

**Public Safety Coordinating Council**  
**Volusia County**  
**Seventh Judicial Circuit of Florida**  
**March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 9:00 A.M.**  
**Emergency Operations Center**  
**3825 Tiger Bay Rd, Daytona Beach, FL 32124**  
**Approved on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Honorable Leah Case, Chief Court Judge  
Matt Reinhart, Volusia County Council  
Joseph DeMore, Director of Corrections  
Shirley Olson, Court Administration  
Melanie Anderson, Clerk's Office  
Jennifer Whipple, Dept. of Corrections – Circuit Administrator  
Karen Chrapek, Volusia Recovery Alliance  
Jennifer Stephenson, SMA Healthcare  
Christy Gillis, Dept. of Family and Children Services  
Cathy Egley, Dept. of Juvenile Justice  
Robert Brown, Volusia County – IT  
Jessica Day, Volusia County Corrections  
Randa Matusiak, Volusia County Public Protection  
Kristy Amburgey, One Voice for Volusia County  
John Reid, State Attorney's Office  
Brian Henderson, Chief Deputy Volusia Sheriff's Office  
Mitchel Novas, Public Defender's Office

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair, Honorable Judge Leah Case called the March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024, meeting of the Volusia County Public Safety Coordinating Council to order at 9am. Introductions were completed.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Honorable Judge Leah Case called for additions or corrections of the meeting minutes from the December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, meeting. The motion was made to approve by Joseph DeMore and seconded by Brian Henderson. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**III. REPORTS**

**A. JAIL REPORT - Joseph DeMore**

- West Wing replacement – The project's estimated completion date is July 2024.
- VCBJ Mental Health Dorms work started.
- Padded cells project, scope and RFP being written to place 4 padded cell in VCBJ and 2 in VCCF.
- Population counts as of March 1309 total, 1071 male and 238 female.
- Working with groups like FAITH
- Working with Daytona State - New Smyrna campus to get more programs for the inmates.  
Meeting schedule for March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024.
  - Cosmetology, Barber, Virtual Welding and machining
- Reflective Vest and Bike Light set issued to inmates being released after dark.

Matt Reinhart

- Anticipating approval of a grant this summer to fund construction of greenhouses on the Corrections campus that will house mangroves, other plants for sea-dune restoration programs and support of the Indian River Lagoon. This program will provide educational opportunities for inmates.

#### B. CJIS REPORT – Robert Brown

- John Kollmer created a report for Court Services that allows for Victim information on an as needed basis. Any victim who decided to utilize Marcys Law may not show up as a Victim for some court case reports. This hampered Court Service’s contacting victims. The report should resolve that issue and is currently in the testing phase.
- The First Appearance application is still on hold until our analyst can complete the EOC Management application. The EOC application is set to expire in a short time and this application is needed to support our residents.
- Beacon and Corrections are working together to get the Volusia Sheriff’s Office access to the tracking portion of JMS using wristbands. This will allow VSO to track inmates from the time they leave the jail and to a court location and back to the jail.
- Beacon is also working with VSO on a project that will allow VSO to “Book” a person who was arrested while at court and seeing a judge. This would streamline the process of transportation from the court to the jail.

#### C. PRETRIAL SERVICES REPORT – Shirley Olson

PRETRIAL ASSESSMENT				
Statistic	Month of February		Current FY 23/24	
Defendants Interviewed	245		1,202	
DV Victim Contacts	113		558	
Def's Appearing at 1st Appearance	1,113		5,710	
Def's Appearing at JARR	63		334	
<b>Total Cases Released to Pretrial</b>	<b>249</b>		<b>1,213</b>	
Cases Released to Pretrial at 1st Appearance	229	92.0%	1,095	90.3%
Cases Released to Pretrial at JARR	3	1.2%	6	0.5%
Not in Custody Cases Ordered to Pretrial Supervision	2	0.8%	15	1.2%
Cases Released to Pretrial via Court Action Form	15	6.0%	97	8.0%
Total Cases Released to Pretrial with Bond	62	24.9%	159	13.1%
PRETRIAL SUPERVISION				
Statistic	Month of February		Current FY 22/23	
<b>Caseload- 1st day</b>	680			
New Cases Assigned	<b>249</b>		<b>1,213</b>	
Cases Terminated	242		1,262	
Caseload- End of Month	687			
<b>Terminations</b>				
Successful	200	82.6%	1,008	79.9%
Failure to Appear	12	5.0%	50	4.0%
Failure to Comply	16	6.6%	107	8.5%
Arrested-New Charge	14	5.8%	97	7.7%
DRUG SCREENING LAB				
Statistic	Month of February		Current FY 22/23	
Specimens Screened/Positive Specimens Percentage	1,262	25.4%	6,823	22.7%
AGENCY INITIATIVES				
<b>Agency initiatives to address jail population:</b> At First Appearance, Pretrial Assessment provides a risk assessment instrument that measures the likelihood of a defendant appearing for court and not committing new crime if released before trial.				

#### D. DJJ CIVIL CITATION REPORT – Cathy Egley

- 292 youth on intake status with pending juvenile charges
- 130 youth in diversion
- 265 youth on probation supervision
- 100 youth in residential commitment programs
- 24 on post commitment probation following residential commitment
- 28 youth on intake status with pending adult charges
- Open discussion regarding Civil Citation program and follow-up from the last meeting:
  - There was a concern that the Civil Citation Program may not be utilized at its full potential due to lack of training or knowledge of the program. Judge Case did not have concerns about the Civil Citation numbers.
  - John Reid and Brain Henderson collaborated with the Police Chief Association to identify and implement best practices, how to utilize the program based on a list of offenses and be able to provide the most effective outcomes for the offending youth. Training was and will continue to be provided with the goal of demonstrating the positives of the Civil Citation Program and increasing utilization. As the sheriff's offices become more involved in the schools an increase in utilization is also expected. Another resource available is the Family Resource Center.
  - Agencies have the authority and discretion to determine how they utilize the use of the Civil Citation Program. No one on this committee is attempting to advise any agencies on how to perform their responsibilities or duties or influence their decisions on their use of the Civil Citation program.
  - There is legislation about the use of the Civil Citation program and gun violence charges involving juveniles that is expected to change the program, including the name, expected in July.
  - The School Delinquency Report available on the DJJ website includes information regarding arrest and may be a useful resource for data collection.
  - Follow-up items for next meeting:
    - Is there information to support the direct-files (ex: gun charges) and the cause of these charges? Is there a way to know if the charges are drug related?

#### IV. OLD BUSINESS

- Sequential Intercept Model (SIM)
  - Randa Matusiak - Meeting on Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> 2024, @ 10am via TEAMS
  - Jennifer Stephenson - funds potentially available in April and the current plan is to write for funding through LSF

#### V. NEW BUSINESS – Judge Case

- Confirmed the new meeting dates for 2024:
  - March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024
  - June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024
  - September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024
  - December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024

#### VI. OPEN DISCUSSION

- A. Information presented by Karen Chrapek regarding community outreach resources provide through Volusia Recovery Alliance:

- Volusia Recovery Alliance has a list of all their support groups, resources, and other information on their webpage at [volusiarecoveryalliance.org](http://volusiarecoveryalliance.org). A couple of support groups that are offered are:
  - Overdose support group – anyone affected by overdose
  - 1<sup>st</sup> responders support group and their families
  - Invitation to Change support group
- 1<sup>st</sup> responders outreach program has received funding for one-one outpatient therapy services and EMDR for current or former 1<sup>st</sup> responders and their families.
- Office of the State of Administration (OSCA) and Clerk's Office may be useful resource for data collection.

#### B. Information presented by Jennifer Whipple regarding Probation Services:

- There are currently 2,988 active offenders being supervised by FDC in Volusia County. This is comprised of offenders on some sort of period of active felony probation supervision or post release supervision (Florida Commission on Offender Review).
- During 2023, over 1.3 million dollars in restitution was collected from offenders in the 4 county Circuit 7 area. This money was returned to victims owed restitution.
- During 2023, 32,900 hours of community service were performed by offenders in the 4 county Circuit 7 area.
- Staffing continues to be an issue. During the 2023 calendar year, the staff vacancy rate peaked at almost 19% but has improved greatly. There are currently only 4 vacancies in the Volusia County offices.
- Correctional Probation Officers are required to complete a roughly 15-week academy and are currently required to complete this training in the Tallahassee area. Efforts are currently being made to have a local academy option in the Volusia County area which should assist in recruitment efforts.
- FDC is trying to partner with the Florida Foundation on Correctional Excellence to pursue a mobile resource unit. This portable unit will serve as a mobile platform equipped with essential resources enabling probation related activities to be conducted directly in communities which have transportation challenges or lack of available resources.

## VII. ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:40am.

# Trends and Fiscal Year Average Daily Population Comparison Report (the report was provided, but not presented)

