and vice chairman.

The Board gave the CJC a broad scope of authority to coordinate all aspects of the state and federal criminal justice system in the County. During the CJC's twelve year history, it has proven its value to improving the criminal justice system. Most jurisdictions do not bring together public sector and business leaders to address criminal justice issues at the local level on an on-going basis.

This past year, the CJC adopted a five-year strategic plan that will address many of the criminal justice needs of the County through the year 2005. This living document will focus the CJC on those issues. Some of the issues include projecting the need for County jail beds, analyzing the results of the 2000 Census and what its demographics reveal about possible crime trends in the future, and utilizing exciting new technology to geographically map cross-jurisdictional crime so that resources can be targeted more effectively.

The CJC's accomplishments come from building consensus and involving all agencies affected by a particular issue in developing remedies. The private sector membership ensures that all views are considered when addressing an issue. The effectiveness of local criminal justice system agencies is the CJC's primary concern whether it be law enforcement, courts, or corrections.

Every County Commissioner can be proud of this unique creation and of their continued support of the CJC.



Robert Weisman  
County Administrator



Vince Bonvento  
Assistant  
County Administrator

*"The CJC  
benefits  
all citizens  
of this  
County."*

## A Message from the Executive Director

On behalf of the staff, I am proud to present this Annual Report for 2000. This year the CJC created unprecedented partnerships, illustrating its tremendous benefit to the County. The CJC has been extremely active this year, embarking on the creation of our new Drug Court, educating the public about the criminal justice system with our locally produced video series on TV20, the development of a gun safety program for parents and children, and the incorporation of a police radio communications consortium.

The realization of the Municipal Public Safety Communications Consortium is a true testament to the CJC's commitment to building partnerships that improve the criminal justice system in the County. This project took over six years of negotiations and planning, but great strides were made over the past two years with the addition of dedicated and professional staff. This year, 30 municipalities within the County entered into an Interlocal Agreement creating the Consortium. The remaining seven municipalities in the County contract their police services with either the Sheriff's Office or an adjacent municipality, eliminating the necessity for their participation. The Consortium is exploring exciting technology that will benefit all citizens of the County through its capacity to carry both voice and data. The Consortium is advancing steadily in its mission to create a seamless system of radio communications among all law enforcement agencies in the County.

Another example of the CJC's ability to bring agencies together for the shared vision of improving the criminal justice system in the County is the development of a funding formula for the security component of the Juvenile Assessment Center (JAC). JAC is operated by the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice as a local partnership among numerous agencies. Its purpose is to receive all juveniles taken into custody and provide an assessment of the juvenile, accessing them to services when warranted and potentially diverting them from court if appropriate. Law enforcement value JAC because it returns the officer to the street much faster and the courts value it because it diverts juveniles into needed treatment and services, freeing up limited court resources. The provision of security at JAC allows it to receive juveniles 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The funding formula partners the Courts, the Sheriff's Office, the School District, and municipal law enforcement departments in a cost sharing formula to provide private security at JAC.

The Citizen's Criminal Justice Academy is another shining example of the CJC's ability to create partnerships. We graduated our fifth academy class this year. We have now educated approximately 130 citizens. The Academy features criminal justice professionals as teachers during an eleven-week course. Each three-hour session covers a different aspect of the system, such as the courts, corrections, federal law enforcement, and crime prevention. Tours of the county courthouse, county jail, Sheriff's 911 communications center and Eagle Academy, the Juvenile Assessment Center, and the HomeSafe Facility give students hands-on experience.

These, and all of the CJC's initiatives, are only possible because of the extraordinary willingness of people to volunteer to serve. The CJC's success comes from the commitment shown by over 200 people who volunteer their time and expertise to serve on various committees of the CJC. The CJC operates through committees because its members understand that in order to succeed, everyone must feel a part of the solution. The ownership resulting from participation is an invaluable asset that brings with it pride and satisfaction.

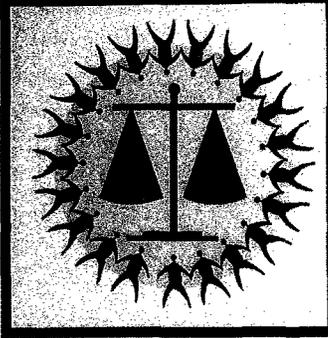
I commend and thank everyone who participated in the CJC's initiatives this past year.



L. Diana Cunningham  
*Executive Director*

*"The volunteer dedication shown by CJC members is truly extraordinary."*

## History and Mission



The Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) was established by County Ordinance 88-16 in August 1988. It is composed of 21 representatives from the public sector and 12 representatives from the private sector.

The CJC was established to affect the rising crime rate and its accompanying rising cost to the County. The County and the State share the costs of the system. The County has extensive responsibilities for paying expenses, but virtually no authority to determine acceptable expenses. The State pays the salaries of the state attorney and public defender offices, the judges and their clerical positions. The County pays for the buildings to house all of the court personnel, the jails to house pretrial detainees and offenders sentenced to less than one year, corrections staff for the jails, and the County Sheriff's Office.

County officials and business leaders built a unique partnership when they created the CJC. The theory of government and business working as a team to solve the problems of a community was unique. The CJC remains the statewide model for Florida. There are other similar entities, but they differ from the CJC in the areas of inclusion of business leaders and process.

The CJC is now respected as the forum for review of any policy, procedure, program, grant, legislation, or issue that impacts the criminal justice system in the County.

Initially, the CJC obtained a comprehensive study of the entire criminal justice system in Palm Beach County. This 1990 study resulted in almost 100 recommendations for improving the cost effectiveness and efficiency of the system. The CJC then created eight (8) task forces, including the Criminal Justice Information System, Corrections, Drug/Alcohol Abuse Prevention, Crime Prevention, Court System, Human Services, Juvenile Justice/Education, and Law Enforcement to assess the recommendations and develop implementation plans. Over the years this committee structure has evolved into its present form.

The CJC operates through a committee process and invites professionals from a wide range of disciplines to participate. Over 200 people volunteer their time and talents each year.

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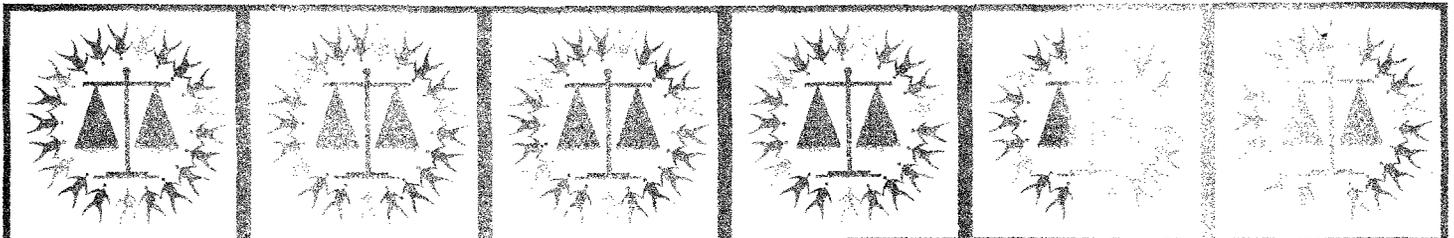
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### MISSION

Serve as a catalyst to bring together criminal justice and related agencies in partnership

### GOALS

1. Study all aspects of the criminal justice and crime prevention systems within the federal, state, county, municipal and private agencies
2. Provide overall coordination to law enforcement and crime prevention efforts
3. Provide an efficient, cost effective, and timely criminal justice system
4. Effect the reduction of crime on a permanent basis
5. Serve as an advisory board to the Board of County Commissioners on criminal justice issues
6. Raise the level of knowledge of the local citizenry about the criminal justice system





L. Diana Cunningham  
*Executive Director*



Kristina M. Gulick  
*Criminal Justice Manager*



Gerald T. Wardrop  
*Sr. Criminal Justice Analyst*



Sandi Nadolny  
*Administrative Secretary*



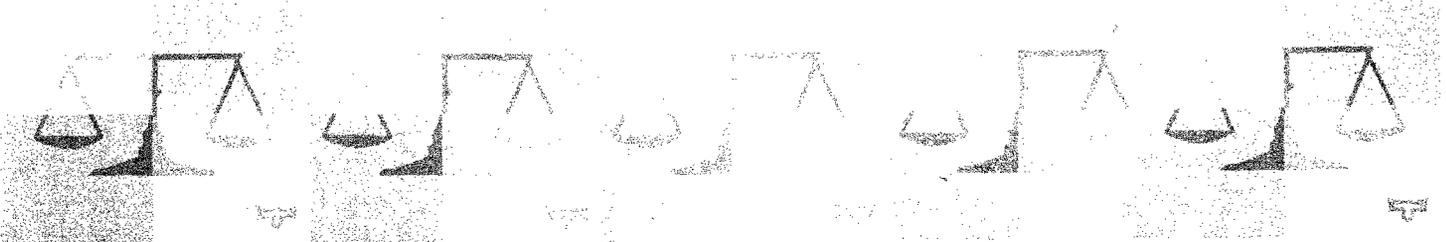
Janet Cid-Gonzalez  
*Financial Analyst II  
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*Criminal Justice Analyst  
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*Municipal Public Safety  
Communications Consortium*



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**Lee Ellen Dascott**  
*Senior Secretary  
(Grant Funded)*

*Community Court*



**Dolores Cutlip**  
*Senior Secretary  
(Grant Funded)*



**Tom Becht**  
*Community Court Coordinator  
(Grant Funded)*



**Ron Hinkle**  
*Community Service Supervisor  
(Grant Funded)*



**Ann Kosinski**  
*Clinical Service  
Specialist  
(Grant Funded)*



**Sabrina Cornish**  
*Court Case Advisor  
(Grant Funded)*



**Lillian Chappelle**  
*Senior Aide  
(Federally Funded)*



# PALM BEACH COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

## 2000 Organizational Chart



PALM BEACH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

*Honorable Maude Ford Lee*

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

*Richard G. Lubin*

*also serves as*

**Substance Abuse Advisory Board**

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**COLLABORATING BODIES & THE CJC LIAISONS**

Municipal Public Safety Communications Consortium  
County CSOPAC, *George Elmore*  
High School Criminal Justice Academies, *Mike Washam*  
Justice Information System, *Leo E. Noble*  
Juvenile Justice Council, *Max Davis*  
Probationers' Educational Growth Program, *Max Davis*  
Weed and Seed Program, *Emalyn Webber*

**TASK FORCES**

Court System  
*Jack Goldberger*

Community Court

Citizens  
Advisory  
Board

Drug Court Planning  
Committee  
*Nelson Bailey*

Drug Court  
Team  
*Nelson Bailey*

Re-entry Court

Community Justice  
*Leslie Corley*

Long Range Planning  
*Leo Noble*

Gun Safety  
*Warren Newell*

Public Relations  
*Max Davis*

**MANDATED**

Byrne Grant Committee  
*Peter Blanc*

Corrections Task Force/PSCC  
*Douglas Duncan*

Probation Advisory Board  
*Ted Booras*

Countywide Public Safety  
Communications  
Committee  
*Ernie Carr*

Law Enforcement  
Planning Council  
*Robert Mangold*

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

Endorsement Review  
*Roy Davidson*

Nomination & Bylaws  
*Leslie Corley*

Permanent Funding Solutions  
*Barry Krischer*

Drug Abuse Trust Fund  
Medicaid Funding  
*Leo E. Noble*

# Court System Task Force

## PURPOSE

Provide oversight for:

- ☞ the ongoing management of Community Court
- ☞ the implementation of Drug Court

## COMMUNITY COURT

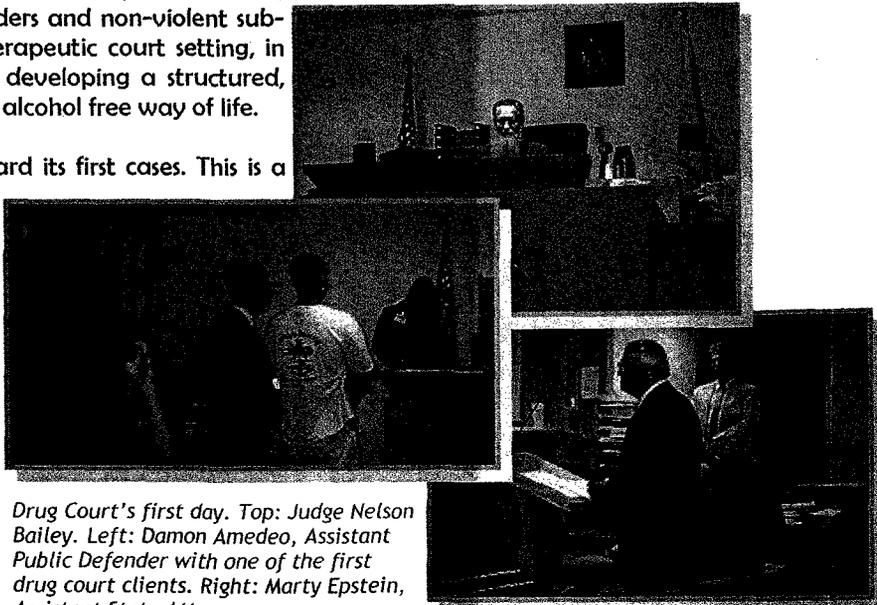
The Court was established by administrative order of Chief Judge Walter N. Colbath, Jr., on August 10, 1999, as a separate county court division. As a result of many months of planning, County Court Judge Barry Cohen opened the first session of Community Court on August 18, 1999. To date, twelve judges have contributed their time to provide coverage at the Court. The Public Defender's Office, the State Attorney's Office, the Clerk's Office, and the West Palm Beach Police Department assign staff to operate the Court.

A county court judge hears pleas on quality-of-life offenses every Wednesday afternoon. For those who plead guilty, a variety of social services are offered to the defendants including substance abuse treatment. All defendants who plead guilty are ordered to serve various numbers of community service hours as their primary sanction. The community service hours are performed on community court supervised work crews at sites throughout the community. The offender thus pays back the neighborhood, which is the victim of these crimes. Additionally, if the defendant completes his/her assigned hours, the case is dismissed.

## DRUG COURT

The Court was established to unite criminal justice entities, substance abuse treatment providers and non-violent substance abusing offenders in a therapeutic court setting, in order to assist the participant in developing a structured, disciplined, law-abiding drug and alcohol free way of life.

On November 6th, the Court heard its first cases. This is a voluntary program which includes regular court appearances before a designated Drug Court Judge and treatment, which includes drug testing, individual/group counseling, and regular attendance at 12-step meetings (Narcotics or Alcoholics Anonymous).



*Drug Court's first day. Top: Judge Nelson Bailey. Left: Damon Amedeo, Assistant Public Defender with one of the first drug court clients. Right: Marty Epstein, Assistant State Attorney*

## Drug Court Partnerships

- PBC Court Based Employment Services
- Probationers' Educational Growth Program
- 45<sup>th</sup> Street Mental Health
- South County Mental Health
- PBC Victim Assistance Program
- PBC Literacy Coalition
- Florida Dept. of Corrections
- PBC Sheriff's Office
- Public Defenders Office
- State Attorney's Office
- 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit
- Criminal Defense Lawyers Association
- PBC Workforce Development Board
- Court Administration

# Members



Judge Barry Cohen presides over Community Court.



Jack Goldberger  
Chair

## MEMBERS

Sharon Bock  
*Office of the Clerk of the Court*

Capt. Alan Ortman  
*West Palm Beach Police Dept.*

Don Chester  
*Intracoastal Health Systems*

Judge Barry Cohen  
*Administrative Judge-County Court*

Judge Harold Cohen  
*Circuit Court Judge*

Sandra Duncan  
*PBC Victim Services*

Paul Damico  
*Assistant Public Defender*

Barry Krischer  
*State Attorney*

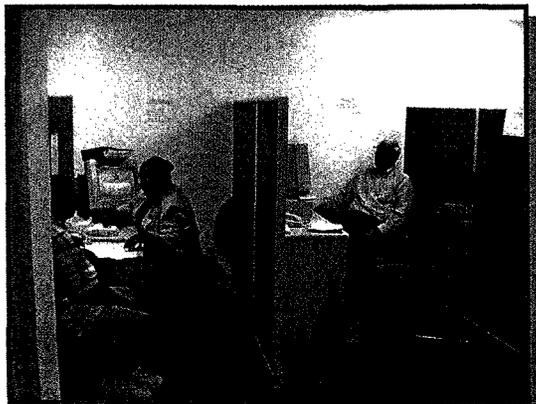
Judge Sandra McSorley  
*Circuit Court Judge*

Billy Riggs  
*PBC Sheriff's Office*

Regenia Scott  
*PBC Weed and Seed*



Community Court offenders are sentenced to community service hours in the focus area to repair the harm their criminal activity has done to the community.



Service providers interview clients at the Court immediately following their sentence to link them with needed social services.



**PURPOSE**

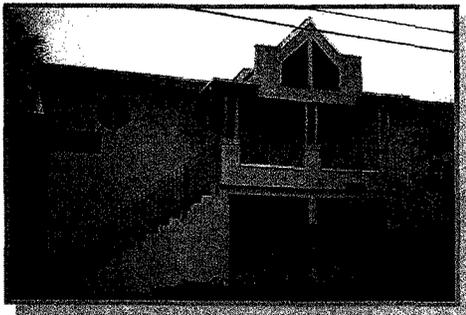
Community Court addresses "nuisance" crimes that erode the quality of life in a neighborhood.

**2000 ACTIVITIES**

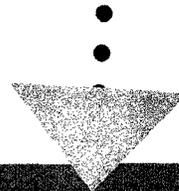
The Court provides on-site work skills/job search/training options through the Workforce Development Center; GED classes, literacy skills from Probationers Educational Growth; Food Stamps from Florida Department of Children and Families; Mental Health services from 45<sup>th</sup> Street Mental Health Center; drug assessments and treatment from the Comprehensive Alcohol Rehabilitation Program and Gratitude House; homeless shelter from Salvation Army, Joshua House, St. Matthew's House and Born Anew. Palm Tran, Inc provides bus passes. The staff of the Court also works with non-offender community residents who seek assistance from these services. Local community policing officers from West Palm Beach Police Department frequently refer non-offending residents to the court for assistance.

The Citizen's Advisory Board, which meets on a regular basis, serves as the voice of the community informing court personnel on services needed, local problems and concerns.

Staff from Community Court continually meet with neighborhood groups and residents in order to make residents aware of services available. The Court maintains continuing partnerships with a host of neighborhood groups.



*Community Court building at 6th and Sapodilla Avenue in West Palm Beach*



- COMMUNITY COURT  
NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERS**
- ☞ Progressive Northwest Neighborhood Assoc.
  - ☞ Northwood Business Development Corp.
  - ☞ Coleman Park Coalition
  - ☞ Habitat For Humanity
  - ☞ Rosemary Village Association
  - ☞ Salvation Army Community Center
  - ☞ Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Community Consortium
  - ☞ West Palm Beach C.O.P.s
  - ☞ West Palm Beach Code Enforcement
  - ☞ West Palm Beach Criminal Justice Advisory Committee
  - ☞ Front Porch of Florida
  - ☞ North Harbor Neighborhood Association
  - ☞ New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Food Bank

In the first eleven months of operation, Community Court had limited success in assisting neighborhood residents connecting with social services. In the past three months, the neighborhood has begun to truly utilize available services.

**Referrals to Social Services Non-offending Residents**

	<u>8/14/1999 to 7/12/2000</u>	<u>7/13/2000 to 10/18/2000</u>	<u>Total</u>
Assistance with Food Stamps	16	35	51
Linkage with Health Care District	11	36	47
Linkage with WorkForce Development	19	72	91
GED Classes	10	2	12
Housing Assistance	15	40	55
Bus Passes	39	162	201
Transportation Services (Van)	10	62	72
Securing Identification, SSI & Misc.	2	51	53
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>582</b>

# Members

## Community Court's First Year

In the first 14 months of operation, August 18, 1999 to October 24, 2000, Community Court disposed of over 1,000 cases. Defendants opted for community service and treatment options as follows:

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

Number Assigned	623
Number Complied	553
Failure to Appear	70
Percentage of Completion	89%
Number of Community Service Hours	3,160
Number of Projects/Worksites	99

### DRUG & ALCOHOL TREATMENT

Court Ordered	
Drug/Alcohol Evaluation	104
NA Meetings or Counseling	31
Completed	
Aids & Drug/Alcohol Education	485
Received	
Evaluation	65
Medical Detoxification	35
Outpatient Treatment	25
Residential Treatment	18
Halfway House Treatment	17
Mental Health Treatment	10
Non-offenders received treatment	21

### OFFENDER REFERRALS TO SOCIAL SERVICES

Assistance with Food Stamps	94
Linkage with	
Health Care District	68
WorkForce Development	164
GED Classes	82
Housing Assistance	23
Bus Passes	95
Transportation Services (Van)	76
Securing identification, SSI & Misc.	19

## MEMBERS

Angela V. Rose  
*Urban League*

Rev. Edward Ellis  
*Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church*

Roz Riley  
*Chair, Front Porch Florida*

Rose Darden, Director  
*St. Matthew's House*

Rev. Randy Boone  
*Salvation Army NW Community Center*

Officer Aaron Sam  
*West Palm Beach Police Dept.*

John Clayton  
*Enterprise Unlimited*

Julia King  
*Realtor*

Dr. Alice Moore  
*Retired educator*



Edith Bush  
*Chair*

Rev. Ellis McKenzie  
*New Creation Missionary Baptist Church*

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*Community Liaison Front Porch Florida*

Frank L. Sampson, Jr.  
*Sampson Enterprises*

Sarah Reddick  
*The Rosemary Village*

Ralph C. Smith  
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Sarah Spence  
*SWAT Coordinator Florida Dept. of Health*

Rev. Andrew Jones  
*First Born Church of the Living God*



Community Court in session.

# Community Justice Task Force

## PURPOSE

To oversee the implementation of community justice in crime hot spots throughout the County

## 2000 ACTIVITIES

The Task Force began the implementation of the Community Justice Planning Center in Delray Beach. The Center will bring criminal justice agencies together with business interests, community residents, city government workers, and community residents to address the crime issues arising from the target area. The Center will engage in four activities:

- ☞ Crime Mapping Analysis
- ☞ Consensus Organizing
- ☞ Program Planning and Development
- ☞ Place-based Budgeting



Above: Sarah Bryer of CASES leads the Task Force in a discussion. Below: Dr. Todd Clear presents the results of crime mapping analysis in Delray Beach.





**Community Justice**  
*A philosophy*  
changing how the  
criminal justice system functions  
so that it can proactively prevent crime

Guided by a simple premise:  
Crime is best addressed by understanding *places*  
where it occurs and *people* who live there.

Preventing Crime  
Rebuilding Neighborhoods  
and  
Achieving Justice

## CASES

The CIC contracted the Center for Alternative Sentencing and Employment Services (CASES) to plan, implement, and manage the Planning Center in Delray Beach.

CASES is:

Community Justice Makes Sense Because We Know:

- ☞ Most crime and perpetrators of crime are concentrated in specific neighborhoods
- ☞ Millions are spent to arrest, prosecute, and incarcerate offenders from these communities
- ☞ This investment has had little return because many of these communities remain crime-ridden
- ☞ Most incarcerated offenders will eventually return to their neighborhoods less equipped to be productive citizens
- ☞ Current justice practices do little to repair the harm done to communities by crime

For example:

Corner of 9<sup>th</sup> and Concordia, Milwaukee, 1996

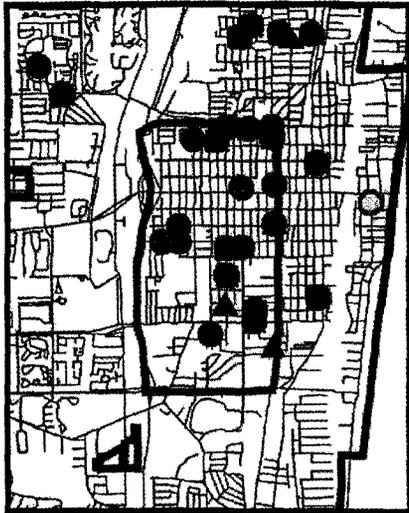
- ☞ 94 felony arrests in 3 months
- ☞ Over \$2 million spent processing and punishing those arrested
- ☞ Yet, the corner remains one of the most unsafe areas in Milwaukee
- ☞ That was \$2 million just during a three month period at just one street corner

- ☞ New York City's oldest and largest intermediate sanctioning agency
- ☞ An independent non-profit corporation
- ☞ A creation of the well-respected criminal justice think tank, the Vera Institute of Justice
- ☞ Now working with more than 4,000 offenders annually throughout New York

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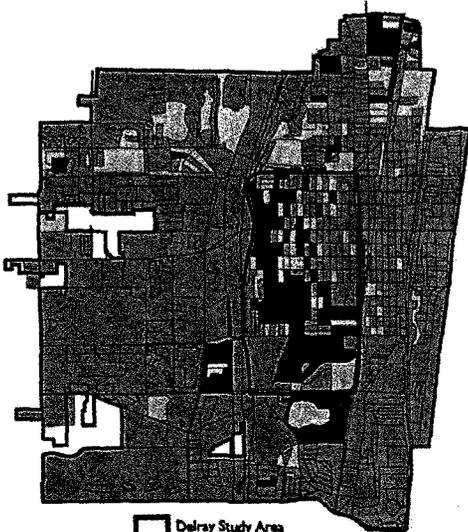


Leslie M. Corley  
*Chair*



**Schools**

- Schools
- Special Education
- Colleges and Univ.
- Junior Colleges/Tech Instit.
- Business/Vocational
- ▲ Industrial/Trade
- Child Care Services
- ▲ Nursery Schools/Kindergarten



Delray Study Area  
Arrests per Block

- 23 to 61
- 10 to 22
- 3 to 9
- 1 to 2
- 0

**MEMBERS**

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*Public Defender's Office*

Lula Butler  
*City of Delray Beach*

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*Lynn University*

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*Dharma Properties Limited*

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*BallenIsles Development Co.*

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*Dubin & Associates*

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*Community Foundation*

Seabron Smith  
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*Roots Cultural Organization*

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*County Court Judge*

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*Urban League of PBC*

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Bill Wood  
*Chamber of Commerce*

Michael Ey  
*Society for Confluence Based Community*

# Corrections Task Force

Public Safety Commission

## PURPOSE

Monitor the jail population and make recommendations to achieve the efficient use of the County's limited jail beds

## 2000 ACTIVITIES

### Jail Population Projection

Members recommended the County hire an expert to do a long term jail bed study. The last study was completed in 1986 with a projection to 2005. The Sheriff's Office estimates that the County's jail system will be at full capacity by the end of 2003. The Task Force hosted a workshop for CIC members to educate them about this issue. The study would seek to analyze and make recommendations regarding:

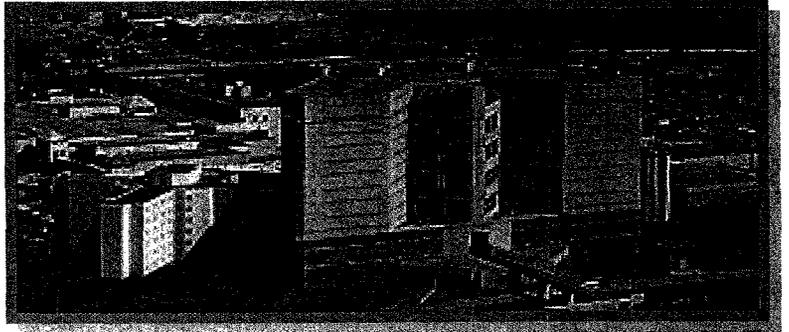
- ☞ Current inmate population characteristics;
- ☞ Which inmates are suited for alternatives to jail;
- ☞ Other forms of less expensive means to ensure public safety;
- ☞ Impact of failures to appear;
- ☞ Future population of the County and how that may impact the need for jail beds;
- ☞ Impact of changes in local policy, practice, or programs, and state laws;
- ☞ Impact of local sting operations and the short-term overcrowding they cause; and
- ☞ Need to add jail beds in the future through projection estimates detailing types of facilities and classification type of inmates.

Thanks to the efforts of Director Wilber, the Florida Department of Corrections (DOC) is working with the Task Force to project the County's jail population. Dr. William Bales, the Director of DOC's Bureau of Research and Planning, is spearheading this effort. Dr. Bales' work will provide a good foundation on which to base a Request For Proposal for a much more in-depth forecast study expected sometime next year.

### Jail Counselor Position

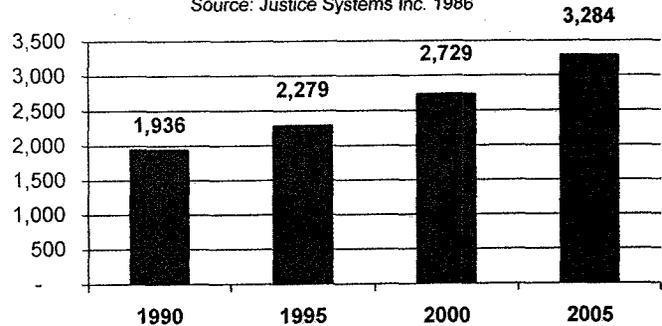
Recommended the Sheriff's Office create this new position to:

- ☞ Develop a process for continual inmate case review to identify and prevent delays;
- ☞ Develop a prioritization list of inmates for case expedition;
- ☞ Develop methods to expedite inmate cases; and
- ☞ Monitor the need versus the availability of jail alternative programs.



The Main Detention Center on Gun Club Road in West Palm Beach is the largest of the County's three jail facilities with a design capacity of 2,022.

Jail Population Projection  
Source: Justice Systems Inc. 1986



COUNTY JAIL BEDS				
Facility	2000 Average Daily Population	Current Beds Opened	Current Occupancy	Design Capacity
Main Detention Center	1,522	1,618	94%	2,022
Stockade	902	967	93%	967
West County	114	114	100%	244
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,538</b>	<b>2,699</b>		<b>3,233</b>

**Cost Per Day  
Per Inmate**  
\$74

**2000 Average  
Daily Population**  
2,538

# Members



**Douglas Duncan**  
*Chair*

## 2000 ACTIVITIES continued

Members also engaged in a variety of other activities during 2000, including:

### Lethality Program

Members reviewed a proposal prepared by PRIDE on behalf of Mr. Krischer to institute this new program at the Main Detention Center. The intent is to screen persons charged with domestic violence offenses prior to first appearance hearings to provide the judge with additional information. The screening, done by licensed counselors, is based on a pre-determined set of questions that are recognized by national experts to be predictors for violent behavior.

### Open Floors at Main Detention Center

Members endorsed the Sheriff's Office budget submission to hire additional staff. The 19 corrections deputies, and 10 control room operators will make the South Tower of the Main Detention Center fully operational. They will also staff the opening of additional floors in the newly renovated West Tower.

## VICE CHAIR

**Harold Wilber**  
*PBC Sheriff's Office*

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*County Court Judge*

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*Circuit Court Judge*

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*Workforce Development Board*

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*Pretrial Services Agency*

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*Pride Integrated Services, Inc.*

AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION TOP 10 FLORIDA COUNTIES 1999	
Miami-Dade	6,860
Broward	4,673
Orange	4,124
Hillsborough	3,173
Duval	2,749
Palm Beach	2,549
Pinellas	2,457
Polk	1,783
Volusia	1,452
Escambia	1,433

# Countywide Public Safety Communications Committee

## PURPOSE

To develop and implement both short and long term plans for funding, design and implementation of a countywide communications system for all law enforcement and public safety agencies of the County that are interested in participating

## 2000 ACTIVITIES

During 1999 the CPSCC developed a plan to form a consortium to actually design and build a countywide radio network. Through these efforts the Municipal Public Safety Communications Consortium of Palm Beach County (MPSCC) was formed by the thirty municipalities in the County with public safety communications needs. In January 2000, the MPSCC began to meet in conjunction with the CPSCC. In April, the MPSCC was incorporated as a not-for-profit municipal corporation in order to preserve the sovereign immunity protections of the municipalities and to provide a legal entity through which to conduct business. Also in April, the MPSCC and the CJC entered into a memorandum of understanding which formalized their relationship. This provided the MPSCC with continued guidance and support from the CJC. Through this process, the MPSCC and the CPSCC became essentially one.

*The CPSCC will develop the most cost effective and operationally efficient public safety communications network possible.*

The MPSCC has made great progress during the year. Much effort has been put into research and planning for the new radio network. Particular attention has been paid to the issue of interoperability which ensures that all agencies will be able to directly communicate. Plans have also been made to include wireless access to criminal justice information and enhance the sharing of that information among all law enforcement agencies. A Request for Proposal for the actual radio equipment will go out in December of this year. Other accomplishments during the year include:

- The formalizing of an agreement with the County to allow the municipalities to share in revenues from the \$12.50 charge assessed on traffic tickets for the purpose of constructing an interoperable radio system. This represents about \$800,000 a year in continuing funding for the project.
- A re-evaluation of the 911 fee charged on telephone bills and an increase in it which provided an additional two million dollars per year for reimbursement of calltaker salary expenses to agencies operating 911 centers. This is another recurring revenue source.
- Application was made for a Science and Technology grant from the National Institute of Justice in the amount of \$24.4 million to fund the radio project and a host of enhancements. This would include full countywide data services, new methods of interoperability and cutting edge technologies such as live video from the police cruiser. The results of the grant application will not be available until February 2001.

The MPSCC is moving ahead rapidly with its project. The work plan is very ambitious and will provide the municipalities, and in particular the municipal law enforcement agencies of the County, with an interoperable communications system utilizing the best technology available at the lowest cost.



### MPSCC Officers

#### *Chairman*

**Robert Mangold**  
Atlantis Police

#### *Vice-Chairman* **Wes Smith**

Lake Clarke Shores Police

#### *Treasurer* **William Smith** Lake Worth Police

#### *Secretary* **Michael Wells** Lake Park Fire

#### *Executive Director* **Wayne English** CJC Staff

#### *CPSCC Chairman* **Ernie Carr** Palm Beach Gardens Police

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**Robert Mangold**  
*MPSCC Chair*



**Ernie Carr**  
*CPSCC Chair*

*The MPSCC member municipalities and their representatives on the Board of Directors are:*

- Belle Glade*
- Boca Raton*
- Boynton Beach*
- Delray Beach*
- Greenacres*
- Gulf Stream*
- Highland Beach*
- Juno Beach*
- Jupiter*
- Lake Clarke Shores*
- Lake Park*
- Lake Worth*
- Lantana*
- Manalapan*
- Mangonia Park*

- Ocean Ridge*
- North Palm Beach*
- Pahokee*
- Palm Beach*
- Palm Beach Gardens*
- Palm Beach Shores*
- Palm Springs*
- Riviera Beach*
- Royal Palm Beach*
- South Bay*
- South Palm Beach*
- Tequesta*
- Wellington*
- West Palm Beach*

*Hugh McCaffrey, Vice Chair*  
*City of Boca Raton*

*Mark Adler*  
*PBC E-911 Management*

*Captain Tom Bates*  
*Lantana Police Department*

*Michael Cambisios*  
*West Palm Beach Police Department*

*Chief Roger Crane*  
*South Palm Beach Public Safety*

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*Palm Beach Shores Police Dept.*

*Deputy Chief Larry Koester*  
*PBC Fire-Rescue*

*Tracy Lehner*  
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*Chief Jeffery Lindschoog*  
*Lake Park Police Department*

*Andrea Lueghausen*  
*West Palm Beach Police Dept.*

*Earl Moore*  
*League of Cities*

*Lieutenant Robert Mutz*  
*North Palm Beach Public Safety*

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*Village of Wellington*

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*Chief Clay Walker*  
*Manalapan Public Safety Dept.*

*Captain Robert Weber*  
*Greenacres Public Safety*

*Steven R. Wiesen*  
*Royal Palm Beach Police Dept.*

*Robert Zelazny*  
*PBC Communications*

# Drug Court

## PURPOSE

To divert selected adult felony substance abuse offenders from a traditional court setting to a one-year, treatment-based rehabilitation Drug Court program designed to change lifestyles while reducing recidivism

Eligible volunteer substance abuse offenders will be offered an opportunity to have their pending substance abuse charge(s) diverted from traditional court to the one-year treatment-based Drug Court. Pending charges will be withheld for a period of one-year while the offender is in the program. Offenders will undergo a bio-psycho-social assessment to determine the type and level of addiction and a treatment plan will then be tailored to their specific needs.

Offenders will be required to attend regularly scheduled status hearings in court where their progress will be monitored by Judge Bailey and the Drug Court team. Treatment options include individual and group substance abuse counseling, random and frequent urinalysis, acupuncture and other treatment as needed. Progress will be encouraged while sanctions such as community service and/or jail time will be imposed for relapses. Successful completion of the one-year treatment Drug Court will result in dismissal of pending charges.

## 2000 ACTIVITIES

*Financial Assistance:*  
The CJC received a \$30,000 Office of Justice Planning grant effective June 1, 1999 through November 30, 2000 with a local cash match of \$10,000 provided from the Drug Abuse Trust Fund.

A planning committee was formed and began meeting monthly on July 8, 1999 with Judge Nelson E. Bailey as Chairman and the eventual presiding Drug Court Judge. The Planning Committee toured the Broward County Drug Court on August 24 and October 14, 1999 to observe first hand the national model drug court. Program researcher/evaluator Jamie Price identified a target population for the Planning Committee consisting of 1436 offenders who meet the eligibility requirements for admission to Drug Court.

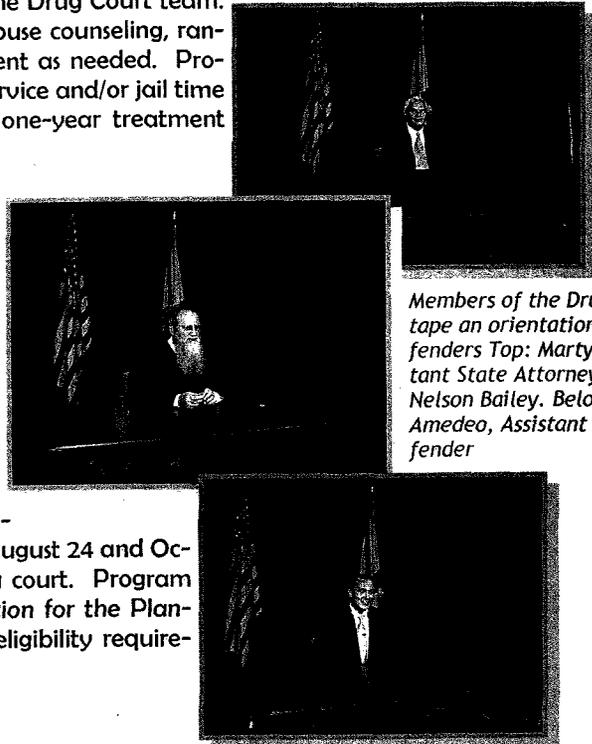
*Drug Court Funding:*  
On May 16, 2000, the state legislature allocated two Drug Court positions to the 15th Judicial Circuit for a Drug Court Coordinator and Administrative Assistant which will be administered through Court Administration.

On August 24, 2000, Chief Judge Walter N. Colbath, Jr., issued an Administrative Order naming November 6, 2000 as the Drug Court opening date. On September 26, 2000, the County Commission approved a CJC request to transfer \$275,000 from the Drug Abuse Trust Fund to Drug Court for treatment.

The County Commission also approved a CJC request to transfer \$52,000 to create the position of Substance Abuse Prevention/Grants Coordinator. This position will be responsible for initiate substance abuse education and awareness programs and to monitor, research and leverage potential funding for substance abuse treatment in the County.

Quote from a female Drug Court participant...

"We are not evil people trying to be good....we are sick people trying to get better".



Members of the Drug Court Team tape an orientation video for offenders Top: Marty Epstein, Assistant State Attorney Left: Judge Nelson Bailey. Below: Damon Amedeo, Assistant Public Defender

- Drug Court Personnel**
- Dorrie Tyng  
Drug Court Coordinator
  - Astrid Thillet-Correcjer  
Administrative Assistant

**M e m b e r s**



**Nelson E. Bailey**  
Chair

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*PBSO MAN Unit*

**Darlene Silvernail**  
*Forest Hill Counselling*

**Terry Allen**  
*45<sup>th</sup> Street Mental Health*

**Donna Harris**  
*45<sup>th</sup> Street Mental Health*

**Joe Speicher**  
*South County Mental Health*

**Lisa Collie**  
*Florida Dept. of Corrections*

## Drug Abuse Trust Fund

CJC responsibility:

1. Administer fund for County
2. Recommend its allocation to County Commission

### 2000 ACTIVITY

**\$120,000** to contract with Comprehensive Alcoholism Rehabilitation Program (CARP) and Gratitude House, Inc., for substance abuse treatment services for court-ordered Community Court offenders

**\$50,000** for a Clinical Services Program Specialist to coordinate substance abuse and other social services at Community Court

**\$275,000** to enhance the Sheriff's Substance Abuse Awareness Program (SAAP) to provide treatment services for eligible drug court offenders

**\$52,000** for a Substance Abuse Prevention/Grants Coordinator at the CJC to implement substance abuse prevention/education programs, and to research and leverage funding for substance abuse treatment

## Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program

CJC responsibility:

1. Administer grant funds for County
2. Recommend its allocation to County Commission
3. Serve as the local advisory board to police departments that are also allocated these funds

### 2000 ACTIVITY

The Federal FY 2000 allocation totaled **\$854,626**. The United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), awarded the funds to be spent over a 24-month period. These funds were allocated as follows:

**\$155,616** to the Community Court and Treatment Component Program

**\$16,405** to the Countywide Public Safety Communications Project

**\$170,605** for a Criminal Justice Analyst to staff the Law Enforcement Planning Council

**\$275,000** to the Community Justice Pilot Project

**\$117,000** to the Community Based Anti-Crime Unit (COMBAT)

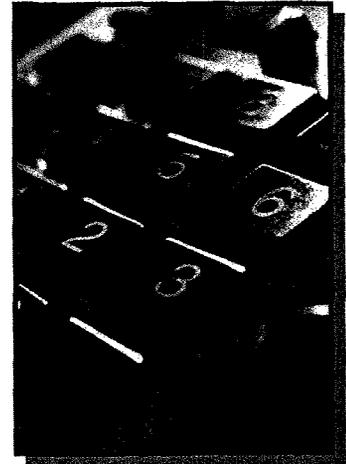
**\$120,000** to Countywide Weed and Seed Administrative Component

## CJC GRANT HISTORY

**Discretionary Grant Award:**  
Over \$5,000,000

**Federal Formula Grant Administration:**  
Over \$10,000,000

**County Drug Abuse Trust Fund Administration:**  
Over \$1,000,000



## CJC as Advisory Board

On July 10 and September 25, 2000, the CJC Executive Committee acted as the advisory board to review the proposed LLEBG applications for 11 municipalities including Belle Glade, Boca Raton, Boynton Beach, Jupiter, Lake Park, Lake Worth, Pahokee, Palm Beach Gardens, Riviera Beach, South Bay, and West Palm Beach. Conducting an advisory board review is a prerequisite for receiving the LLEBG funds. The municipal proposals focused primarily on the acquisition of new technology and the hiring of additional personnel. The Committee endorsed all 11 proposals, which represented a combined total of **\$1,271,943** in federal grants and match funds.

# M e m b e r s

## Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Assistance Formula Grant Program

### CJC responsibility:

1. Administer grant funds for County
2. Serve as the County's Substance Abuse Advisory Board (SAAB)
3. Recommend its allocation to County Commission

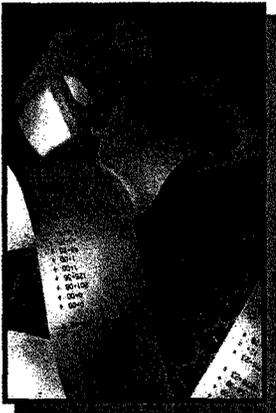


Peter Blanc  
Chair

### 2000 ACTIVITY

FY 2001 allocation totaled **\$971,279.**

By choice, the CJC issues a local Request For Proposal (RFP) to allow local units of government to apply for the funds. The CJC's Byrne Grant Committee reviews the grant proposals and provides a recommendation to the CJC. Twelve proposals were received during the RFP process this past year. The Byrne Grant Committee's recommendation was approved by the CJC and then the County Commission.



#### **Multi-Agency Narcotics Unit (MAN)**

(Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office)

**\$442,192 federal + \$147,398 match = \$589,590**

#### **Juvenile Domestic Violence Mediation Program (JDVMP)**

(Court Administration, 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit)

**\$42,533 federal + \$14,178 match = \$56,711**

#### **Special Option: Toward Achieving Recovery (SOAR)**

(Palm Beach County Victim Services)

**\$111,062 federal + \$37,021 match = \$148,083**

#### **Program Administration**

(Palm Beach County CJC)

**\$42,671 federal + \$14,224 match = \$56,895**

#### **Community Court/Community Services Program**

(Palm Beach County CJC)

**\$30,000 federal + \$10,000 match = \$40,000**

#### **Countywide Weed and Seed Administrative Component**

(City of Delray Beach)

**\$60,000 federal + \$20,000 match = \$80,000**

## MEMBERS

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*Fl. Dept. of Corrections*

Ken Selvig  
*State Attorney's Office*

Wes Smith  
*Lake Clark Shores Police*

# Gun Safety Task Force

## PURPOSE

To study gun safety and educational issues

## 2000 ACTIVITIES

### Eight Recommendations for Gun Safety

Developed by the Task Force, endorsed by the CIC and the County Commission

- ☞ Obtain the commitment from all law enforcement agencies in Palm Beach County to participate in the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms' (ATF) gun-tracing Project LEAD.
- ☞ Implement a Memorandum of Understanding between the hospitals in Palm Beach County, the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms, and the law enforcement community to ensure all shootings (intentional or accidental) are reported to the police and all recovered projectiles are collected by the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office. The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office will enter this information into a database to determine if the weapon was used in the commission of a previous crime.
- ☞ Endorse implementation of the Communities Addressing Responsible Gun Ownership (CARGO). This program, a partnership of schools, the AFT, and trauma centers, is the first comprehensive gun safety program offered in Palm Beach County schools. Parents and children are instructed in gun safety; they see photos that depict what gunshot wounds can do to the human body; and they learn how to recognize the early signs of aggressiveness and threatening behavior in the school environment. Free gunlocks are distributed at the conclusion of the program. The first CARGO program was held at Lake Worth Middle School on September 26<sup>th</sup>. Eventually, this program will be brought to all schools in the county.



**Project  
COMMUNITIES  
ADDRESSING  
RESPONSIBLE  
GUN  
OWNERSHIP.**

**USE A GUN AND YOU'RE DONE**

**10 20 LIFE**

*During a Crime*  
Pull a gun - 10 years  
Fire a gun - 20 years  
Shoot someone - 25 to LIFE

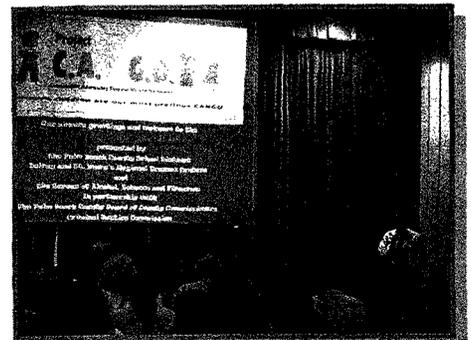
Repealed by the Florida House of Representatives in 2001  
and the Senate in 2002

- ☞ Obtain the annual update of the School District Police Firearm/Expulsion Review report on students who have been expelled for weapons possession. Promote new legislation that will require expelled students to attend class at an alternate school site. Seek funding for mental health treatment for these expelled students.
- ☞ Promote state legislation that will permit a local ordinance that would require safety locks to be sold with all new firearms purchased in Palm Beach County.
- ☞ Track gun-safety related bills in the Florida legislature during the 2001 session for potential support.

- ☞ Promote awareness of the 10-20-Life Law.
- ☞ Encourage local law enforcement to purchase guns only from firearms dealers who have agreed to incorporate certain gun safety procedures in the manufacture of their firearms.

## Did you know?

- ☞ There are over 200 million guns in America
- ☞ There is a gun in 43% of households with children in America
- ☞ There's a loaded gun in one in every ten households with children
- ☞ A gun is left unlocked and merely hidden away in one in every eight family homes



Commissioner Warren Newell opens the first CARGO class at Lake Worth Middle School.

## Examples of Gun Safety Locks



**M e m b e r s**

**Gun Safety Statistics**

- In 1998, 86% of the fire-arm deaths of children under fourteen in the world occurred in the United States
- Since 1993, 77% of deaths that have occurred on school grounds have been a result of gun violence



Warren H. Newell  
*Chair*

**MEMBERS**

Dale Armstrong  
*Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms*

Ric Bradshaw  
*West Palm Beach Police Dept.*

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*State Attorney's Office*

Robert Chalman  
*Lantana Police Department*

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*Public Defender's Office*

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*School District Police Department*

Robert Neumann  
*Palm Beach County Sheriff*

Sidney Rosenthal  
*Stop Handgun Violence, Inc.*

Tom Rossin  
*Florida Senate*

Emalyn Webber  
*U.S. Attorney's Office*

**Locks to Cops Program**

At the suggestion of Commissioner Warren Newell, the County Commission approved the CIC's request to purchase over 7,000 gun safety locks. Ten of these locks will be given to every law enforcement officer in the County to distribute in appropriate situations. This Program is part of the County's overall effort to protect children from unsecured firearms.

# Law Enforcement Planning Council

## PURPOSE

- Discuss, evaluate, and develop policy issues for the law enforcement community
- Develop strategic plans for ensuring better coordination and cooperation among law enforcement agencies, as well as other criminal justice entities
- Research and evaluate national trends in law enforcement issues for local implementation

## 2000 ACTIVITIES

### Police-Probation Partnerships

Implemented a countywide police-probation partnership with the Florida Department of Corrections and the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice that will permit a cooperative effort among these agencies to monitor adult and juvenile probationers. Memorandums of Understanding have been signed by more than a dozen agencies.

### Crime Prevention Programs

Created a Crime Prevention Subcommittee to study which crime prevention programs work, which look promising, and which don't work. This Subcommittee is expected to return its findings early in 2001 providing recommendations for programs throughout the County.

### Gun Safety

Agreed to implement a countywide effort of law enforcement agencies to collect and trace all expended bullets through the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms' national database.

Implemented Project LEAD, which is a crime-gun tracing partnership between the law enforcement community and the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms



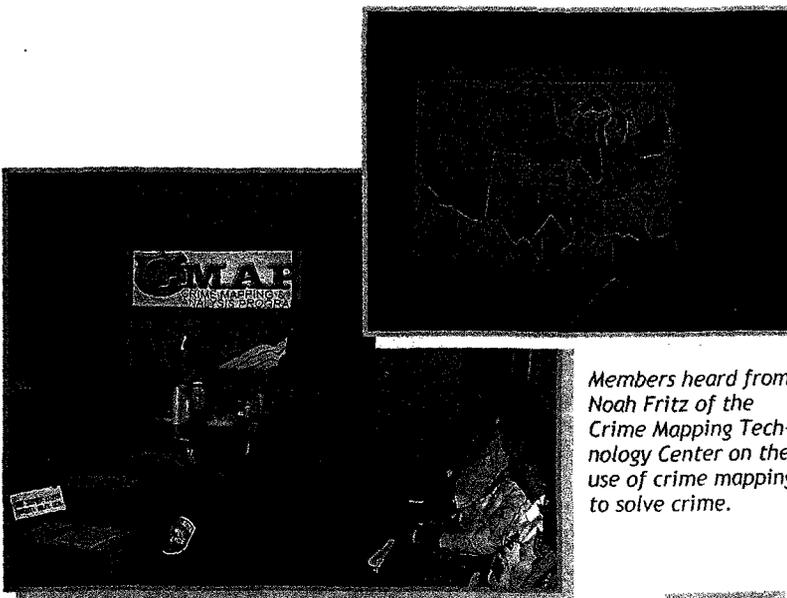
Crime Mapping Technology Center conducts first course at FAU for Palm Beach and Broward County crime analysts



### Crime Mapping and Analysis Program (CMAP) Course

The first Crime Mapping and Analysis Program (CMAP) course, sponsored by the National Law Enforcement and Corrections Technology Center and Florida Atlantic University, was held the last week of November. This course is designed to teach crime analysts to use Geographic Information Systems (GIS) technology to create immediate and detailed maps of crime patterns and contributing factors. GIS crime mapping is a tool to help police administrators identify and predict crime so that personnel and resources can be allocated accordingly.

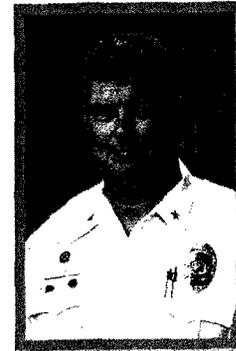
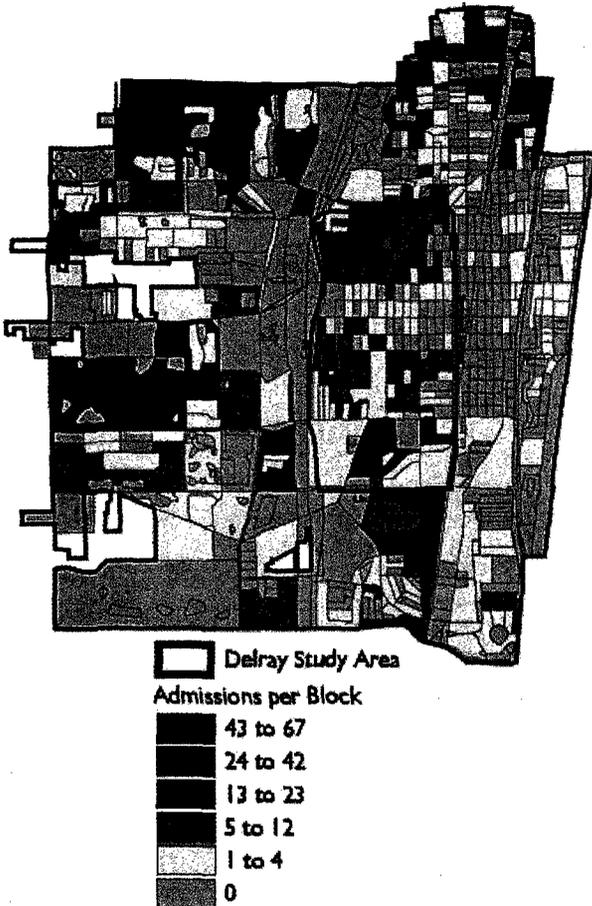
Crime analysts from the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, West Palm Beach Police, Palm Beach Police, Palm Beach Gardens Police, Boca Raton Police, Delray Beach Police, and several departments from Broward County attended this most worthwhile course.



Members heard from Noah Fritz of the Crime Mapping Technology Center on the use of crime mapping to solve crime.

Members

**Jail Admissions**  
**City of Delray Beach**  
 Source: CASES



Robert Mangold  
 Chair

MEMBERS

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*Palm Beach Gardens*
- Chief Mike Miller  
*Belle Glade*
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- Chief Marshall Gage  
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*Jupiter*
- Chief William E. Smith  
*Lake Worth*
- Chief Frank Croft  
*Palm Beach*
- Chief James Kelly  
*PBC School District Police*
- Sheriff Robert Neumann  
*PBC Sheriff's Office*
- Chief Jerry Poreba  
*Riviera Beach*
- Chief Stephen Allison  
*Tequesta*
- Chief Ric Bradshaw  
*West Palm Beach*

**What is GIS-based crime mapping?**

It is a desktop geographic information system that allows for visualizing, exploring, querying, editing, and analyzing information linked to geographic locations.

**What is the application for the Palm Beach County law enforcement community?**

Using GIS software, it will be possible to map countywide crime patterns that will enable police executives to deploy personnel and resources in a more efficient manner and assist crime analysts in projecting future crime patterns and criminal trends.

**Preparing for the future**

Crime analysts must be trained in the use of this GIS-based technology. The CJC has facilitated the implementation of a partnership between Florida Atlantic University and the National Law Enforcement and Corrections Technology Center to create a training center in South Florida devoted to training crime analysts in the use and applicability of crime mapping.

# Long Range Planning Task Force

## PURPOSE

To develop a five year strategic plan for the CJC

## 2000 ACTIVITIES

During 1999 the CJC engaged Dr. Herb Marlowe to perform a business operations evaluation. This evaluation concentrated on the processes the CJC utilizes to do its business. Out of Dr. Marlowe's 35 recommendations, 2 were key. One was the need for a five-year planning process; the other was the need to channel potential new business through a process that evaluates a host of factors. These two go hand-in-hand to keep the CJC focused on its priorities.

### Process to Screen New Initiatives

The CJC adopted a process to screen potential new initiatives. The intent of this process is to have a mechanism to evaluate the impact to existing CJC priorities when taking on new business. Anyone who desires the CJC to address an issue must submit a letter explaining the following:

- ☞ A description of the problem or issue
- ☞ What action they would like the CJC to take
- ☞ Any potential remedies
- ☞ CJC staff resources needed
- ☞ Potential costs

### CJC Strategic Plan: 2001 to 2005

The Plan includes:

- Vision Statement
- Mission Statement
- Core Values
- Goals
- Strategies

It takes into account all of the CJC's existing committees, initiatives, and commitments. A timeline provides deadlines and milestone events. The plan was adopted by CJC members at their Annual Advance in November 1999.

## GOALS

1. Study all aspects of the criminal justice and crime prevention systems within the federal, state, county, municipal and private agencies
2. Provide overall coordination to law enforcement and crime prevention efforts
3. Provide an efficient, cost effective, and timely criminal justice system
4. Effect the reduction of crime on a permanent basis
5. Serve as an advisory board to the Board of County Commissioners on criminal justice issues
6. Raise the level of knowledge of the local citizenry about the criminal justice system



## Vision

Cultivate and enrich local criminal justice practice, policy and program development



## Mission

Serve as a catalyst to bring together criminal justice and related agencies in partnerships

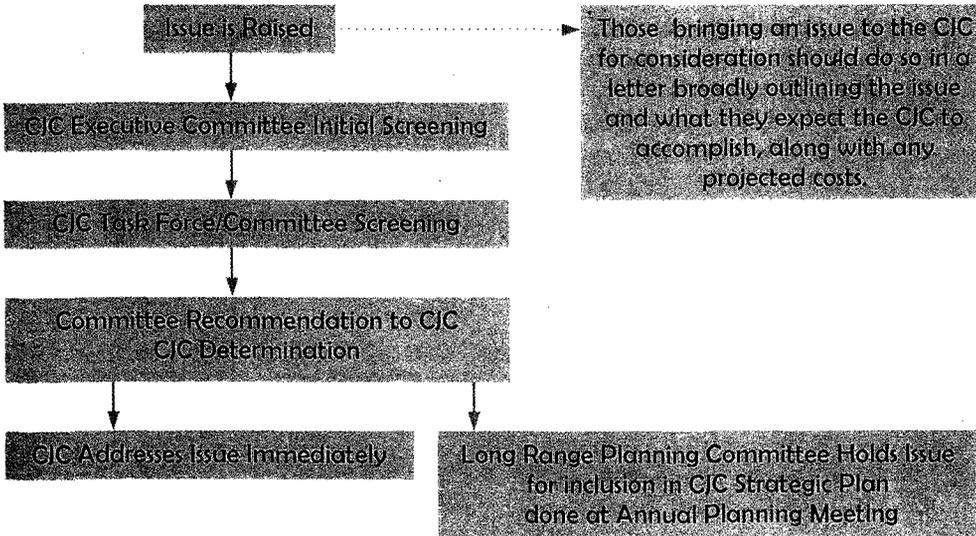
## Core Values

1. An efficient, effective, and timely criminal justice system is vital for the health, safety, and welfare of the County's citizens
2. Crime is best addressed through cooperative efforts that involve both public and private sectors
3. Objective leadership is the foundation for examining issues in a fair and independent process that is not directed by any single criminal justice agency
4. Decisions made by a consensus of all interested parties is fundamental to unity
5. An open forum for the discussion of issues is imperative for genuine and candid debate
6. Success is more certain when all interested parties have a say in crafting solutions
7. Expertise and experience of local professionals are invaluable knowledge bases to draw upon
8. Successful model programs and national/international trends can benefit local communities
9. Encouragement for bold innovative approaches produces remarkable results



# Members

## Screening Process



Leo E. Noble  
Chair

## MEMBERS

Sharon Bock  
*Office of the Clerk of the Court*

Walter N. Colbath, Jr.  
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*Ballensles Development Co.*

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*Hardrives of Delray, Inc.*

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*Communications by Johnson*

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*Board of County Commissioners*

Tom Rossin  
*Florida Senate*

## Screening Criteria

### CJC Executive Committee Initial Screening

1. Is there an agency responsible for handling this issue? If so, has it been approached?
2. Does this issue involve multiple agencies?
3. Does this issue have a significant impact on: (a) the County? (b) the criminal justice system?
4. Does this issue fall within the objectives set out for the CJC in the enabling ordinance?

### CJC Task Force/Committee Screening

1. Why was the issue referred, i.e., what problem, service gap, new opportunity exists?
2. What outcome is desired, i.e., develop a strategy, incubate a program, write a grant, etc.?
3. What is the likelihood of achieving the desired outcome?
4. What is the impact if the CJC does not address the issue?
5. Does the Committee and staff have the expertise required?
6. What goals and objectives should be established?
7. What are the requirements for CJC staffing?
8. What is the estimated timeframe for program evaluation?
9. What is the estimated cost savings/fiscal impact?
10. What are some potential long-term funding options?
11. Does this issue need to be addressed immediately or held for inclusion in the annual update of the CJC's strategic plan?

# Permanent Funding Solutions Committee



Barry Krischer  
*Chair*

## PURPOSE

To reduce the CJC's reliance on grants for established initiatives and projects

## 2000 ACTIVITIES

Members developed a funding strategy for the security aspect of the Juvenile Assessment Center and enacted it for FY2001 and subsequent years. This strategy entailed the partnership of local law enforcement, the courts, the School District, and the County. For the first year of funding, FY2001, the strategy calls for the top ten law enforcement agency users of JAC to contribute, but for subsequent years, all law enforcement agencies are part of the strategy.

### FY01 (October 1, 2000 to September 30, 2001)

<b>\$375,000</b>	<b>Recurring annual cost of security</b>
\$ 40,000	\$3.00 assessment on court cases (available)
\$ 150,000	Court Administration
\$ 50,000	Sheriff's Office
\$ 81,000	60% of Balance (\$40,500 each)
	Sheriff's Office
	School District
\$ 54,000	40% of Balance (\$5,400 each)
	Top 10 Police Department Users of JAC
	West Palm Beach
	Boynton Beach
	Riviera Beach
	Lake Worth
	Palm Beach Gardens
	Delray Beach
	Greenacres
	Jupiter
	Royal Palm Beach
	Boca Raton

### FY02 and THEREAFTER

#### **THESE AMOUNTS ARE ESTIMATES**

<b>\$375,000</b>	<b>Recurring annual cost of security</b>
\$ 93,750	\$3.00 assessment on court cases
\$ 168,750	60% of Balance (\$56,250 estimated each)
	Sheriff's Office
	School District
\$ 112,500	40% of Balance (\$3,750 estimated each)
	30 Municipal Police Departments**
	(each department represents 1% of cost)
	(**The amount per agency depends upon the number of agencies which participate.)

## MEMBERS

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*Legal Aid Society*
- Peter Blanc  
*Circuit Court Judge*
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- Mary McCarty  
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*Economic Council*
- Darryl Olson  
*Fl. Dept. of Juvenile Justice*
- James Watt  
*Caldwell & Pacetti*
- Emalyn Webber  
*U.S. Attorney's Office*

## PURPOSE

To ensure Pride Integrated Services, Inc., is in compliance with the County professional services contract for the provision of misdemeanor probation services to Palm Beach County

## 2000 ACTIVITIES

### Contract Duration

On May 4, 1999, the County Commission approved a three-year contract with Pride effective December 6, 1999 through December 5, 2002.

### Pride Commitment

Pride's commitment to the PAB and CJC included plans to computerize their case management system, which is nearly complete. Pride probation officers will utilize the system to keep track of offender data. It will have a financial component as well. In the future, computerization of the records system should make it easier to complete the annual audit.

### Annual Audit

The annual audit of Pride case files for the period of October 1, 1998 through September 30, 1999 was completed. Several recommendations were made, however, Pride was found to be in compliance with the County professional services contract. On October 23, a presentation on the results of the Pride audit was provided to the CJC.

### Probationer Handbook

The Probation Advisory Board and Pride collaborated to develop a probation services handbook to be given to each probationer outlining standard and special conditions of probation. The handbook has been printed in both English and Spanish.

### Probation Services Assessment

The PAB and Pride jointly developed a probation services assessment that is designed to elicit opinions on the quality of service being delivered by Pride. The assessment will be presented to representatives of the State Attorney and Public Defender Offices and members of the private defense lawyers association who have direct contact with Pride probation officers. Survey results will enable Pride to address any concerns or service gaps that may exist and the quality of probation services being provided to Palm Beach County.



Ted Booras  
Chair

## MEMBERS

William A. Bollinger  
*County Court Judge*

John Conway  
*Assistant Public Defender*

Steven A. Cohen  
*Private Defense Attorney*

Justine Patterson  
*Florida Dept. of Corrections*

Virginia Cataldo  
*U.S. Probation*

Linda Rondone  
*Clerk of Courts Office*

The PAB mission is to ensure compliance with County requirements and the delivery of quality misdemeanor probation services.

## TYPICAL PROFILE

### MISDEMEANOR OFFENDER ON PROBATION

Male

Caucasian

Age 26 - 35

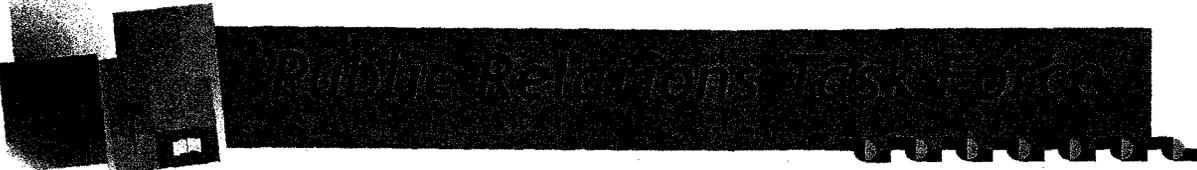
Single

Less than 12<sup>th</sup> grade education

One prior conviction

Employed

Drugs/Alcohol involvement



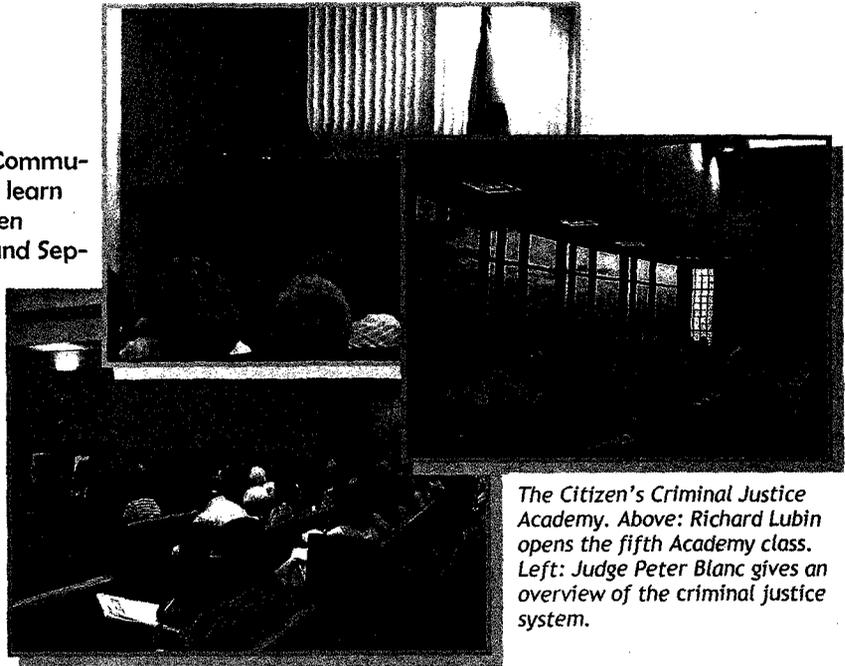
## PURPOSE

To educate citizens about CJC issues and accomplishments and to inform them about the criminal justice system through programs such as the Citizen's Criminal Justice Academy, Speaker's Bureau and monthly TV 20 special video programs on a variety of CJC topics

## 2000 ACTIVITIES

### Citizen's Criminal Justice Academy

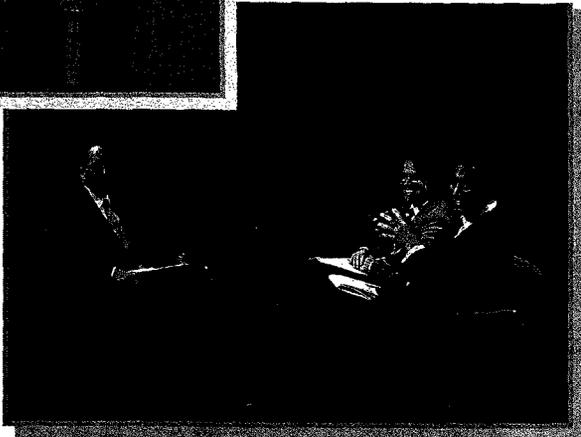
The CCJA was created by the CJC and Palm Beach Community College to provide an opportunity for citizens to learn more about the criminal justice system in PBC. Citizen Academies are scheduled twice a year in February and September. The CJC also agreed to schedule Academies throughout various locations in the County in order to reach a larger audience. The Fourth Academy was held in Delray Beach and future Academies are expected to be held in north and west county locations. To date, approximately 130 citizens have graduated from the five Academy classes.



The Citizen's Criminal Justice Academy. Above: Richard Lubin opens the fifth Academy class. Left: Judge Peter Blanc gives an overview of the criminal justice system.



Richard Lubin, Leslie Corley, and Todd Clear tape a panel discussion on community justice.



### Cable Channel TV 20 Video Programs

Individual CJC programs are video taped monthly for airing to inform citizens about the CJC and its accomplishments. The panel moderator and panel members are made up of CJC members, various committee members, and staff. Filming began in May 2000 with seven individual topics presented thus far including CJC, Corrections Task Force, Citizens Academy, Gun Safety, Community Court, Community Justice and Drug Court. Additional programming for the future includes PEG and Countywide Public Safety Radio Communications.

# Members



The 5th graduating class of the Citizen's Criminal Justice Academy. CJC member Roy Davidson presented certificates of completion to all participants on November 20, 2000.



Max Davis  
Chair

## MEMBERS

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*CJC Secretary*

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*Past CJC Chairman*

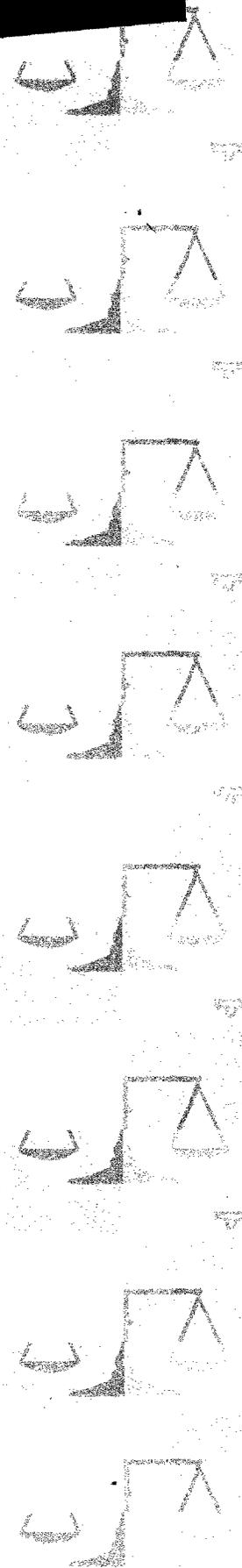
### CJC Speaker's Bureau

The Speaker's Bureau was created to help raise the visibility of the Criminal Justice Commission and to profile the many criminal justice programs and accomplishments generated by the various task forces of the CJC. In marketing the Speaker's Bureau, approximately 80 service organizations and 20 Chambers of Commerce were notified of the program. Additionally, TV 20 advertised the Speaker's Bureau for 30 days. A Speaker's Bureau brochure was designed for mailing that contains nine suggested topics that include current FY 2000 initiatives.

To date, presentations have been given to several Rotary Chapters, Lions and Kiwanis's Clubs and Senior Citizen organizations.

### CJC/BCC Luncheon Meetings

In calendar year 2000, the CJC began hosting individual luncheon meetings with each BCC member to thank them for their continued support of the CJC and to brief them on emerging issues. The luncheon meetings are hosted by individual CJC members. Each luncheon meeting involved several public and private CJC members. The luncheon meetings began in June 2000 with succeeding months for each BCC member.



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