

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

**Friday, November 14, 2014 – 9:30 a.m.**

West Palm Beach Police Department's  
Community Room  
600 Banyan Boulevard  
West Palm Beach, Florida

**Members Present**

Chief Dan Alexander, Chairman, Boca Raton Police Department  
Director Kirk Blouin, Vice Chairman, Palm Beach Police Department  
Chief Robert Mangold, Atlantis Police Department  
Chief Jeffrey Katz, Boynton Beach Police Department  
Chief Craig Hartmann, Highland Beach Police Department  
Chief Brian Smith, Juno Beach Police Department  
Chief Frank Kitzerow, Jupiter Police Department  
Chief Christopher Yannuzzi, Ocean Ridge Police Department  
Chief Bryan Kummerlen, West Palm Beach Police Department  
Chief Charles Lowe, Florida Atlantic University Police Department  
Major Camille Soverel, Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission  
Duane Little, Special Agent Supervisor, Florida Department of Law Enforcement  
Mike Waites, Chief Investigator, State Attorney's Office 15th Judicial Circuit  
Major Carol Owsiany-Himmel, Florida Division of Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco  
William Maddalena, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
John McKenna, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Drug Enforcement Administration (Represented by Mike Gannon)  
Robert Shirley, Resident Agent in Charge, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives  
Glen Wilner, Assistant Chief, U.S. Marshals Service  
Pete Garcia, Federal Security Director, Transportation Security Administration

**Members Absent**

Chief Jeffrey Goldman, Delray Beach Police Department  
Director Michael Porath, Greenacres Department of Public Safety  
Chief Garrett Ward, Gulf Stream Police Department  
Chief John Pruitt, Jupiter Inlet Colony 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 Stephen Stepp, Palm Beach Gardens Police Department  
Chief Duncan Young, Palm Beach Shores Police Department  
Chief Clarence Williams III, Riviera Beach Police Department  
Chief Thomas A. Ceccarelli, Palm Springs Public Safety Department  
Chief Carl Webb, South Palm Beach Police Department  
Chief Christopher Elg, Tequesta Police Department  
Sheriff Ric Bradshaw, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office  
Chief Larry Leon, Palm Beach County School District Police Department  
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  
Edward Thompson, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement  
Robert Pearce, Resident Agent in Charge, U.S. Secret Service  
Stephan Robinson, Supervisory Special Agent in Charge, Internal Revenue Service  
Jeff Himmel, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Department of Labor  
Xavier Morales, Patrol Agent in Charge, U.S. Border Patrol

## **Advisory Members Present**

Hon. Dave Aronberg, State Attorney, 15th Judicial Circuit

## **Advisory Members Absent**

Director Larry Schroeder, Criminal Justice Institute of Palm Beach State College  
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  
Rosalyn Baker, Circuit Administrator, Florida Department of Corrections  
Gregory Starling, Chief Probation Officer, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice  
Julie Hogan, Deputy Statewide Prosecutor, Attorney General's Office of Statewide Prosecution

## **Guests**

Major Stewart Steele, Boynton Beach Police Department  
Peter Modica, Riviera Beach Police Department  
Allen O'Neal, Manalapan Police Department  
Captain Tony Spataro, West Palm Beach Police Department  
Captain Robert Coliskey, North Palm Beach Police Department  
Captain John Suggs, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission  
Tivi Parks, Clerk & Comptroller  
Sharon Sandman, PBC Information Systems Services  
Commander Pat McCutcheon, Palm Beach County School District Police Department  
Penny Anderson, Senior Coordinator, ISS - LEX Project  
Stewart Saalfield, Court Program Specialist II  
Captain Ann-Marie Taylor, Palm Beach Police Department  
J. Chris Kletthimer, Supervisory Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Amy Senior, Florida Department of Health Investigative Services Unit  
Steve Finney, Florida Department of Health Investigative Services Unit  
Captain David Bernhardt, West Palm Beach Police Department  
Deputy Chief Michele Miuccio, Boca Raton Police Department  
Jenise Link, Manager of Court Services  
Chief Assistant Al Johnson, State Attorney's Office 15th Judicial Circuit  
Amos Rojas Jr., US Marshall Southern District of Florida  
Captain Tom Mitchell, Delray Beach Police Department  
Assistant Chief Clint Shannon, Palm Beach Gardens Police Department  
Assistant Chief Rick Facchine, Palm Beach Gardens Police Department  
Anna Lyst, Palm Beach Gardens Police Department  
Patrick Doyle, Intelligence Analyst, West Palm Beach Police Department  
Denise Vidal-Bennette, Senior Manager, ISS - LEX Project  
Ted Gonzales, LEX Countywide Program Director  
Dr. Cecelia Crouse, Crime Laboratory Director  
Steven Randerson, Assistant Federal Security Director, Transportation Security Administration  
Catherine Cothran, Senior Forensic Scientist, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office  
Mike Butler, Network Services Director of PBC Information Systems Services  
Clemente Ortiz, ISS - LEX Project  
Jim Johnston, ISS - LEX Project  
Chief Assistant Brian Fernandes, State Attorney's Office 15th Judicial Circuit  
Steve Bordelon, ISS - LEX Project  
Assistant Chief Sarah Mooney, West Palm Beach Police Department  
Assistant Chief Mary Olsen, Delray Beach Police Department

## **CJC Staff Present**

Michael Rodriguez, Executive Director  
Katherine Hatos, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst

### **I. Welcome and opening comments by Chief Daniel Alexander, Chairman**

Chairman Alexander thanked Chief Kummerlen and the West Palm Beach Police Department for hosting today's meeting.

### **II. Roll Call**

III. Introduction of Guests

IV. Approval and/or additions to the agenda

The November 14, 2014 agenda was approved.

V. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of October 23, 2014

The minutes of the October 23, 2014 meeting was approved.

VI. Chairman's Comments

- a. Reminded members that the December meeting has been cancelled.

VII. Presentations

- a. DNA Direct Changes

Dr. Cecelia Crouse, Crime Laboratory Director, provided a brief history and update on the DNA Direct program. Last year, they spent half a million dollars from the Sheriff's budget, and so they wanted to make sure that they are spending resources efficiently. They looked at all DNA analysis requests for a one-year period between October 1, 2013 and September 30, 2014. Of 844 profiles entered in CODIS, 446 were from property crimes; 239 CODIS hits, 251 of which were related to property crimes (55 violent crimes). The objective of the one-year study was to determine what kinds of profiles are usable and can be entered into the database. During the study period, they collected a total of 2,403 samples. Of the total samples, 1,237 were standard samples from individuals for which they predict getting results; and 1,166 samples were from touch DNA which they were not sure if they would yield results. Based upon analysis, they determined that 73% of the touch DNA samples were ineligible for CODIS. As a result, the following changes will be made effective January 1<sup>st</sup>.

1) prioritize DNA analysis for samples with biological fluids; 2) touch samples from doors, handles, and objects not left by the suspect will not be accepted by the vendor (this does not mean to stop collecting from these items as future DNA testing may be applicable); and 3) decrease the number of samples from two to one. Dr. Crouse noted that just from these two changes, they will save \$154,000 and \$90,000 respectively, already just a little less than half of the total amount of money they spent last year. However, Dr. Crouse still encouraged the agencies to continue collecting samples because they may have the technology to process it in the future, or they may be related to other crimes.

b. LEX Program

Mr. Ted Gonzales, LEX Countywide Program Director, talked about the continued growth of LEX. He thanked LEX staff, Denise Vidal Bennette, Penny Anderson, Clemente Ortiz, Rick Adams, and Jim Johnston. LEX has been growing with over 200 agencies contributing RMS data, with an increase in distinct user request queries. More law enforcement agencies are using LEX, and they are reaching out to state and federal agencies. There has also been an increase in bulletins posted in LEX. More agencies are contributing RMS data; a few in the planning, implementation or quality assurance phase; and they are continuing to talk to additional agencies for future inclusion. A new version, LEX 3.0, is slated for release the first quarter of 2015. Mr. Gonzalez started a demo but ran into technical difficulties; he will resume the demo at the January meeting.

c. Palm Beach County ISS Network Services

Mr. Mike Butler, Network Services Director of PBC Information Systems Services, gave an overview of resources available to everyone for collaboration purposes. He talked about the Palm Beach County Broadband Coalition, comprised of six member agencies, and its history. The coalition was created in 2006 primarily to provide internet access or connectivity between entities and to leverage technology or common resources for the group and the community. There are currently over 40 public sector partners. Mr. Butler also talked about Florida LambdaRail which is a fiber optic ring that circles the state. They have direct firewall attachment to the network. Mr. Butler briefly discussed their connections to various entities and the internet, enabling a secure connection to LEX. Lastly, he touched briefly on their options for increased capacity, including PBC Fiber Network, ATT Data Circuits, and WiMax.

Chief Yannuzzi asked if they lease fiber from AT&T. Mr. Butler said no, they lease transport services from AT&T. He also inquired if they are connected to the FDOT fiber. Mr. Butler advised that they aren't due to a procedural issue. At present, there is a rule that limits use of FDOT fiber for traffic purposes only. Chairman Alexander asked if FDOT is the ultimate authority when it comes to access. Mr. Butler said yes, and Florida Highway Administration defers to FDOT. This issue is already on PBC ISS's legislative agenda, and they are currently working with FDOT, along with other counties (Martin, Saint Lucie, and Broward).

VIII. New Business

a. Elections

Chief Kitzerow nominated Director Blouin for Chairman, following long-standing tradition of outgoing President of the Palm Beach County Chiefs of Police Association elected as LEPC Chair; and Chief Brian Smith as Vice-Chairman; the vote was unanimous. Chairman Alexander congratulated Director Blouin and Chief Smith.

b. Meeting Schedule 2015

Chairman Alexander asked the members to review the 2015 schedule.

IX. Old Business: No old business discussed.

X. Committee/Workgroup Reports

- a. Book and Release Committee: No report was presented.
- b. Recruitment and Retention Committee: Chief Yannuzzi announced that the report will be forthcoming.
- c. Sexual Assault Response Team: No report was presented.
- d. Court Systems Task Force: No report was presented.
- e. Sex Offender Population: No report was presented.

XI. Liaison Updates

- a. Data Sharing: Chief Kitzerow thanked the LEX team for making a difference.
- b. Child Abuse Protocol: No report was presented.
- c. Criminal Justice Commission: No report was presented.
- d. Criminal Justice Institute: No report was presented.
- e. High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area: No report was presented.
- f. High School Criminal Justice Academies: No report was presented.
- g. Communications/Interoperability: Chief Mangold reported a minimum of two-month delay in the project. The City of West Palm Beach is building two new towers, independent of the MPSCC towers. The RFP hit a snag causing a delay. The initial acceptance will now be around August or September, instead of June. Chief Mangold invited everyone to a demo provided by Harris through the MPSCC of a Volusia County vehicle with an integrated cellular radio in 4G LTE. He thanked West Palm Beach Police Department for allowing them to provide the demonstration.

XII. Training Announcements

XIII. Member Comments

Chief Kitzerow presented Chairman Alexander with a plaque from the LEPC and recognized him for a job well done. Chairman Alexander thanked everyone for a productive year. Moving forward he hopes the new leadership will continue working on the symbiotic relationships among the different entities. He also especially thanked Ms. Katherine Hatos for her outstanding work, which is greatly appreciated by all the Chairs.

Chairman Alexander asked everyone to look at the attachments. He reminded everyone that there will be no meeting in December; the next meeting is scheduled for January 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Agricultural Center.

XIV. Attachments

- a. Meeting Schedule 2015 (*on yellow paper*)
- b. Direct DNA Program (*on white paper*)
- c. Law Enforcement Exchange Presentation (*on white paper*)
- d. Palm Beach County ISS Network Services (*on white paper*)

XV. Adjournment

Next Meeting: January 22, 2015, Clayton Hutchinson Agricultural Center.