



BROWARD COUNTY CHIEFS OF POLICE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting of October 6, 2011 Kids In Distress, 819 N.E. 26th Street, Wilton Manors, FL. 33305 Hosted by Kids In Distress (Patricia Moskol)

Board members in attendance: President Chief John Brooks, VP Patrick Lynn, Treasurer Chief Keith Dunn and Sergeant-At-Arms Chief Frank Adderley.

CALL TO ORDER:

Luncheon meeting was called to order at 12:20 p.m. by President Chief Brooks. Chief Brooks led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance with a child named Rudy from Kids in Distress.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the September meeting.

Chief Brooks wanted to recognize and thank today's luncheon sponsor Kids In Distress (Patricia Moskol & Mark Dhooge). Mr. Dhooge thanked all the Broward Chiefs for coming to the facility to discuss and promote child awareness.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sherry L. Schlueter (Executive Director) of the South Florida Wildlife Center spoke regarding issues of wildlife animal rights in Broward County. Sherry Schlueter advised that she has 60 professional wildlife conservationists working out of her office, all covering the tri county region (Broward, Miami-Dade and Palm Beach). She and her staff operate a wild life rehabilitation hospital offering all available services to the law enforcement community. She stressed that police agencies should refer the community's concerns about wildlife issues to their office.

Sherry advised that her group has partnered with Crime Stoppers and advised that they have been working with Mike Calderon (Crime Stoppers) to distribute "*Report Animal Abuse*" signs in communities throughout the tri-county area. These signs also direct citizens toward participating in other programs as the animal abuse reward fund. If signs are desired for your respective municipality, please contact Mike Calderon at Crime Stoppers.

Sherry advised if her services are desired for any emergency issue that she can facilitate dispatching her wildlife response team to assess and guide officers or citizens toward better resolution for the welfare of the animal. Sherry spoke of the protected Muscovy ducks that have been around in populated/unpopulated areas for a very long time. They are protected by Florida

State Law. She emphasized that there are laws for all animals in the state, and that the general public as well as the law enforcement community should adhere to them. She spoke about raccoons that are running wild in the area that have a high potential to carry rabies; and she dispelled the alarm regarding possums. She advised they “are not” rabies host animals.

Sherry closed explaining that her organization is not a law enforcement body and not a free animal removal service, but they are a group of professionals that will work diligently to have the best outcome for the animal and the community. Sherry provided all in attendance with business cards and a wildlife DVD provided from the Humane Society.

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Dean Linda Wood, Broward County Criminal Justice Institute discussed the CJBAT update: The state is mandated to do a standardized test and she explained that Broward County has utilized the CJBAT examination and that it is the preferred testing system.

FDLE will begin utilizing a state created examination that will have a pass/fail ranking in January 2012. CJI is soliciting input from all agencies and staff members to establish a system similar to the CJBAT that may address the upcoming conflicts that may arise if Broward CJI begins elimination of the CJBAT testing system. Mike Bruise from FDLE will send out information to all chiefs regarding their decision. Dean Woods explained that FDLE is steadfast in their decision and are diligently working on the exam to go live by January 2012. The primary concern is that any new process that is introduced or continuing the current process will incur additional examination cost to the applicant trainee.

The new FDLE test will be administered online at CJI. Recruits will have to pay for their own exams effective JANUARY 2012. Chief Brooks advised that Chief Dunn is the point of contact for the Broward Chiefs of Police Association.

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Crime Stoppers Gary R. Karp VP & Stephen C. Greeberger, Executive Director discussed the upcoming Crime Stoppers South Florida Expo on November 5, 2011 from 8am to 5pm. They are seeking increased participation at the Hard Rock. Tables will be offered for each agency to participate, non- profits may attend at no charge, and there will be a charge of \$250 for outside entities. Money will fund Explorers, police functions and charitable programs such as the Devon Bess (NFL). They currently have commitments from organizations providing K9's, aviation machines, and Customs may bring display only “in cinerary” devices. There will be a media staging area on the day of the event. Tents will be setup for any agency looking to participate but location may be on a RSVP basis and site plan design. If you are interested in participating please contact Gary or Stephen @ Crime Stoppers as soon as possible.

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Chief Brooks put in open forum the issue regarding the incoming Broward Chief's President Installation banquet. Chief Brooks advised that there was discussion of raising the current amount allotted from \$2500 to \$3000. Chief Brooks is asking for a motion on the floor to increase the amount since it hasn't been done in a long time. Pembroke Pines Chief Giustino initiated the motion and Miramar Chief Dunn seconds the motion. Open on the floor for vote - all agreed to increase with unanimous response.

Chief Brooks announced that the next Broward Chief's meeting will be held on Thursday, November 3, 2011 at a location to be determined. The holiday luncheon date has also been changed and a tentative date will be sent out soon. (No changes on venue – Christine Lee's)

Chief Brooks reminded attendees of the fundraising event for the Broward County Law Enforcement & K-9 Memorial on October 22, 2011 at Bergeron Ranch/Saloon....RSVP with Officer Chris Stillwell, Plantation Police Department, cstilwell@honorguardinc.com. Discussion will include but not limited to an artist rendering of an officer to be placed at memorial.

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Sheriff Lamberti discussed briefly the Medical Examiner's selection process/committee. He identified the participants on the committee. Explained how the information is forwarded to the governor's office for further consideration.

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Kids in Distress

Mark Dhooge, Chief Operations Officer and Patricia Moskol began their presentation thanking all for attending and the catering of the food by Alaby Catering. Patricia thanked all the staff and chiefs for embracing their contributions. Past 3 years totaling over \$300k. Thanked all for their help. Recognized four staff members from the law enforcement community:

Captain Dan Rokofsky, Pembroke Pines

Chief Keith F. Dunn, Miramar Police Department

Joel Cantor, Hollywood Police Department

(not in attendance) - Sergeant Monica Ferrar, Fort Lauderdale Police

Mark spoke about Kids in Distress and all the resources they have to assist the community just to mention dental and optical services. He advised they will respond to the community to reach children and families with needs. Mark provided a handout with a list of sponsors and resources available. Mark offered a tour of the facility upon conclusion of the luncheon.

COMMITTEE REPORTS **None**

LEGAL UPDATES:

Chief Brooks recognized Pembroke Pines Captain Dan Rokofsky for his completion of his law degree. He will begin working with Joel Cantor regarding agency legal issues. He spoke briefly citing that Broward County will be passing an ordinance on ethics. Captain Dan Rokofsky emphasized the wide reaching effects. The ordinance will affect elected official, lobbyist etc. Vote may go on next Tuesday 10/11/2011.

Read legal update regarding firearms laws from City's regarding purchase, sale or prohibiting firearms within specific facilities and events. League of Cities are looking at the issue to be discussed at future meetings. This ordinance will cover all subjects in governmental process including administrative staff in your offices going to certain functions.

Discussed at previous 9/1/2011 meeting (discussed HB 45, which relates to Firearms. The new state law pre-empts all local ordinances pertaining to gun laws. All agencies are encouraged to review this new bill and to provide training to their officers to avoid any problems.)

If you are not receiving legal updates from Joel Cantor's office, it is recommended that you send your contact information to Joel, Chief Brooks and Chief Dunn. Their e-mail contact information is as follows: lwasserman@hollywoodfl.org; jbrooks@sunrisefl.gov; kdunn@ci.miramar.fl.us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dave Golt advised that next meeting he will be bringing the new superintendent of schools for Broward County.

Assistant Chief Ray Black reminded the membership that submissions for the Law Enforcement Officer and Civilian of the Year Awards need to be submitted by the end of October.

Chief Brooks discussed that discussions will be necessary in the future regarding by-law changes to increase the membership numbers and screening process.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Report provided by Chief Dunn. The regular account balance is \$15,432.29 and the Florida Police Chiefs Conference account balance is \$790.23.

ADJOURNMENT: 1:12 p.m.