

COUNTYWIDE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE **September 21, 2005** MEETING

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration

500 West Temple Street, Room 739

Los Angeles, California 90012

MEMBERS PRESENT

Gloria Molina, Chair
Leroy Baca, Vice Chair
Mark Arnold
Steve Cooley
Peter Espinoza
Karl Henry
Anthony Hernandez
Jaclyn Tilley Hill
Michael Hoff
Jay Imperial
Dave Lambertson
Richard Propster
Maria Stratton
Dennis Tafoya
Michael Tynan

ALTERNATES

Calvin Aubrey for Gary Dominguez*
Tony Beliz for Marvin Southard
Ed Brekke for John Clarke
Matt Crawford for William Fujioka*
James Crowell for John Torres
David Davies for Paul Higa
Rudy Diaz for Michael Nash
Ali Farahani for Jon Fullinwider
Xiomara Flores-Holguin for David Sanders
Jay Glassman for Cynthia Banks
Jim Gomez for Stephen Delgado*
Joan Whiteside Green for Janice Fukai
Pamela Hamanaka for Bill Lockyer
Joe Jackson for Antonio Villaraigosa
Kevin McCarthy for William Bratton*
William Nash for Margaret York*
Ray Regalado for Robin Toma
Peter Shutan for Rockard Delgadillo*
Debbie Smith for Joyce Streater
Michael Tynan for David Wesley*
Robert Varner for Darline Robles*
*Not a designated alternate

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT OR REPRESENTED

Margaret Finlay, California Contract Cities
Ray Fortner, County Counsel
Richard Garcia, Federal Bureau of Investigations
Thomas Garthwaite, Department of Health Services
David Hinig, San Gabriel Police Chiefs' Association
David Janssen, County CAO
Michael Judge, Public Defender
William MacLaughlin, Presiding Judge, Superior Court
Manny Ortega, Southeast Police Chiefs' Association
Stephen Port, South Bay Chiefs' Association
Roy Romer, Los Angeles Unified School District
Lakshmanan Sathyavagiswaran, Coroner
Patricia Schnegg, Judge, Superior Court
David Singer, County Police Chiefs' Association
Larry Waldie, Undersheriff
Debra Yang, U.S. Attorney's Office

STAFF

Peggy Shuttleworth, Executive Director
Cynthia Machen
Craig Marin
Pat Zabaro

GUESTS/OTHERS

Clayton Anderson, Quality and Productivity Commission
Earl Bradley, Chief Information Office
Bob Craton, Sheriff's Department/CAO/OSM
Kamala Harris, District Attorney of San Francisco County
Larry Mason, District Attorney's Office
Chris Minor, Sheriff's Department
Devallis Rutledge, District Attorney's Office
Vicky Santana, Justice Deputy, Board of Supervisors, First District
Wayne Seguida, ADPA
Donald Wagner, City of Rosemead

I. CONVENE / INTRODUCTIONS – Gloria Molina

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Supervisor Gloria Molina, Chair of the County Board of Supervisors and Chair of this Committee. Self-introductions of members and guests followed.

II. REVIEW / APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Gloria Molina

There were no requests for revisions to the Minutes of the meeting on July 20, 2005. A Motion was made to approve the Minutes.

ACTION: The Motion to approve the Minutes of the July 20, 2005 meeting was seconded and approved without objection.

III. MEMBERSHIP REQUEST – Maria Stratton

Maria Stratton of the U.S. Public Defender's Office made a Motion to add the U.S. Probation Department to the membership of the Countywide Criminal Justice Coordination Committee (CCJCC). This Department supervises individuals that are on Federal probation or supervised release.

ACTION: The Motion to add the U.S. Probation Department as a permanent member of CCJCC was seconded and approved without objection.

An invitation letter will be sent to Loretta Martin, Chief U.S. Probation Officer.

IV. SEXUAL ASSAULT FELONY ENFORCMENT (SAFE) – Detective Chris Minor

Detective Chris Minor of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department presented the annual report on the Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement (SAFE) program. SAFE is a federal task force hosted by the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), and was first begun in 1993. The Task Force consists of representatives from Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies.

The SAFE Task Force is responsible for investigating crimes against children, such as the sexual exploitation of children on the Internet, child abductions, sex crime fugitives, interstate travel for the purpose of committing crimes against children, travel to foreign countries for the purpose of engaging in sexual activity with minors, distribution of child pornography, and juvenile prostitution.

The Juvenile Prostitution Initiative began last year by the SAFE Task Force. Several investigations have been conducted recently, and one notable success was cited in which six female juveniles were rescued. In this case, two adults are facing indictment on Federal and State charges, and a third is being sought.

The Peer-To-Peer program involves the problem of file sharing in which individuals exchange pictures via the Internet. This is one method by which pedophiles exchange child pornography, and law enforcement officers have been arresting individuals who are caught committing this crime.

Approximately 50% of the suspects arrested under the Peer-To-Peer investigations are juveniles. Given that the Federal government will not prosecute the juveniles, they are prosecuted under State laws instead.

The SAFE team is also involved in stings set-up over the Internet in which law enforcement officers pose as minors. The suspects then attempt to arrange to meet for the purpose of having sexual relations. These individuals are usually charged with attempting a lewd act with a minor or sending harmful matter to a minor.

A recent sting was also utilized to arrest nine individuals that sought to travel to Mexico for the purpose of having sexual relations with minors.

The Sheriff's Department Family Crimes Bureau has been rotating detectives into the SAFE Task Force in order to increase the number of Sheriff's deputies that have knowledge and experience concerning the investigation of these types of crimes.

The FBI conducted a study which revealed that upwards of 75% of those individuals with child pornography have also engaged in exploitation of children via their computer and have molested at least one child.

ACTION: For information only.

V. WEBSITE PRESENTATION – Earl Bradley

At the meeting of CCJCC on July 21, 2004, Earl Bradley of the Chief Information Office (CIO) presented a proposal for the creation of a CCJCC Website. At that time, this Committee approved a Motion to authorize CCJCC staff, the CIO, and the Internal Services Department (ISD) to submit an application to the Information Technology Fund (ITF) Executive Committee for funding to build the CCJCC Website.

Since that meeting, funding was obtained for this project and the website was brought online at www.ccjcc.info in July of this year. This web address will take an Internet user to the home portal site, from which one can click on any of the following links: *About CCJCC*, *Criminal Justice Agencies*, *Law Enforcement Agencies*, *Victim/Witness Information*, *Reporting Crime*, *Criminal Courts*, *Information Systems Advisory Body (ISAB)*, and *Interagency Gang Task Force (IGTF)*.

The *About CCJCC* link leads to the CCJCC home page, which includes the Mission Statement, Bylaws, meeting Agendas and Minutes, membership list, Annual Reports, and links to pages for each of the CCJCC subcommittees.

The *Criminal Justice Agencies* link includes contact information and links to the websites for each of the criminal justice agencies that are represented on CCJCC.

The *Law Enforcement Agencies* link contains contact information and links to the websites for the law enforcement agencies within Los Angeles County.

The *Victim/Witness Information* link includes information on the rights of victims in California and the Witness Assistance Program.

The *Reporting Crime* link provides telephone numbers and website addresses at which members of the public can report crimes in their communities.

The *Criminal Courts* link provides information on the criminal justice process and types of crimes, as well as Court locations within the County.

The *Information Systems Advisory Body (ISAB)* is not yet complete, but will include both Internet and Intranet sites once it is finished.

As with other CCJCC subcommittees, the *Interagency Gang Task Force (IGTF)* page will include Agendas and Minutes. In addition, a notable feature of this site is the inclusion of an interactive resource guide of Prevention and Intervention programs in the County. A search can be made by zip code, city/community, or IGTF region, and each search result can be clicked on to obtain more detailed information about the program. A mapping feature is also available that will provide driving directions.

The website is maintained by CCJCC staff, and they will be responsible for updating the information and adding new documents.

Members were asked to provide any feedback they may have about the website by calling CCJCC at (213) 974-8398.

ACTION: For information only.

VI. REQUEST FOR LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR FEDERAL BADGE PROTECTION LEGISLATION (H.R. 3604)

– Sergeant Bob Craton

In March 2004, California Assembly Bill 1153 was signed into law. This prohibited the manufacture, sale, or transfer of unauthorized State and local employee badges and identification cards.

A similar bill has been introduced at the Federal level by New York Congresswoman Loretta Slaughter and co-sponsored by California Congresswoman Diane Watson. This bill, known as the “Badge and Uniform Security and Trustworthiness Act of 2005”, has been designated as H.R. 3604.

H.R. 3604 would make it a Federal crime to knowingly transfer, transport, or receive an unauthorized insignia or article of clothing (including a badge, emblem, or identification card) of a Federal, State, or local government employee in interstate or foreign commerce.

Sergeant Bob Craton, appearing on behalf of Lieutenant Karen Green of the County Office of Security Management, made a request to the members of CCJCC to send letters of support for H.R. 3604 to the twenty members of the County Congressional Delegation. The letters should be e-mailed or faxed to Los Angeles County Advocate Franklin Logan at flogan@sdsatty.com or (202) 638-6581.

ACTION: For information only.

VII. OTHER MATTERS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

California Assembly Bill AB 22

Los Angeles County District Attorney Steve Cooley introduced Kamala Harris, District Attorney of San Francisco County. Ms. Harris was instrumental in advocating for the passage of California Assembly Bill 22 (AB 22).

AB 22, which addresses intrastate human trafficking, was signed into law this morning. This marks the first time since 1997 that a new crime has been created in California.

Federal law exists that prohibits interstate human trafficking for purposes of forced labor or services, and AB 22 now makes it a felony to engage in this activity within the State of California.

The penalty for those convicted under this State law is 3, 4, or 5 years in prison, and 8 years in prison if the victim is under the age of 18. Additionally, AB 22 provides the victims with the legal right to seek restitution against their perpetrators in State Civil Courts if a criminal conviction is obtained under this statute.

Another feature of the law is that the foreign victims will be given special status to prevent deportation during the prosecution of the case. This is important given that many victims fear to seek help from authorities for fear of deportation.

Implementing AB 22 will require cooperation among law enforcement, government agencies, and community-based organizations. First responders, such as the Fire Department, Social Services, Children and Family Services, and Building Inspectors, must be trained to recognize those situations in which a case of involuntary servitude exists.

VIII. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Supervisor Molina adjourned the meeting at 12:54 p.m. The next CCJCC meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 19, 2005 at 11:30 a.m. in Room 739 of the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration.**