

Florida Law Enforcement Consolidation Task Force Meeting
Wednesday, August 3, 2011
Meeting Minutes

The Law Enforcement Consolidation Task Force was called to order at the Hilton Daytona Beach, Room: Coquina – F on August 3, 2011 at 9:00 A.M.

The following persons were in attendance, either in person or by telephone:

Julie Jones (HSMV), Colonel David Brierton (FHP), Colonel Jerry Bryan (DOACS), Emery Gainey (OAG), Colonel Jim Brown (FWC), Gerald Bailey (FDLE), Chief Gerald Monahan (FPCA), Bonnie Rogers, (EOG), Colonel Greg Brown (Hillsborough SO), Ken Tucker (FDLE), Jim Madden (FDLE), Michelle Pyle (FDLE), Sherry Gomez (FDLE), Mark Zadra (FDLE), Dominick Pape (FDLE), Scott McEver (FDEP), Kevin N. Vaughn (FHP), Robert S. Duncan (FHP), Dean Kelly (FWC), Calvin Adams (FWC), Danny Banks (FDLE), Bill Lee (Volusia SO), Mike Fewless (OCSO), John Powell (DABT), Ray Owens (DABT), Al Dennis (FDLE), Deborah Stevens (OAG), Patrick M. Kelly (OAG Medicaid Fraud), Greg Gibson (FDEP), Paul Delgado (FPBA), Chris Kirkland (FLPBA), Michael Douglas (FLPBA), David Shoar (SJSO), John Rutherford (JSO), Mike Crews (FDLE), Sheriff Michael Adkinson (Walton SO), Major Graham Fountain (Walton SO), Frank Messersmith (FSA), Lorelei Bowden Jacobs (Hillsborough SO), Sheriff David Gee (Hillsborough SO), Melinda Miguel (EOG)

Agenda Item 1: Executive Director Julie Jones welcomed the committee members and others attending. She made everyone aware that a site has been created on DHSMV's website for the public to view and for committee references and can be viewed at <http://flhsmv.gov/LECTaskForce/>.

Agenda Item 2: Julie Jones requested approval for the minutes from the July 14, 2011 meeting. Emery Gainey made the motion, which was seconded by Colonel Greg Brown and the vote was unanimous to approve the minutes.

Agenda Item 3: Discussion of old business. Concerns were raised regarding the intent of this task force. Discussion was held and Julie Jones reiterated that the charge of this task force is to find practical efficiencies, identifying duplication and solutions in state law enforcement and submit an informed proposal of these findings to the Legislature and the Governor. There is no agenda other than creating good government. The perception is that the task force has been charged with creating a Department of Public Safety. In order to remove that perception a motion was made by Sheriff Gee and seconded by Colonel Jim Brown that the Task Force would not move towards statewide consolidation but examine efficiencies that could be gained over the next year. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item 4:

- a.) Reviewed charters and scope for each team.
 - o IG law Enforcement Investigators: Julie Jones is the sponsor and Melinda Miguel from the Governor's office is the team leader. Melinda Miguel reviewed the charter with the committee. The scope for this team is to evaluate Offices of Inspectors General, including but not limited to agencies that have a law enforcement function, and make recommendations to the Law Enforcement Consolidation Task Force.
 - o Aviation: Colonel Jerry Bryan is the sponsor and Brian McKee with Florida Forest Service is the team leader. Colonel Bryan reviewed the charter with the committee. The scope for this team is to conduct a review of state-owned aviation units to

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- determine if duplication of function exists. The team should seek to identify if any efficiencies can be gained by consolidating all or portions of these five air wings.
- Data Center Consolidation, Emery Gainey is the sponsor and Deborah Stevens from the Attorney General's office is the team leader. Emery reviewed the charter with the committee. The scope for this team is to review previously documented recommendations related specifically to data center consolidation, as well as to consider the impact on the additional consolidation of the business units and processes. Deborah brought up the direction is a little different from its original charge. The focus is business driven, streamlining the process by categorizing information systems. Emery will submit an amended charter reflecting this focus.
 - Environmental Law Enforcement: Colonel Jim Brown is the sponsor and Lt. Colonel Mike WiWi is the team leader. Colonel Brown gave an overview on his charter to the committee. The scope for this team is to conduct a review of the conservation law enforcement activities of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department of Environmental Protection, and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to evaluate if any duplication of law enforcement functions exists between the agencies. In addition, the team should seek to identify if any efficiencies may be gained by consolidating all or portions of the LE functions in these agencies. He mentioned that this is a possible parallel with the investigations team and that Greg Gibson from DEP will serve on both teams to help with that determination.
 - MCC and AG Law Inspections: Colonel Bryan is the sponsor of this team and Captain James Wiggins from Agricultural Law Enforcement is team leader. The scope for this team is to conduct an operational review of Agricultural Interdiction and Motor Carrier Compliance to determine if duplication of function exists between the two organizations. The team will seek to determine if increased efficiency can be experienced as a result of merger and/or co-location. It was suggested that Colonel Bryan add a member from the Florida Trucking Association to participate on this team.
 - Investigations: Commissioner Jerry Bailey is the sponsor for this team and Mark Perez with FDLE is the team leader. Commissioner Bailey reviewed the charter with the committee and agreed with the overlap with the inspections team. The scope is still being determined.
 - Law Enforcement vs. Civilianization: Executive Director Julie Jones is the sponsor for this team and Captain Kelly Hildreth is the team leader. Director Jones reviewed the charter with the committee. The scope for this team is to conduct a review of administrative positions currently filled by sworn law enforcement personnel and determine if the job duties could be handled by non-sworn personnel. The analysis should also include whether internal/external department coordination with the agency is enhanced or diminished by converting to a non-sworn position. The review will explore the possibility of moving existing non-sworn positions to fill these positions or determine if new FTE's are warranted based upon a cost benefit analysis. A financial analysis of potential cost savings or increases will be considered in developing potential recommendations

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- Law Enforcement Administration and Support: Colonel David Brierton is the sponsor for this team and Rick Creamer with the Florida Highway Patrol is the team leader. Colonel Brierton reviewed the charter with the committee. The scope for this team is to review regional configuration, support staff functions, administrative needs, legal representation and resources, policies and procedures.
 - Accreditation: Commissioner Bailey is the sponsor and Al Dennis with FDLE is the team leader. After discussion with the Task Force, Commissioner Bailey agreed to review accreditation issues in addition to The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) and the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA).
 - Forensic Science Team and Training: These are added teams and Commissioner Jerry Bailey is the sponsor.
 - Vehicle/Fleet Management: Chief Gerald Monahan is the sponsor for this team and Brett Norton from FWC was announced at the meeting to serve as the team leader. Chief Monahan reviewed his charter with the committee. The scope for this team is to examine resources available/methodologies of repair, replacement and purchase, assignment and budgeting. It was suggested that he add a member from DMS fleet management and DOC to participate on this team.
 - Evaluation of Jurisdiction for the Florida Highway Patrol: Sheriff David Gee is the sponsor for this team and Colonel Greg Brown is the team leader. Sheriff Gee expressed his vision with the scope of this team and Colonel Brown reviewed the charter with the committee. The scope for this team is to evaluate limiting jurisdiction of the Florida Highway Patrol throughout the State of Florida to the state highway system or interstate highway system.
- b.) Task Force Teams/Memberships were covered in item a.
- c.) New Teams were added since the organizational meeting held on July 14th. A Motion was made by Jerry Bailey and seconded by Colonel Bryan to add the Training and Forensics teams to the charter and the vote was unanimous.
- d.) Bonnie Rogers who represents the Governor's office offered to help coordinate the agency template information. These are to be completed in 2 weeks.
- e.) October 31st the team reports are due to Julie Jones.
- f.) Challenges were discussed in item a.

Agenda Item 5: Next meeting will be held the last week in August and will be taped by WFSU for the Florida Channel at a location to be determined. Suggested dates were asked to be sent to Elizabeth Denmark by Friday, August 5, 2011. This meeting will include Campus Police and the Supreme Court Marshalls. Commissioner Bailey asked for a briefing from Capital Police as well. Commissioner Bailey asked if a proxy may vote if a task force member was unable to attend a meeting and the decision was yes but the proxy should not be a member of the subject matter expert team.

Agenda Item 6: Julie Jones asked for comments and good of the order. One comment was made from Patrick Kelly, Director of Medicaid Fraud thanking the committee for clarifying the Department of Public Safety issue because people were changing jobs rather than working through possible change. He also encouraged the members to be messengers to their employees that this is an efficiency study.

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Commissioner Bailey made the motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Emery Gainey and the vote was unanimous.