North Carolina Criminal Justice Information Network  
Governing Board Meeting  
Thursday, December 10, 2013 9:00 AM  
901 Corporate Center Drive  
Oak/Maple/DA Conference Rooms  
Raleigh, North Carolina

CJIN Governing Board Members Present:  
Glen Allen     Bob Brinson     Crystal Cody  
Dewey Jones     Robert Lee     Steve Lingerfelt  
Basil McVey     Kelly J. Thomas  Robert West  
Victor Watts     Albert Williams  Dexter Williams

CJIN Staff:  
Gene Vardaman     LaVonda Fowler  Leslie Chaney

Guests:  
T. Jerry Williams  Mark Beason  George Ake  
Stacy Roland      Janet Greene  Brian Jones  
Sherri Melton     Steve Watkins  Fred Davis  
Danny Bell        Chloe Gossage  Chris Agner  
Fred Baggett      Ginger Grannaman  Casandra Skinner  
Jon-Paul Guarino  Kimberly Richards  Brad Chanoler  
Lisa Fox          John Poteat    Kristine Leggett  
William Childs   Ryan Hepler    Frank Palombo  
Gary Leonhardt   Ronnie Blake    Wyatt Pettengill  
Catherine Miller  Joe Kennedy    Helen Nelson  
Mike Yanerio     Mitch Cunningham  Det. Williams  
Joel Boneskill   Rep. Pat Hurley  Dave Beck  
Chief Justice Sarah Parker

Board Activities and Announcements

CJIN Chairman Bob Brinson called the North Carolina Criminal Justice Information Network (CJIN) Governing Board meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Chairman Brinson welcomed the Board members and guests to the meeting and informed them that sign-in sheets were being circulated. Chairman Brinson thanked Willa Moyer for sharing the facilities of the NC Judicial Center for the meeting. Chairman Brinson also informed the Board that Chief Justice Sara Parker had graciously accepted the Board’s invitation and would be making an appearance sometime during the meeting, at which time the Board would cease discussion in order for the Chief Justice to swear the Board in as a whole body. The Board readily agreed. Chairman Brinson also notified the Board and requested they mark their calendars for the next two Board meetings, which will be January 30, 2014 and March 27, 2014.
Chairman Brinson recognized the Board members who have been reappointed to the Board: Chief Glen Allen, Capital Police Department, Judges Henry Height, Superior Court, and Tom Jarrell, District Court, Crystal Cody, Charlotte-Mecklenburg PD, and Bob Brinson, Department of Public Safety. Chairman Brinson also welcomed newly appointed Board Member, Greg Baker, Commissioner of Law Enforcement for the Department of Public Safety.

Folder Materials

Chairman Brinson made the Board members aware that their folders contained an agenda, Travel Request Form, draft copy of the October 10, 2013 minutes, a copy of the CJIN Oath, NCIS/LInX PowerPoint, NCIS/LInX Capital Region PowerPoint and NC GangNet PowerPoint.

Ethics Awareness

Chairman Brinson informed the Board that per NC State Ethics Commission guidelines, all Board members are required to attend an ethics training course at least every two years. The course offerings and locations are also available on the Ethics Commission website.

Chairman Brinson also reminded Board members that they must complete a Statement of Economic Interest form for the NC State Ethics Commission. The NC State Ethics Commission website has all instructions for completion of the form, if you have any question please see Gene.

Chairman Brinson gave an ethics reminder that is required to be presented at the beginning of any Board meeting. Chairman Brinson read into record the following, “In accordance with G.S. 138A-15, it is the duty of every Board member to avoid both conflicts of interest and appearance of conflict. Does any Board member have any known conflict of interest or appearance of conflict with respect to any matters coming before the Board today? If so, please identify the conflict or appearance of conflict and refrain from any undue participation in the particular matter involved”.

Travel

Chairman Brinson stated that for travel reimbursement, please find a copy of the form in your folder, any questions please see LaVonda or Gene.

Project Updates, Discussion and Action Items

Chairman Brinson welcomed special guests from the Justice and Public Safety Subcommittee and the Judicial Efficiency and Effective Administration of Justice Committee to the Board Meeting, Representatives Pat Hurley, John Faircloth and Rena Turner. Chairman Brinson asked each to say a few words and expressed to each of them a warm welcome and looked forward to working with them.

Chairman Brinson stated that generally the Board has a section of the Agenda devoted to project updates, discussion of old business, any outstanding action items, etc. At this time because of the two challenging issues of Incident-Based Law Enforcement
Information Sharing and the Capital Regions Analytical Analysis capabilities, Project Updates will be postponed until the next meeting on January 30, 2014.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the October 10, 2013 CJIN Meeting were approved.

Regional/National Law Enforcement Information Sharing Initiative – NCIS LInX

Overview and Update of the National NCIS LInX System

Chairman Brinson gave a brief History of the CJIN Board, and how the Mission of the Board since conception, was to ensure Criminal Justice data shared. The Board has been supportive regarding the expansion of criminal justice information sharing in all areas; Corrections (Prison & Parole), Courts, Warrants, Sex Offender, etc. and have recommended the continued build out of several enterprise-wide systems. One area that the Board has focused on over the last several years has been the sharing of local law enforcement incident data with the Navy’s LInX program.

There has been an increase in local data being shared within North Carolina with the connections of two regional systems in North Carolina, the interconnecting of NC & SC, the connection to other major parts of the US and the ability to access records from the Department of Defense.

Chairman Brinson introduced Chief Frank Palombo, a veteran of information sharing and a panel comprised of leaders from our local law enforcement community – Crystal Cody, Mitch Cunningham, Mike Yanerio, Joe Kennedy, Ryan Hepler and Mark Harris; they will provide the Board with a user perspective of the program and how share testimonials about the program.

Frank presented the Board with an overview of the impact LInX has had throughout the United States and in NC. He gave an updated account of where LInX is right now, to include the Connection with South Carolina and SLED (South Carolina Law Enforcement Division). He reviewed the number of records that are included in the data sharing as well as the cost to date for each step in the growth process. He also reviewed the fact that all other regions are connected to NDEx at the Federal Level, and how NC has yet to allow that connection. Since October, Edgecombe County Sheriff’s Department, New Bern Police Department, Duplin County Sheriff’s Department, and Apex Police Department have signed MOUs and are awaiting the availability of funds to connect to the system permanently, they have limited access now. He also shared how the information sharing options would change if NC could connect to NDEx, and gain access to all the additional departments that are sharing data with NDEx.

Frank participated in a discussion with Chairman Brinson, Representative John Faircloth, Joe Kennedy, Mike Yanerio, Mitch Cunningham, Tom Jarrell, Crystal Cody, Glen Allen, Mark Harris, Ronnie Blake, Catherine Miller, Representative Pat Hurley, Victor Watts, Wyatt Pettengill, Leslie Chaney, Greg Baker and Dewey Jones.

The discussion included cost of build out for the entire state, how NC-DEx would or would not fit into the plan for complete state build out, how the data gathered by LInX
and data to be obtained by NC-DEx differs. LINx has incident data, pawn data, field interview data and CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) data, while the data gathered by NC-DEx will not have these data elements, which would leave a substantial gap in the coverage of information being available to be shared by law enforcement.

**CJIN Oath and Swearing in of Members**

Chief Justice Sarah Parker graciously accepted the Boards invitation to come to the meeting and swear in the members as a united body. The Chief Justice commended the Board on their outstanding work and stressed the importance of what they do and how it affects every facet of the Criminal Justice System.

**NCIS LINX System, Advanced Analytics**

Chairman Brinson introduced Catherine Miller who is the LINx Program Manager for the North Capital Region (NCR), Montgomery County Police Department, Maryland. Catherine has over 26 years working in public safety agencies, she is providing the Board with a new look into what LINX is capable of to include: interfacing with AFIS (Automated Fingerprint Identification System), advanced analytics, iPhone connections, pawn data interface and other tools that are interfaced with the LINX in the North Capital Region.

Catherine discussed how the North Capital Region developed and gave a timeline as to how it grew with capabilities and interfaces with other systems and programs across the US and Federal databases. Catherine discusses some of the challenges in connecting the databases, as well as some success stories from her experience, the most famous being that of the East Coast Rapist and how LINX was able to share data with an agency who was not on the system, once Montgomery PD was asked to participate in the Joint Task Force to find the East Coast Rapist. Catherine also discussed with the Board how connecting to NDEx has helped the NCR to share data with other States more easily. She also explained how Maryland’s Chief Security Officer ensures that the access to the NDEx connection policy works for MD and how it works with other States that she has worked with, such as Virginia. She stressed the importance of allowing access to the data for all LEOs. She explained how the training is done for all users online for their system of LINX. There was also an indepth discussion on how the LINX Governance Board worked and set policy. She discussed the use of mobile devices and how that has helped LEOs in the field.

Catherine participated in a discussion with Chairman Brinson, Representative John Faircloth, Joe Kennedy, Mike Yanerio, Mitch Cunningham, Tom Jarrell, Crystal Cody, Glen Allen, Mark Harris, Ronnie Blake, Representative Pat Hurley, Victor Watts, Wyatt Pettengill, and Frank Palombo.

**NCIS LINX Experience**

Mitch Cunningham, Deputy Chief of the Wilmington Police Department gave a short testimonial about his experiences while serving as Director of Investigation for the Montgomery Police Department, Maryland.

Chief Cunningham was instrumental in connecting Alaska to LINX Northwest as well as his participation in the advancement of the LINX system for the North Capital Region.
Mitch described his role in the capture and apprehension of the East Coast Rapist. He also describes the necessity to adapt to the emerging technologies that are being developed to better equip LEOs for the tasks that they are assigned daily. There was quite a bit of Question and Answers from the audience about Mitch’s experiences and with the other panel members who also shared their own testimonials.

Mitch participated in a discussion with Chairman Brinson, Al Williams, Mike Yanerio, Joe Kennedy, Frank Palombo, Tom Jarrell, Leslie Chaney, Robert Graves and Catherine Miller.

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**NC GangNet**

Chairman Brinson introduced Jon-Paul Guarino, NC GangNet Administrator, Governor’s Crime Commission, NC Department of Public Safety.

Jon-Pual gave the board a presentation on what changes have been made to NC GangNet. He shared how the data was being utilized throughout the State and what data can be put into the system and who has access to that system. He discussed the enhancements to the system which included NC Prison Security Threat Group data, NC Community Corrections data, the connection of Washington/Baltimore HIDTA, the system now allows for self-populating fields, there is a single served dedicated to GangNet house at the GCC, and the web based system no longer requires a VPN to access it. GangNet Mobile has been deployed and is now accessible to LEOs and PDAs and Smartphones. The GCC now has the capability to send staff on site to PDs or SOs in order to enter backlogged data into the enhanced system, they can even in some cases schedule regular visits to enter the data that agencies do not have the manpower to do themselves. Jon-Paul shared the current GangNet data, which is 64 out of 100 counties report, 254 agencies reporting make up 53.8% of State, there are 4,854 users to the system, there are 927 reported Gangs in NC, there are 12, 565 reported gang members in NC, and 2, 224 associates.

John participated in a discussion with Chairman Brinson, Dewey Jones, Victor Watts, Crystal Cody, Frank Palombo, Catherine Miller and Mitch Cunningham.

**General Discussion on NC Court Automation**

Chairman Brinson recognized Vice Chair Al Williams who led the Board in a discussion on the NC Court Automation and his concerns regarding that. This led to members of the Board asking questions and having a discussion about the concerns they also shared regarding this project.

Janet Green gave the Board a brief update on NCAWARE and how that program is slated to fit into the NC Court Automation Plan.

Al participated in a discussion with Janet Greene, Tom Jarrell, Representative Pat Hurley and Dexter Williams

**New Business/ Adjournment**
Chairman Brinson adjourned the meeting at 1:15 PM