

# COUNTYWIDE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATION COMMITTEE

## MINUTES OF THE APRIL 19, 2006 MEETING

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration

500 West Temple Street, Room 739

Los Angeles, California 90012

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Michael Antonovich, Chair  
Gary Dominguez  
Peter Espinoza  
Ray Fortner  
Michael Judge  
Dave Lambertson  
Richard Propster  
Lakshmanan Sathyavagiswaran  
David Spence  
Dennis Tafoya  
Robert Taylor  
Michael Tynan  
Margaret York

### ALTERNATES

Warren Bamford for J. Stephen Tidwell\*  
Tony Beliz for Marvin Southard  
Kenneth Brazile for Larry Waldie  
Ed Brekke for John Clarke  
R. Doyle Campbell for Lee Baca  
Rudy Diaz for Michael Nash  
Xiomara Flores-Holguin for David Sanders  
Gus Frias for Darline Robles\*  
Rosemary Gutierrez for David Janssen\*  
Pamela Hamanaka for Bill Lockyer  
Craig Harvey for Anthony Hernandez  
Jackie Hill for Jeanne Kennedy\*  
Francis Hourigan for Mark Arnold  
Richard Kirshner for Michael Hoff\*  
Sally Meloch for Debra Yang\*  
Fred Nazerbejian for Jon Fullinwider\*  
Patrick Ogawa for Bruce Chernoff  
Steven Olivas for Antonio Villaraigosa  
Mike Rock for Randy Adams\*  
Devallis Rutledge for Steve Cooley\*  
Buren Simmons for Roy Romer  
Annette Starks for John Torres\*  
Steven Van Sicklen for David Wesley  
Roy Wallen for Janice Fukai  
\*Not a designated alternate

### MEMBERS NOT PRESENT OR REPRESENTED

Cynthia Banks, County Department of Community and Senior Services  
William Bratton, Chief of the Los Angeles Police Department  
Rockard Delgadillo, Los Angeles City Attorney  
William Fujioka, Administrative and Research Services, City of Los Angeles  
Dean Gits, Federal Public Defender  
Karl Henry, Indigent Criminal Defense Appointments Program  
Jay Imperial, League of California Cities  
James Lewis, San Gabriel Police Chiefs' Association  
William MacLaughlin, Presiding Judge, Superior Court  
Loretta Martin, Chief U.S. Probation Officer  
Manny Ortega, Southeast Police Chiefs' Association  
Ralph Partridge, Drug Enforcement Administration  
Stephen Port, South Bay Chiefs' Association

Bill Rosendahl, Los Angeles City Council, 11<sup>th</sup> District  
Patricia Schnegg, Judge, Superior Court  
Robert Todd, Southeast Cities Police Chiefs' Association  
Robin Toma, County Human Relations Commission  
Frank Venti, Independent Cities Association

**STAFF**

Peggy Shuttleworth, Executive Director  
Vincent Holmes  
Cynthia Machen  
Craig Marin

**GUESTS/OTHERS**

Rone Ellis, Private Citizen  
Kenneth McWaid, Sheriff's Department / TRAP  
David Meenk, Sheriff's Department / TRAP  
Anna Pembedjian, Justice Deputy, Board of Supervisors, Fifth District  
Douglas Price, Federal Bureau of Investigations  
Bruce Staniforth, Economy and Efficiency Committee  
Jodi Weiss, Federal Bureau of Investigations  
Gabriella Yap, County CAO

**I. CONVENE / INTRODUCTIONS – Michael Antonovich**

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 noon by Mayor Michael Antonovich, Chair of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and Chair of this Committee.

Self-introductions of members and guests followed.

**II. REVIEW / APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Michael Antonovich**

There were no requests for revisions to the Minutes of the meeting on March 15, 2006. A Motion was made to approve the Minutes.

**ACTION: The Motion to approve the Minutes of the March 15, 2006 meeting was seconded and approved without objection.**

**III. TASK FORCE FOR REGIONAL AUTO THEFT PREVENTION (TRAP)**

– Kenneth McWaid

Sergeant Kenneth McWaid of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department appeared before this Committee to present the Taskforce for Regional Autotheft Prevention (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 throughout the County, and partnerships have been formed with other government and private organizations.

Since the last report to CCJCC in October 2005, the TRAP program has obtained two more investigators from the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD).

There have been several equipment upgrades as well. These include the replacement of three undercover vehicles with over 100,000 miles on them, the purchase of six laptop computers with wireless access, the purchase of new video cameras for monitoring criminal activity, and the purchase of body wire for undercover operations.

TRAP is in the process of obtaining a new location for its Central Team (one of six teams). The selected site is in the City of Commerce near the border of the City of Los Angeles.

In the past six months, TRAP has held three 8-hour Auto Theft Training courses for New Academy Classes. This has resulted in the training of over 200 personnel from 10 agencies.

During that same period, personnel from TRAP have attended Covert Building Entry training, CHP Auto Theft School, and Analytic Interviewing training.

In addition, TRAP has held several community outreach events since October 2005. For example, the Task Force participated in an "Open House" display for law enforcement agencies that was held in South El Monte, a town hall presentation was made in Cerritos, New Car Dealership Association Employee Training was conducted, and an Identity Theft Summit was held in the Antelope Valley.

From October 2005 through February 2006, TRAP has been responsible for 179 arrests, 52 warrants served, and 421 vehicles recovered. The value of the recoveries is over 7 million dollars.

One of the major TRAP investigations at this time involves an undercover operation that has resulted in over 100 vehicle recoveries and the identification of over 80 suspects.

Additionally, another operation has targeted tow yard companies that had been illegally storing vehicles that had been legally parked, and then holding the vehicles for ransom. Over 100 stolen vehicle counts have been filed against one tow yard company in particular.

For 2006, TRAP will be targeting auto thieves in the Northern portion of the County. Recently, the Task Force worked with the Probation Department to conduct searches for identity theft and auto theft suspects living in the Antelope Valley.

Also in 2006, All State Insurance has donated a vehicle that will be used as a bait car at sporting events, conventions, concerts, malls, and other areas where there are large gatherings of people. Incidents of theft of this particular make of vehicle are on the rise.

Vehicle thefts in Los Angeles County have decreased from 2003 to 2005 by 4.4%, whereas the State of California has experienced an increase of 3% during that time period.

**ACTION: For Information Only.**

#### **IV. L.A. TASK FORCE ON TERRORISM – Warren T. Bamford**

Warren Bamford of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) appeared before this Committee to provide an update on the Los Angeles Task Force On Terrorism (LATFOT). Mr. Bamford is the new Special Agent-In-Charge of Counter Terrorism in this area.

The Joint Terrorism Task Force is comprised of 90 Task Forces around the country, mostly located in large metropolitan areas.

LATFOT is the local task force that is comprised of federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies, and it includes the FBI's field offices in Los Angeles, Long Beach, Santa Ana, and Riverside. The Task Force has approximately 150 FBI agents and 90 local officers and agents.

By bringing the law enforcement community together to share information and coordinate investigations, the Task Force seeks to deter any potential terrorist attack in this region. An example was cited of an investigation in Torrance that led to the arrest of individuals due to cooperation between LATFOT and local law enforcement.

It was noted that LATFOT's activities have increased in the past two years, but this is due to greater participation by local law enforcement agencies and more investigations. In addition to arresting individuals that seek to commit terrorist acts, LATFOT also investigates individuals that may be involved through funding or other activities that are intended to facilitate terrorism.

**ACTION: For Information Only.**

**V. MEMBERSHIP REQUESTS – Ray Fortner**

A Membership Subcommittee was formed to consider the requests for membership that were made at the Countywide Criminal Justice Coordination Committee (CCJCC) meeting that was held on March 15, 2006. The requests were for the President of the County Prosecutors' Association and the Chair of the Citizen's Economy and Efficiency Commission.

On April 7, 2006, the Subcommittee held a meeting to consider the requests. The members of the Subcommittee are: District Attorney Steve Cooley (who was represented by Devallis Rutledge); Public Defender Michael Judge (who was represented by Robert Kalunian); County Counsel Ray Fortner; Alternate Public Defender Janice Fukai; and Cynthia Banks, Director of the County Department of Community and Senior Services. Ray Fortner was elected as the Chair of the Subcommittee.

After a review and discussion, the Subcommittee voted unanimously to recommend that the two requests for membership be granted.

A Motion was made to add Mike Webb, President of the County Prosecutors' Association, and Jaclyn Tilley Hill, Chair of the Citizen's Economy and Efficiency Commission, to the membership of CCJCC.

**ACTION: The Motion to add Mike Webb, President of the County Prosecutors' Association, and Jaclyn Tilley Hill, Chair of the Citizen's Economy and Efficiency Commission, to the membership of CCJCC was seconded and approved without objection.**

**VI. OTHER MATTERS / PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments or other matters raised for discussion.

**VII. ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Mayor Antonovich adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m. The next CCJCC meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 17, 2006 at 11:30 a.m. in Room 739 of the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration.**