

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

**Thursday, May 28, 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 Dan Alexander, Chairman, Boca Raton 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 Hal Hutchins, 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 (Represented by Major Leonard Mitchell)  
Chief Thomas A. Ceccarelli, Palm Springs Public Safety Department  
Chief Bryan Kummerlen, West Palm Beach Police Department  
Chief Larry Leon, Palm Beach County School District Police Department  
Chief Charles Lowe, Florida Atlantic University Police Department  
Troy Walker, Special 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 (Represented by Jeff Ardelean)  
Major Carol Owsiany-Himmel, Florida Division of Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco  
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  
Glen Wilner, Assistant Chief, U.S. Marshals Service  
Pete Garcia, Federal Security Director, Transportation Security Administration  
Xavier Morales, Patrol Agent in Charge, U.S. Border Patrol

**Members Absent**

Chief Jeffrey Katz, Boynton Beach Police Department  
Chief Jeffrey Goldman, Delray Beach Police Department  
Chief Garrett Ward, Gulf Stream Police Department  
Chief John Pruiitt, Jupiter Inlet Colony Police Department  
Chief Carmen Mattox, Manalapan Police Department  
Chief Richard Jenkins, North Palm Beach Police Department  
Chief Carl Webb, South Palm Beach Police Department  
Chief Christopher Elg, Tequesta Police Department  
Sheriff Ric Bradshaw, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office  
Major Luis Ramil, Florida Highway Patrol  
Maurice Spates, Resident Agent in Charge, Florida Department of Law Enforcement  
Lieutenant Anthony Stafford, State Fire Marshall's Office  
Robert Shirley, Resident Agent in Charge, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives  
Robert Pearce, Resident Agent in Charge, U.S. Secret Service  
Ellie Michaud, Supervisory Special Agent in Charge, Internal Revenue Service

## **Advisory Members Present**

Director Larry Schroeder, Criminal Justice Institute of Palm Beach State College  
Hon. Dave Aronberg, State Attorney, 15th Judicial Circuit (Represented by Chief Assistant Brian Fernandes)  
Joni Livingston, CJSTC Field Specialist, Florida Department of Law Enforcement  
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  
Gregory Starling, Chief Probation Officer, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice

## **Guests**

Major Patrick Mccutcheon, Palm Beach County School District Police Department  
Colonel Jim Stormes, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office  
Captain Adam Hirsch, Jupiter Police Department  
Captain Sam Miller, Jupiter Police Department  
Captain Ann-Marie Taylor, Palm Beach Police Department  
Jackie Boswell, FDLE Regional Legal Advisor  
Office Dale Allen, Jupiter Inlet Colony Police Department  
Assistant State Attorney Greg Kridos, State Attorney's Office, 15th Judicial Circuit  
Deputy Chief Dan Szarszewski, Palm Beach Police Department  
Captain Jeffrey Trylch, Palm Beach Police Department  
Lucy Rodriguez, Crime Intelligence Analyst, Palm Beach Police Department  
Clay Walker, Community Development Administrator, Department of Children and Families  
Major Stewart Steele, Boynton Beach Police Department  
Captain Rodney Tilley, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives  
Supervisory Special Agent John "Jay" Bernardo, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Deputy Chief Michele Miuccio, Boca Raton Police Department  
Major Amy Walling, Jupiter Police Department  
Chief Investigator Scott Penney, Public Defender's Office of the 15th Judicial Circuit  
Penny Anderson, Senior Coordinator, ISS - LEX Project  
Adrian Stewart, Florida Department of Corrections  
Donald Monroe, Florida Department of Corrections  
Commander Robert Hagerty, Lantana Police Department  
Captain Brian Kapper, West Palm Beach Police Department  
Major David England, Jupiter Police Department  
Captain Nick Scopelitis, Jupiter Police Department  
Deputy Chief Dan Kerr, Jupiter Police Department  
Erica Reuter, Information and Analysis Manager, Boca Raton Police Department  
Sergeant Tom Melnichok, Palm Beach Police Department  
Dr. Barbara Gerlock, JJAB C15 Chair  
Todd Bonlarron, Director of PBC Legislative Affairs  
Joseph Sophie, PBC Legislative Delegation Aide  
Captain Robert Perez, Palm Springs Public Safety Department  
Stewart Saalfield, Court Program Specialist II  
Bob Daniels, North Bay Village  
Jane Tierney, CEO, Catalyst for Justice  
Paul Menitoff, Catalyst for Justice  
Richard Markoe, PBC Manager - Court Operations  
Ted Gonzales, LEX Countywide Program Director  
Assistant Chief Sarah Mooney, West Palm Beach Police Department  
Denise Vidal-Bennette, Senior Manager, ISS - LEX Project  
Scott Nugent, PBSO/Fusion Center  
Assistant Chief Mary Olsen, Delray Beach Police Department  
Anthony Strianese, Project Manager, G4  
Major Chris Smith, Jupiter Police Department  
Steven Randerson, Assistant Federal Security Director, Transportation Security Administration

## **CJC Staff Present**

Katherine Hatos, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst  
Jacquelyn Esposito, Criminal Justice Analyst  
Allison Orr, Administrative Assistant

- 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 May 28, 2015 agenda was approved.

- V. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of April 23, 2015

The minutes of the April 23, 2015 meeting were approved as amended adding Rosalyn Baker to members present.

- VI. Chairman's Comments

- a. Congratulations to Major Carol Owsiany-Himmel on her retirement from the Florida Division of Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco.

- VII. Initiative/Updates

- a. Stolen Identity Refund Fraud

Supervisory Special Agent John "Jay" Bernardo of the Federal Bureau of Investigation gave a presentation about Stolen Identity Refund Fraud (SIRF). SSA Bernardo differentiated between SIRF, individuals taking stolen identities and then filing returns on federal income taxes; and the typical tax fraud wherein extra dependents or deductions are claimed, etc. which is more of an IRS issue. About four years ago, the crime was more of credit card fraud, which now has become identity theft wherein personal identification information or PII (name, date of birth, social security number), is stolen. SSA Bernardo briefly discussed the history of SIRF. Criminals start by stealing PII from unprotected institutions, particularly health care facilities. Easy targets are the deceased, prisoners, children, homeless, and the elderly. The perpetrators apply for an electronic filing identification number (EFIN), which is relatively easy to obtain. This number is used to file tax returns, and get refund money in the form of checks, direct deposit, and debit card. One individual can file an average of 200 returns for \$5,000 each.

Katherine Hatos asked about the Florida statute that allows an individual to use an alternate identification at doctors' offices instead of your social security number. Chairman Blouin concurred with Ms. Hatos' point, and SSA Bernardo said the SSN is not required. There was an inquiry about the SIRF meetings. SSA Bernardo said the next meeting is on Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, and he will send invitations to anyone interested. The meeting is two-parts; SIRF strike force and EFIN strike force. Colonel Stormes asked about

government response to this issue. SSA Bernardo replied that IRS has put some filters where they match the name with an address. SSA Bernardo noted that once an identification is stolen, it is used about 30 times. Chairman Blouin requested for a copy of the PowerPoint presentation; Ms. Hatos will email it out.

b. Fair and Impartial Policing Train-the-Trainer Program

Jane Tierney, CEO of Catalyst for Justice, promoted the Fair and Impartial Policing Train-the-Trainer Program. The Catalyst for Justice is based in Palm Beach County, and its mission is to be guided by the best experts in the field to foster fair and impartial policing practices in PBC by engaging a dialog between the community and law enforcement, as well as bringing new information to the table. They did a national search for science- and evidence-based work and were led to Dr. Lorie Fridell, a professor at the Criminology Department at the University of South Florida. Ms. Tierney talked about Dr. Fridell's credentials and accomplishments which qualified her as an expert in the area of fair and impartial policing. Ms. Tierney noted that social psychology shows that we all have biases in our implicit minds, subconscious. The training will be two-and-a-half days on July 29-31 at \$900 per person.

VIII. New Business

a. Law Enforcement participation for MacArthur Project

Chairman Blouin announced that the Criminal Justice Commission applied for and received a \$150,000 grant, part of which is to study how to eliminate low-risk offenders. The project will be doing site visits in the next couple of months. The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office and the West Palm Beach Police Department are participating in the project. Any agency that is interested in participating is encouraged to contact Ms. Hatos for additional information.

IX. Old Business: No old business discussed.

X. Liaison Updates

- a. Data Sharing: Chief Kitzerow reported that they are in the implementation phase for the following agencies that contribute to LEX: Tequesta, Palm Beach Shores, Ocean Ridge, and Lake Clarke Shores. They are stepping up the training, and have added approximately 200 new users. Thanked Ted Gonzales, Denise Vidal-Bennette, Penny Anderson, and Clemente Ortiz for doing a great job. Almost complete with Lantana's training. Scheduled training dates for Tequesta, Jupiter, and Juno. Training will be completed by the end of June for Highland Beach, Palm Beach Shores, and Atlantis.

Training will be delivered by Train-U or by the agencies training system. He encouraged agencies to continue using the system especially since they are linked to FINDER. Chairman Blouin asked if federal agencies will still be part of the system. Chief Kitzerow said they are part of the larger plan for LEX. Their priorities are in this order Palm Beach County, region, state, and then federal agencies. Chief Kitzerow asked that any federal agencies that are interested to see him after the meeting.

- b. Criminal Justice Institute: Director Schroeder reported that they are running three academies right now with one graduating in June. The academy that started a week ago is very diverse; 49% non-whites, and 23% females. The August academy filled up in 24 hours. He advised that they always have slots for agencies. It's important that if any agency wants to send someone to the academy to let them know. They are finishing up the fiscal year for the advanced and specialized training in June. Slots are still available for the ATV course, and the instructors' techniques. Chairman Blouin asked if the graduates' email addresses are maintained by the Institute and how many are sponsored by agencies. Director Schroeder replied that they are kept as long as the graduate wants their email on file. He also indicated that there are seven sponsored of the 180 that started last week. They have noticed an increase in hiring going from the low to the high 60's.
- c. High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area: No report was presented.
- d. Legislative Update: Todd Bonlarron, Director Palm Beach County Legislative Affairs, reported that he has to go back to Tallahassee on Monday for a special 3 week session of the legislature to work on the state's budget. He indicated a lot has happened in terms of policy issues including:
  - Pain management clinics: Reupping of some of the pain management clinic regulations that have been passed years before with the help of State Attorney Dave Aronberg.
  - Grandparent's rights: New legislation allowing grandparents and great grandparents to have visitation rights.
  - Domestic violence and sexting: Extending the statute of limitations and offenses regarding sexual violence from four to ten years. New language was created to clarify that Circuit Courts have jurisdiction regarding sexting.
  - Sober houses: Passed legislation with the help of Senator Jeff Clemmons and Bill Hager that will create a registry in Florida to allow for certification of certain sober homes; provide for background checks of individuals working and operating sober homes.
  - Human trafficking: Representative Dave Kerner has been very active on their behalf passing bills. A hotline number will be posted in truck stops, entertainment facilities, etc., as well as increasing some of the penalties for

those soliciting prostitution, and help those who might be victims of human trafficking caught in prostitution stings.

- Local ethics: expanding how public officials would have to pay restitution for governments they might defraud and some additional monetary penalties.
- Other issues that have law enforcement implications:
  - Bills regarding electronic commerce that create a civil remedy for those who hack business computers.
  - Allowing for civil traffic subpoenas to go through regular mail instead of certified mail.
  - Created a public records exemption regarding investigations of RICO act cases.
  - Broader protections against fraud; targeting identity theft and fraud particularly in the areas of HMOs.
  - Crime Stoppers Trust Fund use was expanded for certain promotional activities.
  - Second degree felony for use of tracking devices on individuals or automobiles without the individual's knowledge.
  - Public record exemption for certain use of body camera videos by law enforcement.
  - Allowing carrying of concealed weapons without permit within 48 hours of declared emergency or evacuation by the Governor of the state.
  - Increased use of civil citations.
  - Public records exemption for locations of safe houses, particularly for minors who were victims of sexual exploitation.
  - Additional penalties for those engaged in the act of sexual cyber harassment.
- Issues that stalled that will be worked on in the next year: Department of Corrections reforms; CJC's mental health and substance abuse issues; juvenile detention costs; red light cameras; and use of law enforcement trust funds.

## XI. Training Announcements

- a. Fair and Impartial Policing Train-the-Trainer Program (*on white paper*)

## XII. Grant Opportunities: Chairman Blouin announced several grant opportunities that are currently available and suggested to anyone interested to contact Katherine

Hatos or Jacqueline Esposito, newly-hired CJC analyst who has extensive experience in grant application for information or assistance.

a. Technology Innovation for Public Safety (*on yellow paper*)

b. COPS Grant Opportunities (*on yellow paper*)

XIII. Member Comments

Chief Kummerlen thanked the Palm Beach Gardens Police Department and Chief Stepp for the professionalism they showed in a recent investigation concerning the death of one their officers.

XIV. Attachments

a. 2014 Uniform Crime Report Questions & Analysis Series (*on white paper*)

Chairman Blouin noted that nonviolent crimes slightly decreased around the state; but violent crimes have been increasing.

XV. Adjournment

Next Meeting: May 28, 2015 Clayton Hutchinson Agricultural Center