**MEPIC Advisory Board Action items:**

Board events and meetings

* Send emails to gauge interest in events and ask for input
  + Title: name of event, date and time
  + Suggestion: SurveyMonkey
  + BH: suggest board meeting to update content of strategic plan at end of year.

Missing Children’s Day Event

* FDLE coordinate and reach out further to communities for greater attendance
* Accommodate social distancing with outdoor event
* Include rain plan
* Push social media (2020 event had 13K views on Facebook alone)
* Memorial presentation of missing children with name, date missing
* When families of missing children have RSVP’d to event, send another letter asking if they’re comfortable sending a short summary of their case to be presented at the event.
  + Use feedback to improve events, ask for any needed accommodations
* Publicize number of children missing with the message that they’re not forgotten
* Highlight the general issue as opposed to only current cases of families present

Missing children with Autism

* Insp. Hoffman is updating training for 911 operators with goal of learning immediately whether missing children have Autism and notifying FDLE for advanced alert
  + Specificity in these advanced alerts to name neighborhoods child is expected to be near
  + Spread awareness of improved procedures further through law enforcement so other areas catch up
    - Through IED
  + Increase awareness of resources for Autistic children in rural areas to address frequency of parents denying a disorder to 911 operator when asked
  + Autism societies can give some info on materials and safety, but Autism Speaks is the only one currently offering targeted training
* Create a network at local level to notify designated people of missing Autistic children due to tendency of children to move toward streets and bodies of water
  + Get that information to people in a position to monitor and react
  + For local law enforcement officers: know where those bodies of water are, and to check them.

Newsletter Articles

* Sessions and Kessey bill to expand MEPIC – complete
* FMCD – almost complete
* Senate Bill 234 to clear loopholes that allow sex offenders out of jail and put them back in jail
* Senate Bill 184 to create Purple Alerts for incapacitated adults not covered by Silver Alerts
* Misconceptions of missing persons
  + Change “only bad children run away” out for “parental abductions are low risk for children”
* Suggestion to add article on detection dogs
* **To be completed in early July**

Board and Awards Vote Results

* Mr. Campbell and Assistant Chief Gilliam retain their current positions on the Advisory Board.
* Citizen of the Year Award
  + Move Judy Thigpin into consideration for John and Reve Walsh Award
  + Accept Robert Riley by default (?)
* Combatting Human Trafficking Award
  + B-5 (Trooper John Ethan Ellerbee) accepted as a late submission
  + B-3 (Master Detective John Couey) has been moved into consideration for Law Enforcement Taskforce of the Year and is now F-2
  + B-1 (TPD Investigator Elizabeth Bascom) has been moved into consideration for Commissioner’s Award
  + B-4 (Detective Jason Carter) has been moved into consideration for Evelyn D. Williams Memorial Award
  + B-5 wins vote.
* Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award
  + C-1 (Deputy Royce James) wins vote
* State/Federal Law Enforcement Officer of the Year
  + Both D-1 (Trooper Darran Morgan) and D-2 (Corporal David Flores) win.
* Jimmy Ryce K9 Trailing Team of the Year Award
  + E-3 (Frederick Gimbel and K9 Holmes) win vote.
* Law Enforcement Task Force of the Year
  + F-2, formerly B-3 (Master Detective John Couey) wins vote
* Young Hero Award
  + H-1 (minor, name not given) wins vote.

Miscellaneous

* Communicate with Sheriff’s Board about the possibility of local law enforcement recognizing/reaching out to families with missing children with goal of better support and communication within local communities
  + Assistant Chief Gilliam will ask local law enforcement to visit families with update on case and rose/picture
* Invitation from Gadsden County Sheriff for event in July
* Another for Bay Area event in August
  + Booths, event for parents and children to interact with law enforcement
* Chairperson: contact local communities to spread events further across the state
  + Draw on advisory board and foundation to facilitate
  + Identify other events currently doing well and send them resources
* Safe Summer Event: logistical difficulties with planning due to renovations at building.
  + Therefore: update when more info on location
  + Training after FMCD giveaway and safety presentation opportunities
* Events geared toward law enforcement for their engagement and education
  + Who can lead this?
  + Formerly both self-led and professionally led, both remain options
  + Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (Denise Barts)
* For award ceremony:
  + Include videos and news articles to present alongside or before ceremony
  + Modify nomination forms in future to require incident reports for completed cases, so as to give thorough information when board members have questions
  + List all nominees and their stories online for recognition
  + K-9 awards suggestions:
    - Split into two categories, one for trailing, one for detection, OR
    - Modify original award to explicitly include detection dogs
    - Return to this topic next meeting
* Training on detection dogs as well, to better draw on this resource
  + BH: for future Advisory Board meeting, ask Ms. White and others to present on the sort of work their dogs do