

COUNTYWIDE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 20, 2004 MEETING

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration

500 West Temple Street, Room 739

Los Angeles, California 90012

MEMBERS PRESENT

Don Knabe, Chair
Stephen Delgado
Janice Fukai
John Fullinwider
Anthony Hernandez
Jaclyn Tilley Hill
Michael Judge
Dave Lambertson
Richard Propster
Lakshmanan Sathyavagiswaran
Richard Shumsky
Robin Toma

ALTERNATES

Ed Brekke for Robert Dukes*
Ed Brekke for Alice Hill*
Ed Brekke for Jack Clarke
Michael Bukovac for Bernard Zapor
Pamela Hamanaka for Bill Lockyer
Joe Jackson for James Hahn
Lemar LaFave for Margaret York*
Larry Mason for Steve Cooley
James McDonnel for William Bratton
Sally Meloch for Debra Yang
Patrick Ogawa for Thomas Garthwaite
Peter Shutan for Rockard Delgadillo*
*Not a designated alternate

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT OR REPRESENTED

Leroy Baca, Los Angeles County Sheriff
Michael Brown, California Highway Patrol
William Fujioka, Administrative and Research Services
James Herren, County Police Chiefs' Association
David Hinig, San Gabriel Police Chiefs' Association
Mary Thornton House, Los Angeles Superior Court
Jack Hunt, Los Angeles Superior Court
Ronald Iden, Federal Bureau of Investigations
Jay Imperial, League of California Cities
David Janssen, Chief Administrative Officer
Andrew Kauffman, Los Angeles Superior Court
Cindy Miscikowski, Los Angeles City Council
Michael Nash, Los Angeles Superior Court
Manny Ortega, Southeast Police Chiefs' Association
Stephen Port, South Bay Chiefs' Association
Darline Robles, County Office of Education
Roy Romer, Los Angeles Unified School District
Robert Ryans, Community & Senior Services
David Sanders, Department of Children and Family Services
Ronald Smith, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement
Marvin Southard, Department of Mental Health
Maria Stratton, Federal Public Defender
Joyce Streator, Independent Cities Association
Dennis Tafoya, Department of Affirmative Action Compliance

Michael Tynan, Los Angeles Superior Court
David Wesley, Los Angeles Superior Court

STAFF

Peggy Shuttleworth, Executive Director
Vincent Holmes
Cynthia Machen
Craig Marin

GUESTS/OTHERS

Earl Bradley, Chief Information Office
David Carleton, Assistant Public Defender's Office
Ken Clayton, TRAP
Edward Colton, County Police Department
Ken Condo, Probation Department
Carl Gallucci, Justice Deputy, Fourth District
Rosemary Gutierrez, CAO
Larry Hafetz, County Counsel
Jitahadi Imara, Probation Department
Terrence Judge, Sheriff's Department, TRAP
Amalia Lopez, CAO
Linda Lui, Singtao Daily
Richard Martinez, Public Defender's Office
Kevin McCarthy, Los Angeles Police Department
Bruce Springs, Sheriff's Department, Court Services Division
Bruce Staniforth, Economy and Efficiency Commission

I. CONVENE / INTRODUCTIONS – Don Knabe

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Supervisor Don Knabe, Chair of this Committee. Self-introductions of members and guests followed.

II. REVIEW / APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Don Knabe

There were no requests for revisions of the Minutes from the meeting on September 15, 2004. A motion was made to approve the Minutes.

ACTION: The motion to approve the Minutes of the September 15, 2004 meeting was seconded and approved without objection.

III. JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL/SCHIFF-CARDENAS –
Richard Shumsky

Richard Shumsky, Chief of the Probation Department, introduced Jitahadi Imara to make the annual presentation to the Countywide Criminal Justice Committee (CCJCC) on the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA), which is also known as Schiff-Cardenas. The Los Angeles County Probation Department receives funding through JJCPA to implement juvenile crime prevention programs. The Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council oversees the expenditure of the funds.

The Probation Department is pursuing two initiatives through its JJCPA efforts. One is a Mental Health Initiative, and the other is a School Success Initiative.

Prior to the efforts under JJCPA, there were critical gaps in the provision of mental health services. The focus was on crisis intervention services only (serving the most ill or those with the highest needs), there was no dedicated Court to address youth with severe mental health issues, there were a lack of placement options for the cross-over population, and there were no cost-effective family-based community treatment services.

Since the Mental Health Initiative has been implemented under JJCPA, there is now increased screening, treatment, and assessments as opposed to simply crisis intervention. This represents the core of the initiative, and the number of youth being screened has been increasing steadily during the past three fiscal years. Upwards of 12,000 youth were screened in fiscal year 2003-2004, which is 97% to 98% of those in the Juvenile Halls.

Additionally, a Special Needs Court has been implemented at the Central Juvenile Hall, and Community Treatment Facilities (CTF's) have enhanced the County's capacity to place many of the severely mentally ill youth in treatment.

Finally, Multi-Systemic Therapy programs, in which minors remain with their families and receive home-based services, are utilized in certain situations instead of residential placements. This has resulted in 74% of families improving their network of social supports and 68% of parents improving their parenting skills.

The School Success Initiative is designed to enhance school performance. The services under this initiative include school-based probation supervision, the Abolish Chronic Truancy program, after-school enrichment, housing-based day supervision, intensive transition services, the Inside Out Writers program, the Youth Substance Abuse program, and gang intervention.

One of the core programs that impacts all of these services is Operation Read. This is intended to improve the literacy of youth that come in contact with the Probation Department. The program is based at 17 high schools, 14 middle schools, 4 parks and recreation centers, and 3 housing-based sites. 472 youth have thus far been served,

and reading levels of the JJCPA participants have improved by two grade levels. Supervisor Knabe was thanked for his efforts in providing funding for Operation Read and starting the program.

School-based probation supervision assigns Deputy Probation Officers (DPO's) to schools in order to reduce crime, delinquency, and improve attendance on campus. Over 150 schools have DPO's. The result is that 92% of high school probationers remained arrest free, 730 of 824 eligible middle school JJCPA participants were promoted to high school, and 435 of 511 eligible high school-based JJCPA participants graduated on time.

Gender-specific programs have also been offered with a focus on activities for girls. These are based in Juvenile Halls and Probation Camps, and there is also a community component.

It was also noted that the gang intervention programs have been very successful, and they have led to a 25% increase in school attendance among participants.

The After-School Enrichment program, "Keeping At-Risk Youth Out of the Juvenile Justice System," has resulted in 474 out of 478 JJCPA youth (99%) remaining arrest free, and participants have doubled their school attendance after JJCPA intervention. This program involves the cooperation of many government agencies and organizations.

Overall, the success of the Mental Health and School Success Initiatives have led to an increase in the number of youth successfully completing probation, restitution, and community service, as well as a decrease in arrests, incarceration, suspensions, and expulsions.

ACTION: For information only.

IV. .50 CALIBER SNIPER RIFLES – Larry Hafetz

At the CCJCC meeting held on January 15, 2003, this committee voted to create a subcommittee on .50 caliber sniper rifles. Larry Hafetz from the County Counsel's office noted that the subcommittee was tasked with the responsibility of determining whether to recommend that the County of Los Angeles pass an ordinance banning the sale of these weapons.

The subcommittee had representation from various government organizations, as well as advocates from both sides of this issue. Different studies were made available to the members, and a report was produced on July 17, 2003.

The report concluded that, given that a bill (AB 50) banning the sale of the weapons was being considered in the state legislature at that time, it would be best to wait for the outcome of this proposed legislation before taking any stance locally.

While the initial bill did not get passed, it was brought back this year for further consideration. In September 2004, the bill was passed by the legislature and signed by the Governor. The new law treats the .50 caliber sniper rifles as assault weapons, so their manufacture and sale are prohibited. Those individuals who legally own the rifle prior to the law going into effect next January will be required to register it like an assault weapon. The law also contains standard exemptions for law enforcement.

As a result of AB 50 being passed into law on the state level, Mr. Hafetz noted that there is no longer a need for the subcommittee to exist.

A motion was made to disband the subcommittee on .50 caliber sniper rifles.

ACTION: The motion to disband the subcommittee on .50 caliber sniper rifles was seconded and approved without objection.

V. TASK FORCE FOR REGIONAL AUTO THEFT PREVENTION (TRAP) –
Terrence P. Judge

Captain Terrence Judge of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department is the Project Director of the Task Force For Regional Auto Theft Prevention (TRAP). He appeared before this committee to present the TRAP semi-annual progress report.

The mission of TRAP is to reduce the incidents of auto theft, increase the recovery rate of stolen automobiles, identify trends and patterns of vehicle theft, provide training and expertise to participating law enforcement agencies, and coordinate a deterrence program with the private sector. TRAP is funded by a one-dollar fee on all registered vehicles in Los Angeles County.

The Task Force consists of representatives from various law enforcement agencies from throughout the County, and partnerships have been formed with other government and private organizations. The Culver City Police Department has joined TRAP as of this month, and the additions of the South Gate and West Covina Police Departments are pending the approval of their city councils.

The last report on TRAP was made to CCJCC in March of this year. Since that time, three new positions have been obtained. These include an Operations Assistant I to process complaint reports, an Information Systems Analyst II, and a Crime Analyst to network with all of the law enforcement agencies throughout the County of Los Angeles. The Task Force is also in the process of hiring a computer networking expert.

From September 2003 to September 2004, TRAP has been responsible for 539 arrests, 203 warrants served, and 1,934 vehicles recovered. The value of the recoveries is 31.6 million dollars.

There have been several equipment upgrades as well. Specifically, fourteen undercover vehicles with over 100,000 miles have been replaced, three new Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) Readers for identifying stolen vehicles have been purchased, network upgrades for all the team sites have been purchased, twelve computers have either been upgraded or replaced, and ten laptop computers with wireless capabilities were purchased so that officers in the field can get information quickly on license plate and vehicle identification numbers.

New reporting procedures have been implemented for TRAP in order to track the origin of the caseload and the types of cases. These have revealed that, out of the 1,725 cases since January of this year, 444 cases were self-initiated by detectives, 129 cases came from dealerships, 177 were from financial institutions, 577 were from police referrals, and 392 were from other associated crimes. Among the types of cases, 272 were grand theft auto, 347 were credit frauds, 69 were chop shop recovery cases, 738 were recovered only, and 305 were classified as other criminal cases.

Since March of this year, TRAP has held three 24-hour Auto Theft Training courses for patrol personnel. This has resulted in the training of 82 personnel from 10 agencies. TRAP has also participated in a Western States Auto Theft Investigators (WSATI) Association Fraud Training class for investigators and patrol officers.

Personnel from TRAP have attended Building Entry Training, CHP Auto Theft School, Advanced Computer Evidence Collection (Phase II & III given by the Department of Justice), an Institute for Criminal Investigation (ICI) Instructors' Training Course, and "Wire-Tap" Training.

TRAP is also responsible for a deterrence program that is intended to educate the public about crime awareness. As part of this, TRAP personnel attended the Contract Cities Conference in May of this year in which they provided an equipment display.

Additional outreach efforts have included employee training on fraud and identification theft for the New Car Dealership Association, a training video with the General Motors Acceptance Corporation (GMAC) regarding fraudulent credit applications, and a training tape for patrol briefings regarding identification of stolen vehicles. TRAP is also working with dealerships to require thumbprints upon purchasing new vehicles.

Assembly Bill 1663, which renews TRAP until 2010, was passed in the state legislature and subsequently signed into law by the Governor in September of this year.

The goals of TRAP for 2005 include filling two of its Sheriff's Department vacancies, providing additional personnel to the new North Team that is working auto theft investigations in North Los Angeles County, and increasing the focus on the exportation of stolen vehicles by networking with task forces from other states and countries.

TRAP will also present auto theft training seminars for detectives. These will address issues concerning secondary vehicle identification locations, credit fraud investigations,

identity theft investigations, and case filings with the District Attorney's Office.

Three videos demonstrating the use of decoy cars were shown. In these videos, individuals who attempted to steal the automobiles became trapped inside when law enforcement officers turned off the engine and locked the doors by remote control. The use of these bait cars has been an effective means for catching car thieves.

ACTION: For information only.

VI. OTHER MATTERS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

A brochure was distributed by the Department of Coroner to those in attendance. The brochure provides information on an upcoming seminar entitled, "Recreational and Occupational Deaths," which is scheduled for November 3rd, 4th, and 5th at the Beverly Garland Holiday Inn in North Hollywood.

The purpose of the seminar is to educate the participants in the basics of forensic science and to update attendees on multidisciplinary investigation of unexpected and unforeseen deaths during recreational activities or at work.

VII. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Supervisor Knabe adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m. The next CCJCC meeting will be on **Wednesday, November 17, 2004 at 11:30 a.m. in Room 739 of the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration.**