

COUNTYWIDE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE March 17, 2004 MEETING

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration

500 West Temple Street, Room 739

Los Angeles, California 90012

MEMBERS PRESENT

Don Knabe, Chair
Leroy Baca, Vice-Chair
Janice Fukai
Jon Fullinwider
Anthony Hernandez
James Herren
Jaclyn Tilley Hill
Mary Thornton House
Jack Hunt
Michael Judge
Dave Lambertson
Bill Pellman
Stephen Port
Richard Propster
Lakshmanan Sathyavagiswaran
Joyce Streator
Robin Toma

ALTERNATES

Ralph Boelter for Ronald Iden*
Ed Brekke for Jack Clarke
David Davies for Richard Shumsky*
Stephen Diederich for Michelle Leonhart*
Javier Dominquez for Mike Brown*
Pamela Hamanaka for Bill Lockyer
Mary Thornton House for Robert Dukes*
Jack Hunt for David Wesley*
Joe Jackson for James Hahn
Larry Mason for Steve Cooley*
Sally Meloch for Debra Yang
Sharon Papa for William Bratton*
Melvin Sandvig for Alice Hill
Buren Simmons for Roy Romer
Wayne Swoza for Thomas Garthwaite*
Marty Vranicar for Rockard Delgadillo*
Bill Ybarra for Darline Robles
Bernard Zapor for Donald Kincaid

***Not a designated alternate**

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT OR REPRESENTED

William Fujioka, Administrative and Research Services
David Hinig, San Gabriel Police Chiefs' Association
Ronald Iden, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Jay Imperial, League of California Cities
Thomas Jackson, California Contract Cities
David Janssen, Chief Administrative Officer
Andrew Kauffman, Los Angeles Superior Court
Cindy Miscikowski, Los Angeles City Council
Steve Napolitano, Independent Cities Association
Michael Nash, Los Angeles Superior Court
Manny Ortega, Southeast Police Chiefs' Association
Robert Ryans, Community & Senior Services
David Sanders, Department of Children & Family Services
Ronald Smith, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement
Marvin Southard, Department of Mental Health
Dennis Tafoya, Office of Affirmative Action
Michael Tynan, Los Angeles Superior Court
Margaret York, Office of Public Safety, County Parks and Recreation

STAFF

Peggy Shuttleworth, Executive Director
Vincent Holmes
Cynthia Machen
Craig Marin
Pat Zabaro

GUESTS/OTHERS

Clayton Anderson, Quality & Productivity Commission
Kenneth Brazile, Sheriff's Department, Office of Undersheriff
Carl Gallucci, Justice Deputy, Fourth District
Tim Glover, Sheriff's Department - TRAP
Karen Green, Office of Security Management
Rosemary Gutierrez, CAO
Terry Judge, Sheriff's Department - TRAP
Kevin McCarthy, Los Angeles Police Department
Ken McWaid, Sheriff's Department - TRAP
William Montgomery, Internal Services Department
Wayne Seguita, ADPA
Basil Smith, ABLE International

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 February 18, 2004. A motion was made to approve the minutes.

ACTION: The motion to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2004 meeting was seconded and approved without objections.

**III. GANG PREVENTION AND EFFECTIVE DETERRENCE ACT OF 2003 –
Martin Vranicar**

As noted at this committee's previous meeting on February 18, 2004, there is a proposed bill in the United States Senate entitled, "Gang Prevention And Effective Deterrence Act of 2003." The bill, which is sponsored by United States Senators Diane Feinstein and Orin Hatch, would authorize \$650 million over the next five years to address the problem of gang crime in the country. \$450 million would support law enforcement efforts, and \$200 million would be allotted for intervention and prevention programs.

Also at the last meeting, a motion was made for the CCJCC to issue a letter to Senator Feinstein's Office in support of the proposed legislation. Marty Vranicar, Chair of the Interagency Gang Task Force (IGTF), made this motion on behalf of the IGTF.

Mr. Vranicar presented the basis for the IGTF's recommendation. Robin Toma, Director of the County Human Relations Commission, argued against supporting the bill. After a general discussion, the committee agreed to table this item until today's meeting in order to give the members an opportunity to review the bill.

During the intervening month, the IGTF and Human Relations Commission attempted to reach a compromise on the language in the support letter. The Human Relations Commission objected to the bill on the grounds that the allotment for law enforcement and intervention/prevention programs should be equal, and because the bill contains a provision providing for federal prosecution of juveniles under certain conditions.

The IGTF agreed to add language to the support letter that asks for an augmentation of the funding for intervention and prevention programs. In this way, the funding would be equalized without reducing the allotment for law enforcement. However, the IGTF and the Human Relations Commission were unable to reach an agreement on the portion of the bill that provides for the federal prosecution of juveniles as adults.

The revised letter of support was distributed to CCJCC members, as well as two additional letters of opposition. The revised letter now includes the request for an augmentation of funding, but does not address the concern about the prosecution of juveniles as adults.

It was noted that the Superior Court Judges on CCJCC are not ethically permitted to take a position on pending legislation. Therefore, they must abstain from any vote on this issue.

Mr. Vranicar introduced a new motion in which he withdrew the request that CCJCC send the letter of support to the Senator's Office, and instead asked that CCJCC authorize the IGTF to issue the letter of support.

ACTION: The motion to authorize the IGTF to issue the revised letter of support to Senator Feinstein's Office was seconded and approved with two votes of opposition, and with the Superior Court Judges abstaining from the vote.

IV. TASKFORCE FOR REGIONAL AUTO THEFT PREVENTION (TRAP) – Terrence Judge

Captain Terrence Judge of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department is the Project Director for 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.

Captain Judge became the new Project Director in October 2003. In addition, the program has added a Crime Analyst and an Information Systems Analyst II Computer Networking expert.

The Task Force consists of representatives from various law enforcement agencies from throughout the County. The Glendale Police Department has been added as a new participating agency. They have provided a detective that has been assigned to TRAP's West Team that operates out of the San Fernando Valley.

In the past six months, TRAP has been responsible for 242 arrests, 74 warrants issued, and 946 vehicles recovered. The value of the recoveries is 13.8 million dollars.

There have been several equipment upgrades within the past six months as well. Notably, seven undercover vehicles with over 100,000 miles have been replaced, a second "Bait Car" has been added, four new "Teletrac" systems and six new night vision binoculars have been purchased, and twelve computers have either been upgraded or replaced.

New reporting procedures have been implemented for TRAP. The new gathering format will show the origin of the caseload and the types of cases, as well as track police agency referrals.

In the past six months, TRAP has held four 24-hour Auto Theft Training courses for patrol personnel. This has resulted in the training of 107 personnel from 17 agencies. TRAP has also sponsored a CPOA Fraud Training class for investigators and patrol officers.

Personnel from TRAP have attended Advance Chop Shop Training, CHP Auto Theft School, Advanced Computer Evidence Collection, "Sting" Training, and "Wire-Tap" Training.

TRAP is also responsible for a deterrence program in order to educate the public about crime awareness. In furtherance of this effort, a law enforcement fair was held in Long Beach, an employee training on auto theft prevention was held at the J. Paul Getty

Museum, and a training video was created for auto dealerships concerning fraudulent credit applications.

Funding for TRAP is slated to expire in January 2005. The program is funded by a one-dollar fee on all registered vehicles in Los Angeles County. Assembly Bill 1663, which would renew the funding, has passed the State Assembly and is currently in the State Senate Appropriations Committee.

The program has several goals for the remainder of 2004. First, it is hoped that three additional investigators will be obtained to fill current vacancies. Second, TRAP will seek to re-establish a North Team to concentrate on auto theft in the North Los Angeles County area. Finally, a 40-hour auto theft training course for detectives will be developed that will focus on secondary vehicle identification locations, credit fraud investigations, identity theft investigations, and case filings with the District Attorney's Office.

ACTION: For Information Only.

V. JUSTICE AGENCY TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE – Jon Fullinwider

This item was tabled until the next meeting on April 21, 2004.

ACTION: Item tabled until the next meeting.

VI. OTHER MATTERS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bill Pellman's Retirement

It was noted that this is the last CCJCC meeting that Bill Pellman, County Counsel, will attend before he retires. Supervisor Knabe thanked Mr. Pellman for his years of public service and congratulated him on his upcoming retirement. Mr. Pellman stated that CCJCC provides an example of the progress that can be made through interagency cooperation.

Budget Concerns

Sheriff Baca observed that the County's current budget concerns may have a significant effect on criminal justice agencies. For example, both the Probation Department and Sheriff's Department may be forced to layoff employees. While the current State Budget proposal is no longer advocating the transfer of local property tax revenue, this issue won't be resolved until the revised budget is presented in May.

Given that the State Budget has not yet been finalized, Sheriff Baca made a motion that the CCJCC issue a letter to the Governor and State Legislature that describes the impact of current budget problems on County criminal justice agencies. The letter should then elaborate on the potential further impact if there is a transfer of local

property tax revenue to the State.

ACTION: The motion to submit the letter to the Governor's Office and State Legislature was seconded and approved without opposition.

VII. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Supervisor Knabe adjourned the meeting at 12:40 p.m. The next CCJCC meeting will be on **Wednesday, April 21, 2004, at 11:30 a.m. in Room 739 of the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration.**