

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

**Thursday, February 26, 2015 - 9:30 a.m.**

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

**Members Present**

Director Kirk Blouin, Chairman, Palm Beach Police Department  
Chief Brian Smith, Vice Chairman, Juno Beach Police Department  
Chief Robert Mangold, Atlantis Police Department  
Chief Jeffrey Goldman, Delray Beach Police Department  
Director Michael Porath, Greenacres Department of Public Safety  
Chief Craig Hartmann, Highland Beach Police Department  
Chief Frank Kitzerow, Jupiter Police Department  
Chief Wes Smith, Lake Clarke Shores Police Department  
Chief Sean Scheller, Lantana Police Department  
Chief Carmen Mattox, Manalapan Police Department  
Chief Richard Jenkins, North Palm Beach Police Department  
Chief Christopher Yannuzzi, Ocean Ridge Police Department  
Chief Stephen Stepp, Palm Beach Gardens Police Department  
Chief Duncan Young, Palm Beach Shores Police Department  
Chief Clarence Williams III, Riviera Beach Police Department  
Chief Carl Webb, South Palm Beach Police Department  
Chief Bryan Kummerlen, West Palm Beach Police Department  
Sheriff Ric Bradshaw, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office  
Chief Charles Lowe, Florida Atlantic University Police Department  
Michael D'Alonzo, 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  
Robert Shirley, Resident Agent in Charge, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives  
Glen Wilner, Assistant Chief, U.S. Marshals Service  
Xavier Morales, Patrol Agent in Charge, U.S. Border Patrol

**Members Absent**

Chief Dan Alexander, Chairman, Boca Raton Police Department  
Chief Jeffrey Katz, Boynton Beach Police Department  
Chief Garrett Ward, Gulf Stream Police Department  
Chief John Pruitt, Jupiter Inlet Colony Police Department  
Chief Thomas A. Ceccarelli, Palm Springs Public Safety Department  
Chief Christopher Elg, Tequesta Police Department  
Chief Larry Leon, Palm Beach County School District Police Department  
Major Luis Ramil, Florida Highway Patrol  
Troy Walker, Special Agent in Charge, Florida Department of Law Enforcement  
Maurice Spates, Resident Agent in Charge, Florida Department of Law Enforcement  
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 Pearce, Resident Agent in Charge, U.S. Secret Service  
Stephan Robinson, Supervisory Special Agent in Charge, Internal Revenue Service  
Pete Garcia, Federal Security Director, Transportation Security Administration

## **Advisory Members Present**

Director Larry Schroeder, Criminal Justice Institute of Palm Beach State College  
Hon. Dave Aronberg, State Attorney, 15th Judicial Circuit  
Rosalyn Baker, Circuit Administrator, Florida Department of Corrections  
Julie Hogan, Deputy Statewide Prosecutor, Attorney General's Office of Statewide Prosecution (Represented by Stephanie Tew)

## **Advisory Members Absent**

Dr. Michael Bell, Palm Beach County Medical Examiner  
Rolando Garcia, Deputy Chief, U.S. Attorney's Office  
Joni Livingston, CJSTC Field Specialist, Florida Department of Law Enforcement  
Gregory Starling, Chief Probation Officer, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice

## **Guests**

Lieutenant Hal Hutchins, Ocean Ridge Police Department  
Yasmin Rivera, Florida Department of Corrections  
Carla Sutherland, Florida Department of Health  
Steve Finney, Florida Department of Health Investigative Services Unit  
Colonel Jim Stormes, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office  
Trina Hayes, Technical Support Manager of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office  
Major Suzanne Gitto, Boynton Beach Police Department  
Major Stewart Steele, Boynton Beach Police Department  
Sidronio "Chilo" Casas, Florida Department of Health  
Amy Senior, Florida Department of Health Investigative Services Unit  
Chief Assistant Brian Fernandes, State Attorney's Office 15th Judicial Circuit  
J. Chris Kletthamer, Supervisory Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Erica Reuter, Information and Analysis Manager, Boca Raton Police Department  
Assistant Chief Clint Shannon, Palm Beach Gardens Police Department  
Assistant Chief Rick Facchine, Palm Beach Gardens Police Department  
Denise Vidal-Bennette, Senior Manager, ISS - LEX Project  
Todd Bonlarron, Director of PBC Legislative Affairs  
Becky Walker, Director of Network Management, Southeast Florida Behavioral Health Network  
Assistant Chief Sarah Mooney, West Palm Beach Police Department  
Edgar Morley, Support Services Manager, Palm Springs Public Safety Department  
Ted Gonzales, LEX Countywide Program Director  
Major Braxton Davis, Palm Beach County School District Police Department  
Assistant Chief Javaro Sims, Delray Beach Police Department  
Assistant Chief Mary Olsen, Delray Beach Police Department  
Captain Thomas Mitchell, Delray Beach Police Department  
Commanding Officer Gene Gibson, United States Coast Guard  
Enforcement Officer LCDR Elisa Garrity, United States Coast Guard  
INTEL Officer LCDR Christy Onken, United States Coast Guard  
Stuart Burgess, United States Coast Guard  
Chief Assistant Al Johnson, State Attorney's Office 15th Judicial Circuit  
Mike Edmondson, Executive Assistant, State Attorney's Office, 15th Judicial Circuit  
John Cataldo, Florida Highway Patrol  
Judge James Martz, 15th Judicial Circuit  
Captain David Bernhardt, West Palm Beach Police Department  
John Preschell, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office  
Richard Markoe, Manager - Court Operations, Clerk & Comptroller Palm Beach County  
Michelle Spangenberg, Director of Case Management, Court Administration, 15th Judicial Circuit  
Jane Tierney, CEO, Catalyst for Justice  
Patrick Doyle, Intelligence Analyst, West Palm Beach Police Department  
Scott Nugent, PBSO/Fusion Center  
Ed Nucci, Managing Assistant U.S. Attorney  
Jason David, Group Supervisor, Drug Enforcement Administration

## **CJC Staff Present**

Katherine Hatos, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst  
Jacquelyn Esposito, Criminal Justice Analyst

- I. Welcome and opening comments by Director Kirk Blouin, Chairman
- II. Roll Call

III. Introduction of Guests

IV. Approval and/or additions to the agenda

The February 26, 2015 agenda was approved.

V. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of January 22, 2015

The minutes of the January 22, 2015 meeting was approved.

VI. Chairman's Comments

- a. Welcomed Assistant Special Agent in Charge Michael A. D'Alonzo of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

VII. Initiatives/Updates

- a. The Florida Department of Health, Unlicensed Activity Program

Mr. Chilo Casas gave a slide presentation providing information on the program. Mr. Casas is the Unlicensed Activity Liaison of the division. He also acknowledged the presence of Amy Senior, Medical Quality Assurance Investigator Manager, and Steve Finney, Investigative Services Unit Supervisor. Their mission is to protect the public by stopping any unlicensed practice of health care professionals in the state of Florida. Mr. Casas provided background information on their division/program such as licensing and enforcement, statutory authority and funding, operations and practices, and collaboration with local, state, and federal agencies, etc. He also showed examples of unlicensed activity. They requested help in terms of reporting to them any unlicensed medical activity.

- b. CARP Closure Update

Ms. Becky Walker, Director of Network Management, provided an update on what has happened since CARP closed. Southeast Florida Behavioral Health Network (SFBHN) was the managing entity for CARP. CARP's contract expired on January 31, and they are going through the process of the sale of their property. However, CARP's detox facility is open on a limited basis until the funds run out in March. SFBHN had a transitional plan in place prior to CARP's closing. To absorb displaced CARP clients, SFBHN has contracted with DAF in Delray, and Jerome Golden Center in West Palm Beach, and are continuing to work on adding additional beds. Ms. Walker provided a short list of contact information for these facilities.

c. Electronic Search Warrants

Colonel Jim Stormes noted that this project was initiated about two years ago. He thanked the State Attorney's Office, Judge Martz, Michelle Spangenberg, and other members of the team who made this happen. He noted that the bill passed in July 2013. They will show the final product on March 2<sup>nd</sup> when they go live. From that time every search warrant in Palm Beach County will be submitted electronically. Colonel Stormes reported that the required trainings have been completed. Ms. Trina Hayes, Technical Support Manager of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, discussed the advantages of the system and explained how the system works.

VIII. New Business: No new business discussed.

IX. Old Business: No old business discussed.

X. Committee/Workgroup Reports

Chairman Blouin suggested reviewing the committees and deciding which ones to keep on the regular or quarterly agenda, or sunset. Each committee will be reviewed as they go along.

a. Book and Release Committee: No report was presented. Upon Chairman Blouin's recommendation, this committee will be sunset.

b. Recruitment and Retention Committee: The quarterly report for the period of October to December 2014 was included in the packet. Chief Yannuzzi mentioned that it was his last report as his resignation will be effective Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. He especially thanked Katherine Hatos and CJC staff for putting the reports together, as well as all the agencies for turning in their statistics needed in generating the report. Chief Yannuzzi reintroduced Lt. Hal Hutchins who will be the Interim Chief of Ocean Ridge Police Department effective Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Chairman Blouin thanked Chief Yannuzzi for his contributions to the Chiefs of Police Association and the Law Enforcement Planning Council. Chairman Blouin also congratulated Lt. Hal Hutchins for the Interim Chief position.

Chairman Blouin suggested keeping the reporting on a quarterly basis, but focus on collecting the data for sworn vacancies. Chief Young volunteered to Chair the committee.

c. Sexual Assault Response Team: No report was presented. Chairman Blouin and Chief Jenkins had agreed prior to the meeting to a quarterly report.

- d. Court Systems Task Force: No report was presented. Chief Elg was not at the meeting, but Chairman Blouin noted that they have talked about doing a quarterly report.
- e. Sex Offender Population: No report was presented. Upon Chairman Blouin's recommendation, this committee will be sunset.

## XI. Liaison Updates

- a. Data Sharing: Chief Kitzerow reported that they are continuing to increase the LEX platform. In the past they have partnered with Palm Beach County; they have now partnered with the FINDER group out of Orlando, and included the information sharing system out of the Panhandle area called SmartSHARE. Chief Kitzerow thanked Ted Gonzales, Denise Vidal-Bennette, and Penny Anderson for their work on the project.

The newly designed LEX 3.0 is scheduled to go live in March. The first group of agency administrators has been trained. They are preparing to train the road personnel people. They are in the planning phase to add Tequesta Police RMS data to LEX and Highland Beach now has access to LEX.

- b. Child Abuse Protocol: Chief Scheller reported that Natalie Cruz of the State Attorney's Office sent out the revised protocol and the MOU, with instructions to complete the signature page and then send back to Ms. Cruz. Chief Scheller also reported on the law enforcement specialist meeting that was held on February 13<sup>th</sup> at the West Palm Beach Police Department. The turnout was fairly good, but better attendance was encouraged with the new protocol coming out. The report was moved to quarterly, or as needed basis.
- c. Criminal Justice Commission: Chief Brian Smith attended the CJC Annual Planning Meeting this past Monday. The purpose of this meeting each year is to set the budget for the upcoming year. The total budget was \$3.7 million allocated to: Reentry, Drug Courts, CJC, and LEX. Chairman Blouin expressed his appreciation from law enforcement's perspective for CJC's support of the LEX. The committee reporting was moved to quarterly, although Chief Smith said that he will still try to attend every meeting as much as he can, and then consolidate the monthly reports into a quarterly report.
- d. Criminal Justice Institute: Director Schroeder reported they currently have four law enforcement, one corrections, one auxiliary, and one 9-1-1 academies. They are working on a couple of new initiatives: 1) Catalyst for Justice on Fair and Impartial Policing, with Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office; and 2) basic level, and possibly advance level JFO training. They may have another mass SART training in May. The committee's reporting will remain on a monthly basis.

- e. High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area: No report was presented. Colonel Stormes announced there will be an executive board meeting next month. The committee report was moved to a quarterly or as needed basis.
- f. High School Criminal Justice Academies: No report was presented. Ms. Rosalyn Baker recommended moving the committee reports to a quarterly basis; Chairman Blouin agreed.
- g. Communications/Interoperability: Chief Mangold reported that factory acceptance testing for West Palm Beach's P25 system was completed successfully; they are shipping infrastructure. They hope to have a go-live date in September. The committee's reporting will remain on a monthly basis.
- h. Legislative Update: This item was added to the agenda. Mr. Todd Bonlarron, Director of PBC Legislative Affairs, provided a brief update on current legislative issues. He mentioned that they are very fortunate to have Chief Kitzerow as one of the representatives for the State Chief's Association. Mr. Bonlarron encouraged everyone to continue working with him. Mr. Bonlarron discussed the following legislative issues:
  - Medical marijuana - bills have been filed in the House and the Senate to allow for some use of medical marijuana
  - Kratom - 2 bills are pending in the House and Senate that would move it to the controlled substance list
  - Sober homes - Representative Hager and Senator Clemens have bills sponsored that have cleared their first committees. They expect to move this bill forward. They are also working on federal issues.
  - Juvenile justice - there are about 15 bills they are currently tracking from civil citations to expungement of criminal records for certain juveniles
  - DJJ funding - particularly its relationship between state/local governments to determine financial responsibility
  - State Attorney Aronberg has been working on funding issues for the state attorney's, public defenders, and judges
  - Pensions - not expecting a lot to happen in FRS. There is a bill that is pending the same one from last year
  - Red light cameras - bill in the House to repeal the use of cameras
  - Body Cameras - bills are currently pending concerning public records
  - Sexually explicit images and their transmission (e.g., sexting) - couple of bills have been filed to increase penalties when an individual hasn't granted authority to use images
  - Lasting retirement for law enforcement dogs - Representative Kerner and Senator Abruzzo have filed legislation
  - Baker and Marchman acts - they are looking at some reforms this year
  - Sexual assault and domestic violence- they are monitoring 25 bills

They expect a surplus of \$1 billion from the \$77 billion budget for next year. There has been a lot of talk about safeguarding the trust funds. They should remind legislators about surplus funds. He mentioned that Chairman Blouin has expressed a strong interest in engaging the legislative side proactively. They have discussed legislation concerning increased penalties for crimes committed using rental cars; and working with automobile manufacturers on potential features like auto-kill switches for cars similar to cell phones. Mr. Bonlarron invited everyone to Palm Beach County Day next week.

State Attorney Dave Aronberg is working with Chairman Negrón on raising salaries. There is a bill that would remove all discretion concerning civil citation. It would be mandatory for every misdemeanor. They would also expand for second misdemeanors as well. He inquired if Mr. Bonlarron has seen any movement on this issue. Mr. Bonlarron advised that they are monitoring the issue, but haven't seen any movement. State Attorney Aronberg noted that there is another bill by Representative Edwards that really restricts their ability to direct file juveniles that commit dangerous crimes. Chairman Blouin asked him to keep the committee informed on those issues.

Chief Yannuzzi mentioned House Bill 571 concerning license plate recognition cameras that is currently in committee. It removes 119 exemption and restricts retention of records to 30 days.

- XII. Training Announcements: No training announcements.
- XIII. Member Comments: No member comments.
- XIV. Attachments
  - a. Unlicensed Activity Program Presentation
  - b. Quarterly Staffing Report
- XV. Adjournment

Next Meeting: March 26, 2015 Clayton Hutchinson Agricultural Center