NORTH CAROLINA CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION NETWORK (CJIN)
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
GOVERNING BOARD TOURS
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2003

CJIN Governing Board Members
Carol Howard * Richard Little Richard NiFong * Dwayne Patterson * Thomas Payne Larry Smith * Robert Rader Norris Tolson * Larry Ware * Ken Wiseman

Note: * Denotes member absent

CJIN Executive Director
Carol Morin

Others Present
Carlotta Winstead Catherine Freeman Sonya Crodfelter Cliff Layman
Denise Thomas Chloe Gossage Jan Pueschel Ajay Munzgala
Allan Sadowski Andrew Dunstan Rodney Spell Jimmy Edwards
Wayne Hurder John Robinson Fletcher Clay George Tatum
Joey Gardner

Chairman Robert Brinson called the regularly scheduled meeting of the North Carolina Criminal Justice Information Network (CJIN) Governing Board meeting to order at 10:35 A.M.

Today’s meeting consisted of a tour of Central Prison, a tour of the Wake County Courthouse, and a demonstration of the CJIN X-Files facial image project.
CJIN Chairman Robert Brinson called the North Carolina Criminal Justice Information Network (CJIN) Governing Board meeting to order at 9:10 AM. Mr. Bob Brinson stated that there were a smaller number of attendees than usual due to Hurricane Isabel preparations. Mr. Brinson welcomed the State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) Assistant Director (AD) Special Agent Larry Smith to his first meeting. AD Smith replaces SBI Director Robin Pendergraft. Mr. Brinson stated that the North Carolina Attorney General has appointed Sheriff Tommy Allen, Anson County, to a four-year term. Sheriff Allen represents the North Carolina Sheriffs’ Association.

Approval of Minutes from May 8, 2003 Meeting
This agenda item was deferred to the next meeting because a quorum was not present.

Election of Officers
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CJIN Executive Director Report
Ms. Carol Morin reviewed a handout titled “CJIN’s Transition Plan from Department of Justice to Department of Crime Control & Public Safety”. Mr. Brinson asked Assistant Director Smith to deliver a big thank you to the Department of Justice for their support efforts since 1997. Ms. Morin reviewed a handout titled “CJIN Planning Project Update” dated September 16, 2003. Ms. Morin also described the recently awarded National Governors Association grant for $25,000. Ms. Troutman asked if there would be any backfill of administrative staff since the grant funded time-limited positions have expired. Mr. Brinson stated that these are tight budget times and it is very difficult to take on recurring staff costs with no recurring staff funding other than the CJIN Executive Director.

Fingerprinting Serious Misdemeanants Feasibility Study
Mr. Brinson stated that Ciber did some good work on this project but didn’t complete it. Ms. Morin then presented a history of the project. Ms. Morin and Mr. Ron DiGregorio jointly presented the handout titled “Fingerprinting Serious Misdemeanants Feasibility Study” dated September 16, 2003. Ms. Denise Thomas asked how this project fit in with the original study. Mr. Richard Little responded that fingerprinting was a way of doing positive identification of a person. Both Mr. Brinson and Mr. Little mentioned that this project was on the Governor’s Crime Commission (GCC) agenda for several years.

Mr. Larry Wilkie stated that some criminal justice agencies would revert back to inked prints if the live scan devices were not replaced. Mr. Willkie further explained that some action needs to take place regardless of the outcome of this study. Ms. Thomas recommended that CJIN prioritize its top three funding priorities to the General Assembly. Mr. Brinson commented that after several tight budget years, everything becomes a top priority. Mr. Patterson said this project could become an unfunded mandate for the local agencies and he was not certain if we should move forward on it. Mr. Brinson stated that although that was a valid concern, CJIN intended to report back to GCC at their December 2003 meeting and let them assign a priority or pursue some of the out of scope items first. Ms. Troutman said she envisioned the policy implications being debated at the General Assembly and it was CJIN and GCC’s role to provide information so they could make an informed decision. Mr. Brinson asked Ms. Morin if the Board would see the presentation one more time before it went back to the GCC and Ms. Morin replied yes.

Final Report on the Juvenile-to-Adult CCH Project
Ms. Susan Katzenelson presented the “Juvenile-to-Adult Comprehensive Criminal History Report” dated September 2003. This project was a partnership between GCC, CJIN, and the Sentencing and Policy and Advisory Commission (SPAC). Ms. Katzenelson stated that the SPAC might form a working group to study some of the findings. Mr. Patterson mentioned there were public hearings being held across the State as to the best way to replace the existing Youth Development Centers.

Center for Homeland Security and Anti-Terrorism Initiative
Mr. Chris Merritt presented the handout titled “Committee Report Center for Homeland Security and Anti-Terrorism Initiatives”. Ms. Troutman asked if local government representation could be added to the oversight committee. Mr. Merritt said he would take this request to the committee’s next meeting. Lt. Ken Wiseman said that more materials should be put in cd format so the officer in the car can access the information more easily and make better-informed decisions.
An Update on VIPER (Voice Interoperability Plan for Emergency Responders)
Captain Woody Sandy gave an update on the VIPER project. Mr. Brinson asked if emergency responders could use the public safety channels. Captain Sandy said yes, provided there was prior approval from the Federal Communications Commission. Sheriff Allen asked several questions about which radios to purchase in the near future.

eCitation Statewide Rollout Plan
Mr. Ryan Rand presented the handout titled “Electronic Citation Project eCitation”. There was a general consensus among the Board members that the availability of funds to purchase printers was an outstanding issue that would require on-going attention. Major Fletcher Clay stated that the older Mobile Data Computers (MDC) can’t support the eCitation software and they need to be refreshed. Mr. Patterson recommended that the MDC be included as part of the vehicle and it is replaced when a new vehicle is ordered. Lt. Wiseman stated that Fayetteville Police Department includes the entire cost of what it takes to outfit a new vehicle (including the mobile data system, mobile video system, flares, etc) in their budget request for a new vehicle.

Other New Business
There was none. The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 PM.