

Public Safety Coordinating Council
Volusia County
Seventh Judicial Circuit of Florida
December 5th, 2024 @ 9:00 A.M.
Emergency Operations Center
3825 Tiger Bay Rd, Daytona Beach, FL 32124
Approved on March 6th, 2025

IN ATTENDANCE:

Honorable Leah Case, Chief Court Judge
Joseph DeMore, Director of Corrections
Honorable Wesley Heidt, County Court Judge
Melanie Anderson, Clerk's Office
Karen Chrapek, Volusia Recovery Alliance
Shirley Olson, Court Administration
Jennifer Stephenson, SMA Healthcare
Robert Brown, Volusia County – IT
Jessica Day, Volusia County Corrections
Mike Willard, State Attorney's Office
Carrie Baird, One Voice for Volusia
Matt Reinhart, Volusia County Council
Jennifer Whipple, State Probation Administrator
Cathy Egley, FL Dept. of Juvenile Justice
Randa Matusiak, Volusia County Public Protection

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Honorable Judge Leah Case called December 5th, 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 September 5th, 2024, meeting. The motion was made to approve by Judge Wesley Heidt and seconded by Councilman Reinhart. The minutes were approved unanimously.

III. REPORTS

A. JAIL REPORT - Joseph DeMore

- West Wing should be completed and occupied by mid-December.
- MH dorms still ETA summer 2025
- Padded cell project phase 1 should be done this week for 3 cells at VCBJ and 1 at VCCF.
 - Phase 2 will be for one more cell in both buildings.
- Sublocade is now available to qualifying inmates
 - There is a post-release program in place with SMA for inmates to receive medications
- Virtual welding program started November 5th.
- Cosmetology and Barber program starting early 2025.
- Second chance job fair December 4th.

- 39 inmates and 9 employers
- Staffing vacancies a year ago have been addressed
 - Revamped the hiring process
 - A year ago 92 vacancies to currently 30
- Population as of Wednesday, December 4th, - total 1263
 - Females – 223
 - Males – 1040
- Council Reinhart
 - Grants to fund the Mangrove project at the jail are being explored

B. CJIS REPORT – Robert Brown

- First appearance app is on hold due to other commitments.
- CorEMR to JMS interface has been completed.
- Continued support for the SA and 365 exchanges.

C. PRETRIAL SERVICES REPORT – Shirley Olson

Reporting Period: November 2024

PRETRIAL ASSESSMENT				
Statistic	Month of November		Current FY 24/25	
Defendants Interviewed	252		463	
DV Victim Contacts	117		251	
Def's Appearing at 1st Appearance	1,131		2,346	
Def's Appearing at JARR	62		121	
Total Cases Released to Pretrial	261		479	
Cases Released to Pretrial at 1st Appearance	235	90.0%	430	89.8%
Cases Released to Pretrial at JARR	7	2.7%	11	2.3%
Not in Custody Cases Ordered to Pretrial Supervision	2	0.8%	6	1.3%
Cases Released to Pretrial via Court Action Form	17	6.5%	32	6.7%
Total Cases Released to Pretrial with Bond	47	18.0%	111	23.2%
PRETRIAL SUPERVISION				
Statistic	Month of November		Current FY 24/25	
Caseload- 1st day	715			
New Cases Assigned	261		479	
Cases Terminated	250		463	
Caseload- End of Month	726			
Terminations				
Successful	190	76.0%	370	79.9%
Failure to Appear	20	8.0%	28	6.0%
Failure to Comply	25	10.0%	30	6.5%
Arrested-New Charge	15	6.0%	35	7.6%
DRUG SCREENING LAB				
Statistic	Month of November		Current FY 24/25	
Specimens Screened/Positive Specimens Percentage	1,394	27.3%	2,796	25.4%
AGENCY INITIATIVES				
Agency initiatives to address jail population: 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.				

- FTA – Failure To Appear Investigations

- Reimplementing the practice of FTA investigations service
- E-Notify system offers a way for notices to be sent out regarding court dates and times.
 - Requires registration
 - Online statewide database – open to the public to use
 - First Appearance services will provide flyers about the E-Notify system

D. DJJ CIVIL CITATION REPORT – is now called – DELINQUENCY CITATION REPORT – no reports provided

E. FL DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS REPORT – Jennifer Whipple

- There are currently 3,232 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). Slight increase from last year at this time.
- Staffing has greatly improved. At the beginning of 2024, had 14 vacancies throughout the Circuit with a vacancy rate of almost 10%. Currently we only have 2 vacancies throughout the Circuit with only one here in Volusia with pending applicant approval.
- The first commuter academy began July 29th and concluded November 20th. BRAVO Basic Recruit Academy Volusia. Graduated 7 recruits.
- 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. This was approved in April 2024. The vehicle is currently in the process of getting approved for wrapping and should be operational during the first quarter of 2025. Currently reviewing site locations to take it to.

IV. OLD BUSINESS – Randa Matusiak

- SIMS project
 - Funding approval through county through One Voice for Volusia
 - Anticipate starting in January and completed by summer 2025
- Successful Safe Surrender program event on October 7th
 - Large turn-out
 - Planning another event on the West side of the county
 - Partnering with the Operation Green Light program

V. NEW BUSINESS -

- Meeting Dates for 2025
 - March 6th
 - June 5th
 - September 4th
 - December 4th
 - Approved unanimously, motion introduced by Judge Wesley Heidt, seconded by Council Reinhart

VI. OPEN DISCUSSION –

- Judge Heidt - an increase in citations for criminal offenses from the area of the beaches
 - Citizens may be unaware that some citations written are creating criminal records for the recipients of the tickets
- Karen Chrapek
 - Programs provided by Volusia Recover Alliance
 - Information regarding the services available from Volusia Recover Alliance
 - [Volusia Recovery Alliance | Substance use Recovery in Florida](#)
 - Narcan is being distributed and is credited with saving many lives, as the data shows the overdose deaths have decreased
 - Narcan vending machine at the jail is being planned
 - SMA locations supply Narcan for free
- Randa Matusiak
 - Recently opened clinic in Volusia County through the Florida Department of Health for new and expecting mothers at Keech Street in Daytona Beach

VII. ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:57am.