

# **COUNTYWIDE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATION COMMITTEE**

## **MINUTES OF THE APRIL 16, 2008 MEETING**

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration

500 West Temple Street, Room 739

Los Angeles, California 90012

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chair: Yvonne B. Burke, County Supervisor for the Second District and  
Chair of the County Board of Supervisors

Steve Cooley, County District Attorney

Marilyn Diaz, San Gabriel Valley Police Chiefs Association

Ray Fortner, County Counsel

Janice Fukai, County Alternate Public Defender

Gigi Gordon, Post Conviction Assistance Center

Karl Henry, Indigent Criminal Defense Appointments Program

Anthony Hernandez, County Department of Coroner

Al Leiga, County Quality & Productivity Commission

John Noguez, California Contract Cities Association

Richard Propster, Peace Officers Association of Los Angeles County

Kim Raney, President, County Police Chiefs Association

Richard Sanchez, County Chief Information Officer

Lakshmanan Sathyavagiswaran, County Coroner

Greg Savelli, South Bay Police Chiefs Association

Dennis Tafoya, County Affirmative Action Compliance Officer

Robert Taylor, County Chief Probation Officer

Tom Tindall, County Internal Services Department

Michael Tynan, Judge, Superior Court

Margaret York, County Office of Public Safety

### **ALTERNATES**

Dell Bigelow for John Torres, U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

Ed Brekke for John Clarke, Superior Court Executive Officer

Doyle Campbell for William Fujioka, County Chief Executive Officer

Michelle Carey for Loretta Martin, U.S. Probation Department

Elvira Castillo for Cynthia Banks, County Department of Community & Senior Services

Marv Cavanaugh for Lee Baca, County Sheriff

Briane Grey for Tim Landrum, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration

Robert Kalunian for Michael Judge, County Public Defender

\*Greg Keosian for Richard Kirschner, Judge, Superior Court

Jason Killeen for Marcus Allen, Los Angeles City Chief Administrative Officer

\*David McGill for William Bratton, Chief, Los Angeles Police Department

Steven Olivas for Antonio Villaraigosa, Mayor, City of Los Angeles

\*Charlaine Olmedo for Steven Van Sicklen, Supervising Judge of Criminal, Superior Court

Robert Philibosian for Ronald Ikejiri, County Economy and Efficiency Commission

Peter Shutan for Gabriella Holt, County Probation Commission

Buren Simmons for David Brewer, Los Angeles Unified School District

Wayne Sugita for Jonathan Fielding, County Department of Public Health  
\*Michael Tynan for J. Stephen Czuleger, Presiding Judge, Superior Court

**\*Not a designated alternate**

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT OR REPRESENTED**

Mark Arnold, Judge, Superior Court  
Edmund Brown, California Attorney General  
Rockard Delgadillo, Los Angeles City Attorney  
Gary Dominguez, California Highway Patrol  
Salvador Hernandez, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Sean Kennedy, Federal Public Defender  
Michael Nash, Supervising Judge, Juvenile Court  
Thomas O'Brien, U.S. Attorney's Office  
Trish Ploehn, County Department of Children and Family Services  
Darline Robles, Superintendent, County Office of Education  
Stephanie Sautner, Judge, Superior Court  
Patricia Schnegg, Judge, Superior Court  
Marvin Southard, County Department of Mental Health  
Robert Todd, Southeast Police Chiefs Association  
Robin Toma, County Human Relations Commission  
Adam Torres, U.S. Marshall  
Frank Venti, Independent Cities Association  
Larry Waldie, Undersheriff  
Mike Webb, County Prosecutors Association  
Jack Weiss, Los Angeles City Council, District 5

**CCJCC STAFF**

Mark Delgado, Executive Director  
Kenna Ackley  
Cynthia Machen  
Craig Marin

**GUESTS/OTHERS**

Damon Alexander, U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives  
Clayton Anderson, County Quality and Productivity Commission  
Bob Archuleta, California Contract Cities Association  
Richard Barrantes, County Sheriff's Department  
Bruce Brodie, County Alternate Public Defender's Office  
Keith Bushie, County District Attorney's Office  
Tim Cornell, County Sheriff's Department  
Rose Curry representing John Fernandez, County Department of Ombudsman  
Steve Gorz, County Probation Commission  
Jaclyn Tilley Hill, County Quality and Productivity Commission  
Lisa Kahn, County District Attorney's Office  
Jeanne Kennedy, County Quality and Productivity Commission  
Kevin Kuykendall, County Sheriff's Department  
Peter Loo, County Chief Information Office

Eleanor Lockett, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation  
Tamme Madden, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation  
Charlita Mavis, Superior Court  
David Meenk, County Sheriff's Department  
William Montgomery, County Internal Services Department  
Earl Perkins, Los Angeles Unified School District  
Mico Robles, County Sheriff's Department  
Devallis Rutledge, County District Attorney's Office  
Randi Tahara, Justice Deputy, County Board of Supervisors, Second District  
Antonia Villasenor, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation  
Steve Woodland, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration  
Tony Zepeda, Gang Reduction Youth Development, City of Los Angeles

**I. CONVENE/INTRODUCTIONS**

Yvonne B. Burke, County Supervisor, Second District

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 noon by Los Angeles County Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke, Chair of CCJCC.

Self-introductions followed.

**II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Yvonne B. Burke, County Supervisor, Second District

There were no requests for revisions to the minutes of the February 20, 2008 meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes.

**ACTION: The motion to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2008 meeting was seconded and approved without objection.**

**III. JAIL OVERCROWDING REDUCTION EFFORT**

Doyle Campbell, County Deputy CEO, Public Safety Cluster

Doyle Campbell, County Deputy CEO over the Public Safety Cluster, appeared before CCJCC to make a presentation on a proposed effort to reduce overcrowding in the County jail system.

The County CEO is proposing to contract with an organization to analyze the policies, practices, and operation of the local criminal justice system. The consultant will:

- Analyze data relevant to jail admissions, length of stay, and other related factors from all criminal justice partners to identify system inefficiencies that contribute to jail overcrowding;
- Develop strategy recommendations to remediate such inefficiencies;
- Work with criminal justice partners to create an implementation plan for adopted strategies; and
- Provide technical assistance to criminal justice partners during the implementation process.

Mr. Campbell observed that Los Angeles County has the largest jail system in the country, with a daily inmate population that frequently approaches 20,000. If the amount of time that inmates spend in jail between the time of arrest and the time of sentencing is reduced, this will significantly lessen the number of inmates on any given day. Efforts to do this will require the collaboration of all criminal justice system agencies.

To assist the jail population reduction effort and ensure a system-wide perspective, Mr. Campbell requested the formation of a CCJCC Jail Overcrowding Subcommittee that would include representatives from the CEO's Office, Alternate Public Defender's Office, District Attorney's Office, Probation Department, Public Defender's Office, Sheriff's Department, and Superior Court.

A motion was made to create a Jail Overcrowding Subcommittee under CCJCC.

**ACTION: The motion to create a Jail Overcrowding Subcommittee was seconded and approved without objection.**

#### **IV. INTERAGENCY DNA TASK FORCE**

Steve Cooley, District Attorney

Los Angeles County District Attorney Steve Cooley submitted a letter to Mark Delgado, Executive Director of CCJCC, proposing the creation of an Interagency DNA Task Force as a standing subcommittee of CCJCC. Copies of this letter, dated April 14, 2008, were distributed with the materials for this meeting.

The proposed task force would focus on the following immediate priorities:

- Increase the number of crime scene samples that are analyzed;
- Expand the categories of crimes considered for DNA testing, including property crimes and gun possession cases;
- Shorten the time that unsolved crimes are submitted to the crime lab for analysis, particularly with violent crimes such as sexually motivated murders and sexual assaults;
- Improve the turnaround time for analysis, particularly for violent crimes such as sexually motivated murders and sexual assaults;
- Develop a countywide interagency cold case tracking system; and
- Serve as a clearinghouse for discussion of best practices.

The membership would include representatives from criminal justice agencies and would be co-chaired by the District Attorney's Office and a representative from the County Police Chiefs Association.

Mr. Cooley introduced his Forensic Science Advisor, Lisa Kahn, who also serves as Chair of the Proposition 69 Implementation Task Force, to speak to the merits of this proposal.

Ms. Kahn observed that Los Angeles County has made great progress in DNA collection and testing during the past eight years. Proposition 69, which passed in November 2004 and requires DNA collection from all convicted felons, has been implemented throughout the county and has contributed to a statewide DNA database of over 1 million profiles. In addition, the new crime lab located at Cal State L.A. has been completed and is in operation.

The proposed Interagency DNA Task Force will capitalize on the progress that has been made by helping to realize the full potential of DNA evidence collection and analysis.

Mr. Cooley made a motion to create an Interagency DNA Task Force as a subcommittee of CCJCC.

**ACTION: The motion to create an Interagency DNA Task Force as a subcommittee of CCJCC was seconded and approved without objection.**

#### **V. TASK FORCE FOR REGIONAL AUTO-THEFT PREVENTION (TRAP)**

Captain Tim Cornell, Sheriff's Department

Captain Tim Cornell of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department appeared before CCJCC to present the Taskforce for Regional Auto-theft 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 \$1 fee on all registered vehicles in Los Angeles County.

TRAP consists of representatives from various law enforcement agencies throughout the County. Partnerships have been formed with other government and private organizations.

Captain Cornell introduced Lieutenant David Meenk, the TRAP Operations Lieutenant, to provide details on the progress of TRAP.

From 1994 through 2007, there has been a general decline in the number of auto thefts in Los Angeles County. There was a slight increase from 1999 through 2003, but the annual totals have declined each of the last four years since then. The number of auto-thefts decreased 16% from 2003 to 2007 and 7% from 2006 to 2007.

Crime trends that have been observed in 2008 with respect to stolen vehicles include the following: Illegal auto dismantlers; theft of tires and rims; identity theft and/or fraud; exporting of high end vehicles; Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) switching and counterfeit DMV papers; and thefts involving dealership computer key code access.

One of the difficulties in funding TRAP is that it is fixed at \$1 per vehicle registration. With increased costs in fuel, vehicles, vehicle maintenance, salary, and employee benefits, TRAP is not able to maintain the same staffing levels as in the past.

Assembly Bill 878 would have increased TRAP's funding from \$1 per vehicle registration to \$2. However, this bill was vetoed by the Governor.

As a result of funding difficulties, TRAP has reorganized and downsized its number of detectives by 40%. In addition, the number of teams in the County has been reduced from six to four, with one sergeant and seven to eight investigators on each team.

In 2007, TRAP was responsible for 563 arrests, 146 warrants served, and 193 Vehicle Code Section 2805 inspections. 1,324 vehicle recoveries were made, which amounts to a total recovery value of \$27,740,308.

From the inception of TRAP in 1993 up through the end of 2007, TRAP has been responsible for 7,512 arrests, 3,212 warrants served, 3,234 Vehicle Code Section 2805 inspections, and the recovery of 20,042 vehicles. The total value of these recoveries is \$344,659,392.

Assembly Bill 860, which is being sponsored by Assembly Member Mary Salas, would extend TRAP's sunset date from 2010 to 2018. This bill is pending in the State Legislature.

Bob Archuleta of the California Contract Cities Association inquired whether there has been an increase in the number of carjackings in recent years and whether there are background checks for employees at the car dealerships.

Lieutenant Meenk stated that TRAP does not maintain statistics on carjackings because those are classified as robberies as opposed to vehicle theft. He also stated that the car dealerships are responsible for securing computer key codes so that only management has access to them. He suggested that one means for reducing the possibility of vehicle theft at the dealerships is to have buyers provide thumb prints for every car that is purchased.

**ACTION: For information only.**

## **VI. DRUG COURT MONTH PROCLAMATION**

Judge Michael Tynan, Co-Chair of the Drug Court Oversight Committee

Judge Michael Tynan appeared on behalf of Judge Rudy Diaz, Chair of the Drug Court Oversight Committee, to submit a motion that CCJCC recommend that the County Board of Supervisors declare May 2008 "Drug Court Month."

During Drug Court Month, a drug court judicial officer is honored along with three or four exemplary drug court graduates at a meeting of the Board of Supervisors. This year, Commissioner Cathrin DeVoe, who presides over the drug court and Proposition 36 court in Lancaster, will be recognized for her service.

The Board's proclamation would coincide with National Drug Court Month.

Judge Tynan made a motion recommending the County Board of Supervisors declare May 2008 "Drug Court Month."

**ACTION: The motion recommending the County Board of Supervisors declare May 2008 "Drug Court Month" was seconded and approved without objection.**

**VII. OTHER MATTERS / PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no additional matters or public comments.

**VIII. ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Supervisor Burke adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

The next CCJCC meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 21, 2008, at 11:30 a.m. in Room 739 of the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration.**