



***VIOLENT CRIME AND  
DRUG CONTROL  
COUNCIL***

**2006 Annual Report**

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## *A Message from Assistant Commissioner Electra Bustle*

I would like to take this opportunity to share with you the Florida Violent Crime and Drug Control Council's (VCDCC) Annual Report for the Calendar Year 2006. The Council has compiled a list of accomplishments during the past year and is positioned to have greater success in the coming year. Through existing partnerships with federal, state, and local law enforcement, the Council continues to play an integral role in supporting initiatives to protect Florida's citizens, visitors, property and communities. The significant impact of the Council can be realized by the overall financial relief it provides to local and state law enforcement agencies across the state. As a direct result of the Council's 2006 assistance, 74 cases involving 70 different agencies focusing on violent crime, major drug/illicit money laundering, and victim/witness protection and relocation have experienced great success in their investigative efforts.

Since the Council's inception in 1993, it has maintained a reputation for initiating and supporting legislation to improve the overall quality of life for the State of Florida and its citizens, especially protecting our children from sexual predators/offenders, cyber crimes, and street gangs. During the VCDCC's meeting in December 2006, the Council also addressed immigration law reform, human trafficking, and enhanced penalties for using minors in criminal enterprises.

I am proud to have the Florida Violent Crime and Drug Control Council under the umbrella of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and I support the recommendations set forth by the Council in this 2006 Annual Report.



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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### *Overview of Funding and Council Meetings*

During 2006, the Violent Crime and Drug Control Council (VCDCC) funded 74 cases totaling \$2,612,902 to support local and state agencies working violent crime investigations, major drug and money laundering investigations and victim/witness protection and relocation efforts. The Council met on a quarterly basis to review these funding requests and to discuss crime issues having the most impact on Florida's citizens and visitors. At these meetings, the Council was briefed by experts in various disciplines on emerging crime trends and issues in Florida. Members of the Council and the Regional Coordinating Teams collectively discussed solutions to combat drug and violent crime; these solutions often included legislative recommendations, technology innovations, improved investigative techniques, enhanced communication, and advanced training for law enforcement officers and criminal justice agencies.

In 2006, the VCDCC was presented with numerous approaches to combating violent crime, drug control, and money laundering. These included:

#### **January – March**

- Carlie Brucia Abduction/Murder Overview
- Cold Case Assessment Team Overview and Success Stories
- Child Abuse Death Review Annual Report
- Band-Aid Bandit Bank Robber Update
- Case Update: Operation V-12 (Drugs)
- Metropolitan Bureau of Investigation: Agency Overview and VCDCC Case Updates
- A Case Briefing: Dr. Thomas Merrill Investigation
- VCDCC Success Story: Operation Broken Tile (Drugs)
- Another VCDCC Success Story: Operation Bradenton Project (Drugs)
- Drug/Violent Crime Funding Initiative for VCDCC

#### **April – June**

- Project Safe Neighborhoods
- A VCDCC Funded Success Story: North Miami Beach Gang Task Force
- Gun Violence Prosecutions
- The .40 Caliber Glock Homicides: Successful Use of the NIBIN Database
- Administrative Changes to the VCDCC at FDLE Headquarters
- An Overview of the Volusia Bureau of Investigation and a Case Briefing: Operation Deltropolis (Drugs)
- Stored Value Cards: Money Laundering Trends and Implications
- 2006 Legislative Wrap-Up
- Case Briefing: Operation Bo Rock (Drugs)

#### **July – September**

- Florida Computer Crime Center (FC3)
- Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force
- A Joint Initiative: FDLE's Missing Children Information Clearinghouse (MCIC) and Florida's Medical Examiner's Commission Team Up to Identify Florida's Unidentified Deceased
- Southwest Florida Indoor Marijuana Grow Trends
- Case Update: Operation Broken Sickle (Drugs)

#### **October – December**

- Legal Opinion to Address Multiple Agencies Jointly Seeking Council Funding and A Snapshot of Cases of Interest to Law Enforcement
- Band-Aid Bandit Arrested: A Recap of the Investigation
- A Victim/Witness Protection Success Story: Council Funded Case Resulted in 20 Arrests
- Another Victim/Witness Protection Success Story: Benefits of the VCDCC Funding
- Operation Alachua's Finest: A Successful Drug Case
- Prescription Fraud Case Overview
- An Update on the FALCON Pilot 2A



The Council continued to hear best practices and case success stories from multiple disciplines and members of the Regional Coordinating Teams. The networking of these Regional Teams provides for coordinated case review and intelligence sharing. This communication effort is enhanced through the VCDCC website hosted by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's Investigations and Forensic Science (IFS) Program (Office of Field Services). This website, which was originally launched in October 2002, has been greatly enhanced with new features and continues to be a viable source of information for the law enforcement community. The website contains information on upcoming Council meetings, minutes/agendas from prior meetings, all applications and procedures for applying for funding, and success stories from funded cases. Most importantly, the site contains a contact "map" where one can click on any county in Florida and locate contacts for the Regional Coordinating Teams. The site may be accessed via <http://www.fdle.state.fl.us/>

The screenshot shows the VCDCC website interface. At the top left is the VCDCC logo. To its right is a navigation bar with links: Violent Crime Cases, Victim Witness Cases, Drug Cases, Regional Teams, and News. Below the navigation bar is the heading "Regional Teams" and a prompt: "Click on a region or one of the links on the left to find out who the Violent Crime and Drug Control team members are:". The main content area features a map of Florida divided into several color-coded regions: dark orange (northwest), yellow (north-central), light blue (northeast), orange (southwest), purple (southeast), and light purple (south-central). A mouse cursor is positioned over the southeast region. On the left side of the page is a vertical sidebar with a blue background, containing a list of links: FMROC, JROC, MROC, OROC, PROC, TBROC, TROC, and a "VCDCC Home" button.



## FUNDING SUCCESS STORIES

*During 2006, the VCDCC awarded financial reimbursement to 10 violent crime investigations for a total of \$218,589 and granted approval for 28 drug awards totaling \$2,184,543. Additionally, the VCDCC funded 36 victim/witness protection awards totaling \$209,769. Several violent crime, drug, and victim/witness protection cases are highlighted on the following pages.*

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### **VIOLENT CRIME CASE**

#### ***DELTONA X-BOX MURDER INVESTIGATION***

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**The VCDCC provided reimbursement funding to the Volusia County Sheriff's Office at its September 2006 meeting, granting a Violent Crime Reimbursement Application in the amount of \$19,882 for the *Deltona X-Box Murder Investigation*.**

On August 6, 2004, at a residence in Deltona, Florida 6 people were discovered violently killed. The follow-up criminal investigation led to the identification and arrest of four suspects.

As a result of the thorough criminal investigation, three of the four suspects were found guilty of homicide by a jury of their peers in July 2006. The fourth suspect pleaded guilty to the charge of homicide in exchange for a life sentence.

The investigation and the processing of the crime scene was conducted and funded exclusively by the Volusia County Sheriff's Office. The final phase of the investigation, which continued into the 2005/2006 fiscal year, had a financial impact on the Volusia County Sheriff's Office. As a result of this financial impact and the fact that this case met all the criteria for eligibility as a VCDCC funded case, the Volusia County Sheriff's Office was awarded \$19,882.

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### **MAJOR DRUG AND MONEY LAUNDERING CASE**

#### ***OPERATION ROLLING STONE***

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**This investigation was initially awarded \$70,000 on September 15, 2005, and a supplemental was awarded in the amount of \$30,000 in March 2006. *Operation Rolling Stone* was investigated by the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Jacksonville and Atlanta Field Divisions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Clay County Sheriff's Office and the North Florida High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA).**

Operation Rolling Stone was initiated in April 2005, when detectives from the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) Narcotics Unit assisted the JSO Homicide Unit in the investigation of a shooting. The initial on-scene investigation led to the seizure of multiple kilograms of cocaine and firearms from the shooting scene. As the investigation continued it was believed that the cocaine discovered at the



scene was supplied by members of a much larger organization who were supplying distributors in Jacksonville, Orange Park, Green Cove Springs and the Orlando area.

As a result of the arrest of 2 Atlanta and 3 Jacksonville residents and follow-up investigative efforts, law enforcement was able to identify 3 additional family-related organizations that were facilitating the weekly arrival of 50 to 100 kilograms of cocaine into the Jacksonville area. This follow-up investigation led to the arrest of the suspected organizational leaders and suppliers from Atlanta and several couriers from Jacksonville and Orange Park.

The accumulative statistics for this VCDCC funded case included 23 arrests; seizure of 62 kilograms of cocaine valued at 1.5 million dollars; 12 firearms; 10 vehicles; and miscellaneous seizures valued at \$75,000. Those arrested have been charged with trafficking in cocaine and federal charges are being sought where possible.

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## **VICTIM/WITNESS PROTECTION and RELOCATION CASE**

### ***OPERATION LIGHTNING BOLT***

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**The VCDCC awarded Victim/Witness Protection funding to 28 ongoing cases, contributing over \$143,000.00 towards the success of *Operation Lightning Bolt*.**

Operation Lightning Bolt, conducted under the Project Safe Neighborhood/Violent Crime Impact Team Task Force, showcased the effectiveness of federal and local cooperation to reduce drug-related violent crimes in the streets of Miami, Florida. Through law enforcement partnerships, this cooperative initiative was able to simultaneously dismantle multiple violent crime organizations that have plagued Miami for some time.

The 2-year investigation culminated when law enforcement officers executed early morning search warrants that resulted in the seizure of a variety of illicit contraband, numerous firearms, to include assault weapons with high capacity magazines, altered sawed off shotguns, ammunition, and ballistic bullet proof vests and investigative evidence. The execution of the search warrants also uncovered large amounts of cocaine, crack, heroin, marijuana and the seizure of vehicles along with \$60,000 in U.S. currency.

As a result of Operation Lightning Bolt, 85 defendants have been charged with trafficking in narcotics, firearms violations, and other related crimes. Of these, 53 defendants were charged federally and 45 of those defendants were convicted in federal court. The members of the criminal organization that committed the aforementioned crimes were able to exist within the community because of their intimidation of witnesses and victims. With the funding from the VCDCC, prosecutors were able to provide protection to the key victim and witnesses of Operation Lightning Bolt which lead to the successful prosecution of all suspects.



## COUNCIL AUTHORITY AND EIGHT MAJOR INITIATIVES

In order to address the critical statewide issues of violent crime in Florida, the 1993 Legislature passed the Florida Violent Crime Act of 1993. Section 943.031, Florida Statutes, created the Florida Violent Crime Council within the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) to address the violent crime occurring in Florida and to develop strategies to combat it. The 2001 Legislature amended the statute, renaming the Florida Violent Crime Council as the *Florida Violent Crime and Drug Control Council (VCDCC)*. As part of a legislative requirement, the Council provides updates on 8 major initiatives intended to produce meaningful and effective results in Florida's effort to curtail violent crime, drug trafficking, and money laundering. These 8 initiatives of the Violent Crime Act of 1993 are:

- 1) Membership and Duties of the Council;
- 2) Regional Coordinating Teams;
- 3) Violent Crime Investigative Emergency and Drug Control Strategy Implementation Account;
- 4) Implementation of the Violent Criminal Apprehension Program (VICAP);
- 5) Submission of Fingerprint Cards for Felony Juvenile Arrests;
- 6) Collection of Juvenile Computerized Criminal Histories (CCH);
- 7) Basic and Advanced Violent Crime Training; and
- 8) The Submission of DNA Specimens.

This report will focus on Initiatives one through four. Initiatives five through eight (*VICAP, Juvenile Fingerprints, Juvenile CCH, and the Submission of DNA Specimens*) are continually monitored by the Council with little change occurring in 2006.

### Major Initiatives of the Violent Crime Act of 1993

#### **1. Florida Violent Crime and Drug Control Council:**

##### **a. Membership of the Council**

As prescribed by statute, the *VCDCC* membership is comprised of 14 members to advise the FDLE Executive Director (Commissioner) and make recommendations on the development and implementation of initiatives to combat violent crime, drug trafficking, and money laundering.

Eight members of the *VCDCC* are standing members by virtue of their positions, and 6 are appointed by the Governor. Council members receive no compensation, but are reimbursed for per diem and travel expenses. Members appointed by the Governor serve 2-year terms and the standing members serve as long as they hold office or employment that was the basis for their appointment to the Council. The FDLE provides the Council with the support necessary to assist in the performance of its duties. The standing members are:

- Chief Financial Officer of Florida Tom Gallagher – Designee: Director Randall W. Napoli
- Attorney General, Charlie Crist – Designee: Statewide Prosecutor Peter Williams
- Commissioner of Education, John Winn – Designee: K-12 Deputy Chancellor Mary Jane Tappen
- Director of the Office of Drug Control, Executive Office of the Governor: Director William Janes





- Secretary of Juvenile Justice, Anthony J. Schembri – Designee: Assistant Secretary C. Steven Casey
- Secretary of Corrections, James R. McDonough – Designee: Deputy Assistant Secretary Pam Denmark
- Florida Network of Victim/Witness Services: President David Remer
- FDLE Commissioner, Gerald M. Bailey – Designee: Assistant Commissioner Ken Tucker

Governor appointments include (2 sheriffs, 2 police chiefs, 1 state attorney and 1 medical examiner):

- Director Robert L. Parker – Miami-Dade Police Department (term expires June 30, 2007)
- Sheriff Robert White – Pasco County Sheriff's Office (term expires June 30, 2007)
- Chief Samuel Williams – Ocala Police Department (term expires June 30, 2007; may be reappointed by the Governor to serve a second term to expire June 30, 2009)
- Chief Daniel M. Davis – Williston Police Department (term expires June 30, 2007)
- State Attorney Jerry Hill – Tenth Judicial Circuit (term expires June 30, 2007)
- Dr. Margarita Arruza – District 4 Medical Examiner (term expires June 30, 2007)

#### **b. Duties of the Council**

The statutory duties of the Florida VCDCC include, *but are not limited to*, the following responsibilities:

- Advise the Executive Director of the FDLE on the creation of Regional Violent Crime Investigation Coordinating Teams (RCTs) and Regional Drug Enforcement Coordinating Teams (RDECTs).
- Monitor the activities of the Regional Coordinating Teams that review cases involving violent crime investigations, drug related crimes, and investigations of significant money laundering activities.
- Disburse reimbursement funds from the Violent Crime Investigative Emergency and Drug Control Strategy Implementation Account.
- Review and approve those funding requests that meet the criteria from the Victim-Witness Protection/Relocation Account.
- Advise the Executive Director of the FDLE on the development of a statewide violent crime information system.
- Advise the Executive Director of the FDLE on establishing a program that provides grants to criminal justice agencies for violent crime prevention and investigative programs. This includes enhanced community-oriented policing and additional undercover officers and other investigative officers to assist with violent crime investigations in emergency situations.
- Advise the Executive Director of the FDLE on identifying methods to prevent violent crime, drug trafficking, and money laundering.
- Advise the Executive Director of the FDLE on enhancing criminal justice training programs that address violent crime.
- Advise the Executive Director of the FDLE on developing and promoting crime prevention services and educational programs that serve the public. This includes enhanced victim and witness counseling services and a rewards program for the apprehension and conviction of violent criminals.



- Advise the Executive Director of the FDLE on enhanced information sharing and assistance by expansion of community partnerships and community policing, including the use of civilian employees or volunteers.

## 2. Regional Coordinating Teams

### a. Regional Violent Crime Investigation Coordinating Teams

The Regional Violent Crime Investigation Coordinating Teams are used to respond to violent crimes as requested by a sheriff, police chief, or other law enforcement official. These teams provide forensic, investigative and technical expertise and facilitate communications and cooperation among law enforcement entities. The teams report to the Council on trends in each region, training provided to law enforcement agencies and summaries of the Violent Crime Emergency Account funding requests at every quarterly meeting. The Regional Violent Crime Investigation Coordinating Chairs are:

- Assistant State Attorney Frank LeDee, State Attorney's Office, 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit (*Miami Region*)
- Investigator Kevin Smith, State Attorney's Office, 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit (*Fort Myers Region*)
- Special Agent Supervisor John King, Orlando Regional Operations Center, FDLE (*Orlando Region*)
- Major Robert Shrader, Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office (*Tampa Bay Region*)
- Assistant Chief Rick Graham, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (*Jacksonville Region*)
- Special Agent Supervisor Chris Hirst, Tallahassee Regional Operations Center, FDLE (*Tallahassee Region*)
- Chief Lou Roberts, Marianna Police Department (*Pensacola Region*)

### b. Regional Drug Enforcement Coordinating Teams (RDECTs)

The Regional Drug Enforcement Coordinating Teams are used to coordinate the identification and development of multi-agency or statewide drug control operations within their regions. This coordination significantly contributes to achieving the State's goal of reducing drug-related crime as articulated by the Office of Drug Control developed by the Statewide Drug Policy Advisory Council established under Section 397.333, F.S.

The FDLE has established a Regional Drug Enforcement Coordinating Team in each geographic area of the state served by an FDLE Regional Office. Each team is under the direction of the FDLE Special Agent in Charge for the region in which the team operates. The Teams are made up of representatives of state, local, and federal law enforcement and prosecuting entities working within the area. All requests for matching drug investigative effort funds from the VCDCC must be developed in conjunction with, and approved by, the team in the region in which the lead requesting agency is located. The Council will consider no request submitted without the endorsement of the team. The Regional Drug Enforcement Coordinating Chairs are:

- Chief David Allen, Surfside Police Department (*Miami Region*)
- Captain Pat Bartholomew, Manatee County Sheriff's Office (*Fort Myers Region*)
- Special Agent Supervisor John Burke, Orlando Regional Operations Center, FDLE (*Orlando Region*)
- Major Paul Davis, Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office (*Tampa Bay Region*)
- Detective Linda Morgan, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (*Jacksonville Region*)



- Special Agent Supervisor Ricky Gibbs, Tallahassee Regional Operations Center, FDLE (*Tallahassee Region*)
- Special Agent Supervisor Ed Hudson, Pensacola Regional Operations Center, FDLE (*Pensacola Region*)

### **3. Violent Crime Investigative Emergency and Drug Control Strategy Implementation Account**

The Violent Crime Investigative Emergency and Drug Control Strategy Implementation Account provides reimbursement funding to state and local law enforcement agencies involved in complex violent crime investigations and trials. It provides matching (supplemental) funding for drug-related investigations and investigations of significant money laundering activities. Since its inception, the Council has awarded nearly \$7.9 million to local criminal justice agencies for violent crime investigations.

During its fifth year of funding drug and money-laundering investigations, the Council has provided \$2,184,543 in drug control funding to 28 cases involving partnerships between 25 lead agencies and more than 60 participating local, state and federal agencies. These cases target major drug trafficking organizations located in the state of Florida engaged in the distribution of cocaine, heroin, methamphetamine, MDMA, prescription drugs and cannabis. These funds support the cooperative efforts of multiple agencies at both the local, state and federal level to dismantle these drug organizations through lengthy and complex investigative efforts, including pen registers, wire intercepts, undercover operations, surveillance, controlled purchases and financial analysis. The cases significantly contribute to achieving the state's goal of reducing drug-related crime as articulated by the Florida Office of Drug Control and the Governor's Drug Control Strategy.

### **4. Basic and Advanced Violent Crime Training**

As a means of enhancing intelligence sharing, the Florida Intelligence Site (InSite) was developed to specifically assist law enforcement with investigations involving drugs, criminal street gangs and domestic security. InSite consolidates information formally documented in independent informational systems. InSite allows users the ability to utilize one site to record and track statewide intelligence information.

InSite allows users to track, retrieve, and analyze information related to criminal activities across Florida in several individual modules. Analysts and investigators have the ability to record information in one system and to search all modules simultaneously. The current modules in use include:

- Drug Intelligence Module
- Criminal Street Gang Module
- Domestic Security Module
- Violent Crime Module
- Economic Crime Module

Criminals are becoming increasingly more sophisticated in not only the crimes they commit, but how they commit them. Law enforcement now has a comprehensive tool that will allow law enforcement agencies to share intelligence information across the entire state, thus enabling them to identify and capture criminals.



## STATUS AND PROGRESS MADE TOWARD 2006 RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Continue Existing Appropriation of \$1 Million to Replenish the “Violent Crime Investigative Emergency and Drug Control Strategy Implementation Account.”** \$500,000 was funded to the General Revenue Fund for Council Expenses (i.e., travel, printing, etc.) and \$500,000 Trust Fund dollars was designated for Violent Crime Investigations.
- **Continue Existing Appropriation of \$2.5 Million for Match Drug Funding to Replenish the “Violent Crime and Investigative Emergency Drug Control Strategy Implementation Account.”** An appropriation of **\$2.5 Million** was authorized for the Matching Drug Funding for multi-agency or statewide drug control or illicit money laundering investigative or task force efforts. This state funding was appropriated to meet the critical needs of the local agencies in their investigation of major drug offenses/organizations.
- **Continue Appropriation of \$500,000 to Continue the Victim/Witness Protection Program and Increase Window for Providing Funds.** An appropriation of \$500,000 was authorized for the Victim/Witness Protection Program. The FDLE and Council successfully initiated legislation to increase the time limit for funding victim/witness cases from 2 years to 4 years with the continued requirement of State Attorney certification and Council approval for each additional year of renewal.
- **Support and Promote Legislative Enhancements Aimed at Quantifying the Existing Problem and Reducing Violent Street Gang Development in Florida.** The Council heard presentations and offered its continued support of initiatives to identify, dismantle, and reduce street gangs in Florida.
- **Council’s Continued Support Regarding Effective Legislation in the Protection of Florida’s Citizens and Encouraging Enhanced Penalties for Using Minors in Criminal Enterprises.** The Council expressed its support of legislation to protect Florida’s citizens, especially children. During the December meeting, the Council adopted the following motion under the guidance of FDLE General Counsel Michael Ramage: *“The Florida VCDC is concerned that there appears to be an increasing use of minors by adults to commit violent crime and other crimes in support of criminal street gang and other potentially violent offenses in Florida. The Council hereby communicates to the Florida Legislature its request that the Legislature consider enacting a statute that will significantly enhance the penalty of adults who are convicted of crimes involving the use of minors in violent and other crimes”*. The Council is aware that there is an enhancement for the use of minors in drug related offenses, but concerns that there is a needed enhancement in "other" cases prompted this motion.
- **Council’s Continued Endorsement of the Enhancement to the Convicted Offender DNA Database.** The Council continues to support the collection of all convicted felons’ DNA and recognizes that the state is implementing this as a multi-year approach.
- **Council’s Support of Revisions to the Methamphetamine Bill Sponsored by the Florida Office of Drug Control and FDLE that was passed by the Legislature in 2005.** Legislation passed during the 2005 session created a penalty for persons whose narcotics violations result in injury or death of a law enforcement officer. Legislation passed in 2006 expanded that penalty to apply when injury results to a firefighter, emergency medical technician, paramedic, or other specified person.
- **Council Supported Legislation and Funding for Data Integration Projects (FLEX) and the Maintenance of the InSite system.** The Council continues support to FLEX and similar data sharing programs.



## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2007

- **Request Replenishment of \$500,000 from the General Revenue Funds and \$500,000 from the Operating Trust Fund for the Violent Crime Investigative Emergency and Drug Control Strategy Implementation Account.**

*The Council will request an appropriation of a total of \$1 Million to replenish the Violent Crime Investigative Emergency and Drug Control Strategy Implementation Account for investigative efforts.*

During the past 13 years, the Council has provided either partial or full funding for investigations or trials of many high profile cases. The funds for this came from the *Violent Crime Investigative Emergency and Drug Control Strategy Implementation Account*. From January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006, the Council has funded 10 violent crime cases to 9 agencies totaling \$218,589.33. An agency or community that experiences one of these types of crimes and lacks sufficient funds to provide the proper investigation or trial conditions can apply for reimbursement of up to \$100,000 per year.

- **Request Replenishment of \$2.5 Million from the General Revenue Funds for the Violent Crime Investigative Emergency and Drug Control Strategy Implementation Account.**

*The Council will request an appropriation of \$2.5 Million to replenish the Violent Crime Investigative Emergency and Drug Control Strategy Implementation Account for multi-agency or statewide drug control or illicit money laundering investigative or task force efforts.*

From January 1, 2006, to December 31, 2006, the Council has funded 28 matching drug control and illicit money laundering investigations to 25 lead agencies and more than 60 participating agencies totaling \$2,184,543.00. The successful investigation of major drug trafficking and money laundering organizations is dependent on the availability of funds to support the costly investigative techniques necessary to dismantle these groups.

- **Request a total appropriation of \$500,000 to Replenish the Victim/Witness Protection Program.**

*The Council requests an appropriation of \$500,000 to replenish the Victim/Witness Protection Program.*

The Victim/Witness Protection Program authorizes law enforcement agencies to provide protective services, including temporary relocation services, under specified circumstances. The law enables the lead law enforcement agency to seek reimbursement from the Florida VCDCC for expenses incurred in providing protective services for victims/witnesses certified by the prosecuting State Attorney or Statewide Prosecutor on or after July 1, 1997. A Victim and Witness Review Committee within the Florida VCDCC is responsible for reviewing and either approving or denying, in whole or part, each of the requests for this type of funding. From January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006, the Council has funded 36 victim/witness protection cases to 12 agencies totaling \$209,769.94.



## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2007 (continued)

- ❑ **Support and Promote Law Enforcement and Legislative Initiatives Aimed at Identifying and Dismantling Human Trafficking Organizations.**

*Urge a continued focus on human trafficking crimes in Florida and support existing penalties, enhanced penalties, and expanded law enforcement training.*

- ❑ **Support and Promote Legislative Enhancements Aimed at Quantifying the Existing Problem and Reducing Violent Street Gang Development in Florida.**

*Support continued aggressive law enforcement initiatives to curtail street gang activity in Florida.*

- ❑ **Continue to Support Effective Legislation in the Protection of Florida's Citizens, Especially Children, Against Violence With Particular Emphasis on Violence by Known Sex Offenders and Predators as well as Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Forces.**

*Support expanded efforts and increase resources to reduce cyber crimes and increase in the state's resources devoted to such efforts.*

- ❑ **Support the Prescription Validation Program and Database.**

*The Council continues to support the revision to the state's response of developing controlled substance crime and use pattern.*

- ❑ **Support Expansion and Funding of the State's Drug Court Program.**

*The Drug Court program funding is provided through various state, county, and federal funding sources. The Council continues to endorse: 1) the expansion of the drug court program to all 67 counties of Florida; and 2) additional state funding to the counties for administration and operation of Drug Courts.*

- ❑ **Support Enhanced Penalties for Using Minors in Criminal Enterprises.**

*The Council supports enhanced criminal penalties for adults who utilize minors to facilitate or commit significant crimes including drug trafficking and crimes of violence.*



**SUMMARY OF ALL CASES FUNDED  
BY REGION  
JANUARY 1, 2006 – DECEMBER 31, 2006**

<b>JANUARY – MARCH</b>	<b>Violent Crime</b>	<b>Drug Cases</b>	<b>Victim/Witness</b>
Tampa Bay	0	0	0
Fort Myers	0	1	0
Orlando	0	0	1
Tallahassee	0	0	0
Pensacola	0	3	0
Miami	0	0	6
Jacksonville	0	2	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>0 Awards/\$0</b>	<b>6 Awards/\$342,240.50</b>	<b>7 Awards/\$47,181.65</b>
<b>APRIL - JUNE</b>	<b>Violent Crime</b>	<b>Drug Awards</b>	<b>Victim/Witness</b>
Tampa Bay	0	0	0
Fort Myers	0	0	0
Orlando	0	2	1
Tallahassee	0	0	1
Pensacola	1	1	0
Miami	0	2	9
Jacksonville	1	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2 Awards/\$37,528.61</b>	<b>5 Awards/\$357,302.50</b>	<b>11 Awards/\$85,569.23</b>
<b>JULY - SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>Violent Crime</b>	<b>Drug Awards</b>	<b>Victim/Witness</b>
Tampa Bay	0	1	0
Fort Myers	0	0	0
Orlando	3	2	3
Tallahassee	0	0	1
Pensacola	2	3	1
Miami	1	0	7
Jacksonville	2	2	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>8 Awards/\$181,060.72</b>	<b>8 Awards/\$700,000</b>	<b>12 Awards/\$61,529.83</b>
<b>OCTOBER – DECEMBER</b>	<b>Violent Crime</b>	<b>Drug Awards</b>	<b>Victim/Witness</b>
Tampa Bay	0	1	0
Fort Myers	0	0	0
Orlando	0	4	0
Tallahassee	0	0	0
Pensacola	0	0	0
Miami	0	3	6
Jacksonville	0	1	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>0 Awards/\$0</b>	<b>9 Awards/\$785,000</b>	<b>6 Awards/\$15,489.23</b>
<b>YEAR END TOTALS</b>	<b>10 Awards/\$218,589.33</b>	<b>28 Awards/\$2,184,543.00</b>	<b>36 Awards/\$209,769.94</b>

Note: The Council funds are appropriated July 1 to June 30. However, the Council's Annual Report captures funding dispersals from January 1 to December 31.



<b>VIOLENT CRIME CASES FUNDED BY REGION</b>
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**Tampa Bay Region**

**No Funds awarded**

**Fort Myers Region**

**No Funds awarded**

**Orlando Region**

Sanford PD	Pearson Homicide (Sept)	\$36,679.43
Volusia County SO	Deltona X-Box Murder Investigation (Sept)	\$19,882.20
Leesburg PD	Duckett Abduction (Sept)	\$25,000.00
<b>Total for Region</b>		<b>\$81,561.63</b>

**Tallahassee Region**

**No Funds awarded**

**Pensacola Region**

Marianna PD	Baker Homicides (June)	\$5,633.00
Marianna PD	Baker Homicides (Sept)	\$3,075.00
Santa Rosa County SO	Rohwedder Homicide (Sept)	\$24,635.72
<b>Total for Region</b>		<b>\$33,343.72</b>

**Miami Region**

Lantana PD	Serial Inter-Related Violent Crime Incidents	\$57,721.59
<b>Total for Region</b>		<b>\$57,721.59</b>

**Jacksonville Region**

Marion County SO	Forest Homicides (June)	\$31,895.61
Bellevue PD	Zippo & Shepperd Homicides (Sept)	\$6,391.92
Flagler County SO	Maxwell Homicide (Sept)	\$7,674.86
<b>Total for Region</b>		<b>\$45,962.39</b>

**TOTAL Violent Crime Investigative cases awarded funding during 2006: \$218,589.33**

**NOTE: The Council exercised its discretion in denying one (1) Violent Crime Investigative case from one (1) agency totaling \$45,743.41, as the funding criteria was not satisfied.**





## DRUG CASES FUNDED BY REGION

### Tampa Bay Region

Operation High Rollers (Sept)	\$ 100,000.00
Operation Cannabis Express (Dec)	\$ 100,000.00
<b>Total for Region</b>	<b>\$ 200,000.00</b>

### Fort Myers Region

Operation Bradenton Project <i>(Supplemental)</i> (March)	\$ 33,060.50
<b>Total for Region</b>	<b>\$ 33,060.50</b>

### Orlando Region

Operation Hollywood Lights (June)	\$ 77,000.00
Operation Chain Gang (June)	\$ 77,000.00
Operation Which Doctor (Sept)	\$ 100,000.00
Operation Bookertown (Sept)	\$ 100,000.00
Operation Wabasso Lock Down (Dec)	\$ 100,000.00
Operation Rock Crusher (Dec)	\$ 65,000.00
Operation Mobile Detail (Dec)	\$ 100,000.00
Operation Orlando West (Dec)	\$ 100,000.00
<b>Total for Region</b>	<b>\$ 719,000.00</b>

### Tallahassee Region

**No Funds awarded**

### Pensacola Region

Operation Klug Drug (March)	\$ 35,000.00
Operation Baby Girl (March)	\$ 100,000.00
Operation Speedball <i>(Supplemental)</i> (March)	\$ 44,180.00
Operation White Summer (June)	\$ 49,302.50
Operation Butter and Onions (Sept)	\$ 50,000.00
Operation G-Unit (Sept)	\$ 50,000.00
Operation Block Boyz (Sept)	\$ 100,000.00
<b>Total for Region</b>	<b>\$ 428,482.50</b>

### Miami Region

Operation High Impact (June)	\$ 77,000.00
Operation Scriptwork (June)	\$ 77,000.00
Operation Green Giant (Dec)	\$ 20,000.00
Operation Cold Turkey (Dec)	\$ 100,000.00
Operation Nickelodeon (Dec)	\$ 100,000.00
<b>Total for Region</b>	<b>\$ 374,000.00</b>

### Jacksonville Region

Operation Smackdown (March)	\$ 100,000.00
Operation Rolling Stone <i>(Supplemental)</i> (March)	\$ 30,000.00
Operation Melting Pot (Sept)	\$ 100,000.00
Operation Time To Go (Sept)	\$ 100,000.00
Operation High Octane (Dec)	\$ 100,000.00
<b>Total for Region</b>	<b>\$ 430,000.00</b>

**TOTAL Drug cases awarded  
funding during 2006:**

**\$2,184,543.00**

**NOTE: All cases presented to the Council were funded.**



<b>VICTIM/WITNESS PROTECTION CASES FUNDED BY REGION</b>
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**Tampa Bay Region**

**No Funds awarded**

**Fort Myers Region**

**No Funds awarded**

**Orlando Region**

Sanford PD (March)	\$ 3,860.00
Sanford PD (June)	\$ 3,860.00
Cocoa PD (Sept)	\$ 6,267.89
FDLE/Fort Pierce Field Office (Sept)	\$ 1,949.00
Eustis PD (Sept)	\$ 13,556.31
<b>Total for Region</b>	<b>\$ 29,493.20</b>

**Tallahassee Region**

FDLE/Live Oak Field Office (June)	\$ 16,000.00
Franklin County SO (Sept)	\$ 2,989.43
<b>Total for Region</b>	<b>\$ 18,989.43</b>

**Pensacola Region**

Jackson County SO (Sept)	\$ 835.79
<b>Total for Region</b>	<b>\$ 835.79</b>

**Miami Region**

Riviera Beach PD (March)	\$ 8,487.83
Miami-Dade PD (March)	\$ 2,433.85
City of Miami PD (4 Cases) (March)	\$ 32,399.97
West Palm Beach SAO (June)	\$ 16,287.40
Riviera Beach PD (June)	\$ 16,835.36
Fort Lauderdale PD (June)	\$ 6,596.83
Miami-Dade PD (3 Cases) (June)	\$ 8,475.13
City of Miami PD (3 Cases) (June)	\$ 17,514.51
Riviera Beach PD (Sept)	\$ 9,067.70
Fort Lauderdale PD (Sept)	\$ 5,013.74
Miami-Dade PD (3 Cases) (Sept)	\$ 3,525.20
City of Miami PD (2 Cases) (Sept)	\$ 18,324.77
Miami-Dade PD (5 Cases) (Dec)	\$ 10,379.25
Riviera Beach PD (Dec)	\$ 5,109.98
<b>Total for Region</b>	<b>\$160,451.52</b>

**Jacksonville Region**

**No Funds awarded**

**TOTAL VWP cases awarded  
funding during 2006:**

**\$209,769.94**

**NOTE: All cases presented to the Council were funded.**

