

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

FINAL MINUTES

Thursday, June 2, 2011 – 9:30 a.m.

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

Members Present

Chief Frank Kitzerow, Chair
Chief Clarence Williams, Vice-Chair (Represented by David Harris)
Chief Robert Mangold
Chief Anthony Strianese
Director Michael Porath
Chief John Stewart
Chief Jeff Tyson
Chief Clay Walker
Chief Robert O'Neill (Represented by Captain Robert Furey)
Chief Christopher Yannuzzi
Chief Stephen Stepp
Chief Kirk Blouin (Represented by Deputy Chief Daniel Szarszewski)
Chief Mark Hall
Chief Steve Kniffin
Chief Roger M. Crane
Sheriff Ric Bradshaw (Represented by Chief Deputy Mike Gauger)
Chief Charles Lowe
Michael Driscoll, Resident Agent in Charge
Mike Waites, Chief Investigator
Major Jeffrey Hubert (Represented by Denise Warrick)
Major Carol Owsiany-Himmel (Represented by Captain Priscilla Turner)
John McKenna, Assistant Special Agent in Charge
Glen Wilner, Assistant Chief Deputy
George Sanders, Supervisory Special Agent

Members Absent

Chief Matt Immler
Chief Garrett Ward
Chief Craig Hartmann
Chief Brian Smith
Chief Wes Smith
Chief Rick Ricciardi
Chief Delsa Bush
Chief James Kelly
Major Luis Ramil
Lt. Anthony Stafford
Dana Morrison, Special Agent Supervisor
Edward (Eddie) Thompson, Resident Agent In Charge
Stephen Barborini, Resident Agent in Charge
Matthew Lynch, Resident Agent In Charge
Pete Garcia, Federal Security Director
John Modlin, Patrol Agent in Charge

Advisory Members Present

Director Larry Schroeder
Joni Livingston, Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE)
Roselyn Baker, Circuit Administrator
Feirmon Johnson, Chief Probation Officer

Advisory Members Absent

Dr. Michael Bell, Palm Beach County Medical Examiner
Rolando Garcia, Deputy Chief
Hon. Michael McAuliffe, State Attorney
Julie Hogan, Deputy Statewide Prosecutor

- I. Welcome and opening comments by Chief Frank Kitzerow, Chairman
 - a. Chairman Kitzerow advised that a copy of the proposed bylaw changes will be sent out by e-mail and addressed at the next meeting.
- II. Roll Call
- III. Introduction of Guests
- IV. Approval and/or additions to the agenda
 - a. The June 2, 2011 agenda was approved.
- V. Approval of the minutes
 - a. The May 5, 2011 minutes were approved.
- VI. Under Chairman's Comments, Chairman Kitzerow:
 - a. Congratulated Chief Kirk Blouin on his promotion to Director of Public Safety and Major Daniel Szarszewski on his promotion to Deputy Chief of Palm Beach Police Department.
- VII. Presentations
 - a. Ms. Cristy Altaro with the 15th Judicial Circuit Court Administration announced an upcoming federally funded Youth Violence Training with Dr. Delbert Elliot, a national expert on youth violence, on June 28th, 2011. Location is to be determined. Online registration is available at 15thcircuit.com. There will be no cost to attendees.
- VIII. Updates/Discussion
 - a. Mr. Feirmon Johnson provided an update about the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) Secretary Walters visit on May 16th. The Secretary toured the detention center, the Juvenile Assessment Center, and the juvenile program at

the fairgrounds. Secretary Walters also met with the judiciary to share her philosophy. The new civil citations legislation was discussed during the visit. As Palm Beach County already has a Youth Court, Secretary Walters is looking at making the county a model for the state. The South region will also be the pilot for all of the new changes coming forth from DJJ. Mr. Johnson said that DJJ is looking at laying-off approximately 799 employees and cutting 500 vacant positions statewide.

Secretary Walters indicated support of Palm Beach County having a Juvenile Assessment Center (JAC) during her visit. A feasibility study is underway to determine the best location for the JAC (either on Belvedere Road or by the Detention Center). If the location is moved, the move will occur a couple years from now. Mr. Johnson thanked the county for their support and for funding JAC security for the next fiscal year.

IX. New Business

- a. No new business before the Council today.

X. Old Business

- a. No old business before the Council today.

XI. Committee Reports

- a. Book and Release Committee: Chief Crane brought forward some issues that were discussed at the Corrections Task Force June meeting. The stockade is now closed and inmates have been moved to the West Detention Center. Video visitation is being used at that facility. Approximately, 20 or 21 staff members will be cut, which will reduce the number of available beds. The Criminal Justice Commission is conducting a fact-finding analysis on the current jail diversionary programs. Additionally, reasons non-capital inmates are in jail over nine months will be reviewed.
- b. Recruitment and Retention Committee: Chief Yannuzzi will send out a reminder notice on June 15th for the next quarterly staffing survey.
- c. Traffic Committee: Chief Hall advised that red light hearings have been going from the magistrates to the judges. As a result, court administration has been experiencing some IT problems and may require that officers bring their own laptops rather than using thumb drives.
- d. Vulnerable Adult Protocol: Chief Walker stated that this past month there were two training sessions held at the Criminal Justice Institute and they were well attended. Chief Walker suggested retiring this topic from the

agenda. Chairman Kitzerow agreed and thanked Chief Walker for all the time he put into the Vulnerable Adult Protocol.

XII. Liaison Updates

- a. Data Sharing: Chairman Kitzerow recognized Penny Anderson, Denise Bennette, and Clemente Ortiz for all their hard work on the LEX project. A meeting with the executive board will be held after the Council meeting, and the next board meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 6, 2011.
- b. Child Abuse Protocol: No update at this time.
- c. Crime Prevention Officers Association: Chief Stepp advised that he needs to step down from the Committee and he also expressed concern about lack of participation from agencies. There are about five active agencies in the county. Chairman Kitzerow expressed interest in recruiting another liaison.
- d. Criminal Justice Commission: No report was presented.
- e. Criminal Justice Institute: Director Schroeder provided an update, stating that the \$67 per officer will continue for another year, which will give the county about \$258,000 for training. Driving range is still set for August 1st. Three classes are in progress right now.
- f. High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area: Colonel Stormes advised that there is an executive board meeting next week, and there should be more information available after that time.
- g. High School Criminal Justice Academies: Ms. Rosalyn Baker highlighted some of the accomplishments of the Lake Worth High School Criminal Justice Academy. Ms. Baker advised that the academy had an incredible year with 146 students enrolled in the program. Seniors successfully completed 80 hour Internships at the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, Boynton Beach P.D., Greenacres P.S.D., Lantana P.D., Manalapan P.D., Palm Springs P.S.D., and the State Attorney's Office. Those present were thanked for giving the students the opportunity for their internships. Law books, training videos, and other supplies were generously donated by a number of local police departments and other law enforcement agencies. Over five thousand dollars was raised for student scholarships and for the school. Ms. Baker summarized by saying that they have had an excellent year.
- h. Municipal Public Safety Communications Consortium: Chief Mangold addressed recent articles in the Palm Beach Post that weren't flattering of the MPSCC radio system and that did not report facts accurately. A response was received from Harris Corporation regarding those articles last night, which

will be forwarded to Palm Beach Post's editorial staff seeking corrections and/or retractions. The reports generated by West Palm Beach MIS Department will also be addressed. A minor transmission interference issue was covered by the Palm Beach Post and according to Chief Mangold was overstated as a "major systems failure." Corrective measures have been taken to overcome this minor interference issue. Chief Mangold said that on a monthly basis there are approximately 200,000 to 210,000 push-to-talks between Palm Beach Gardens and the Town of Palm Beach. This is the first problem that has been experienced by Palm Beach Gardens since September 2009 and is not a "system failure." The MPSCC radio system is more than qualified for public safety per Chief Mangold.

Chief Stepp advised that the issue is being addressed and a tremendous amount of misinformation is being reported. Chairman Kitzerow discussed a recent interaction with Juno Beach. He advised that from a user's perspective the coordination between agencies was excellent and resulted in apprehension and arrest.

XIII. Training Announcements

- a. Youth Violence Training on June 28th, 2011 in West Palm Beach. Online registration available at 15thcircuit.com.
- b. Domestic Violence Investigations Training on June 10th, 2011 at the Boca training facility.

XIV. Member Comments

- a. Chief Crane commended Ms. Joni Livingston and FDLE personnel for their assistance with the FDLE Standards and Training Commission hearing that was held in May.

XV. Attachments

- a. Criminal Justice Institute Update
- b. Youth Violence Training
- c. Domestic Violence Investigations Training

Next Meeting: July 7, 2011