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

2007 Annual Report

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A Message from Commissioner Gerald M. Bailey

I would like to take this opportunity to share with you the Florida Violent Crime and Drug Control Council's (VCDC) Annual Report for the Calendar Year 2007. 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 2007 assistance, 71 cases involving 34 different agencies focusing on violent crime, major drug/illicit money laundering, 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 in the State of Florida and for its citizens. I am proud to have the Council under the umbrella of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and I support the accomplishments and recommendations set forth by the Council in this 2007 Annual Report.



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Overview of Funding and Council Meetings

During 2007, the Violent Crime and Drug Control Council funded 71 cases totaling \$1,909,775.84 to support local and state agencies investigating violent crime, major drug and money laundering cases and victim/witness protection and relocation efforts. The Council met in March, June and December 2007 to review funding requests and to discuss crime issues having an impact on Florida's citizens and visitors. The Council's implementation of statewide Regional Coordinating Teams (RCTs) have proven to be very instrumental in assisting the Council in its review of cases involving violent crime, drug related crimes, and investigations of significant money laundering activities.

In 2007, the Council and RCTs addressed several topics of interest relating to emerging crime trends, innovative technology, improved investigative techniques, enhanced communication, and advanced training for law enforcement officers and criminal justice agencies. The 2007 topics of interest included:

March Meeting

- Enhanced penalty legislation and other council bills of interest
- Violent crime proactive initiative
- Violent crime trends in the Gainesville area
- Financial Crime Analysis Center (FCAC)
- Uniform Crime Reports (UCR) and their use
- An overview of FDLE's InSite Program and how it is useful to law enforcement
- Drug case update: Operation Pirate's Cove
- Drug success story: Operation Creole Reflections

June Meeting

- Legislative update
- A comprehensive update on current intelligence issues: Fusion Center and ongoing projects
- A Cold Case Initiative: Major crime investigations
- The Duckett Abduction
- Drug funding success story: Operation Smackdown
- The Southern States' Investigators Workshop (SSIW)

December Meeting

- An update on administrative changes and financial status of the Council
- Set agenda for March 2008 meeting to discuss "best practices"

The Council continues to hear best practices and case success stories from multiple disciplines. The RCTs provided a network of coordinated efforts for case reviews and intelligence sharing among the law enforcement/criminal justice community and the general public. This "network" of information-sharing was further enhanced by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) when it launched the Council's first website in October 2002.



In February 2007, the FDLE implemented improvements to the website. Today, the Council's website continues to be a viable source of information for the public and the law enforcement community. The enhanced site contains information on Council membership, upcoming Council meetings, minutes/agendas from prior meetings, all applications and procedures to apply for funding, and success stories. Most importantly, the site contains a contact "map" that can search by individual county and locate contacts for the RCTs. The Council's website address is <http://www.fdle.state.fl.us/vcdcc/VCDCC.htm>



Funding Success Stories

Violent Crime Case

Turnpike Homicide Investigation

The Council provided reimbursement funding to the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office (PBCSO) at its March 2007 meeting, granting a Violent Crime Reimbursement Application in the amount of \$39,867.53 for the *Turnpike Homicides*.

The PBCSO requested and was granted \$39,867.53 to support this proactive criminal investigation. The bodies of four individuals were found on October 13, 2006, approximately 45 feet from Florida's Turnpike in Port St. Lucie. The family (to include a 3-year-old and a 4-year-old) had been shot execution style. The incident made national news and the event became a priority law enforcement issue. Intelligence indicated that Jose Escobedo was a drug courier. It was later determined that Escobedo was transporting cocaine when he and his family were murdered.

The Council also provided reimbursement funding to the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office (SLCSO) at its June 2007 meeting in the amount of \$100,000 for their participation in the *Turnpike Homicides*.

The SLCSO requested and received the maximum funding amount of \$100,000 for investigating the violent criminal organization responsible for the *Turnpike Homicides*. At the time of the Council meeting, the SLCSO had expended \$156,376 in overtime and investigative expenses. The SLCSO initially assigned eight detectives and two crime scene investigators to the effort on a full-time basis, which was reduced to two full-time detectives.

Major Drug and Money Laundering Case

Operation Creole Reflections

The Council provided funding to the Fort Lauderdale Police Department (FLPD) at its April 2003 and May 2005 meetings, granting two drug awards totaling \$100,000 for *Operation Creole Reflections*.

The FLPD was awarded Council funding to combat identified Haitian drug traffickers in Fort Lauderdale. The investigation continued from June 2003 until April 2006, which resulted in the arrests of 51 people on drug trafficking charges.

This joint investigative effort by the FLPD, included the following participating agencies: Drug Enforcement Administration, Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, United States Border Patrol, United States Postal Service, Broward County Sheriff's Office, Lauderhill Police Department, Coconut Creek Police Department, Margate Police Department, Wilton Manors Police Department, Hollywood Police Department, and the Hallandale Beach Police Department.



As a result of this investigation, a Federal Grand Jury returned a 32 count indictment charging 18 individuals with drug trafficking, money laundering and firearms charges. The court also authorized seven search warrants that were simultaneously executed on December 12, 2006. To date, the investigation has resulted in the arrests of 19 defendants and the dismantling of this organization in South Florida. Additionally, law enforcement seized approximately 10 kilograms of cocaine, ½ kilogram of crack cocaine, more than \$800,000 in U.S. currency, four firearms, 11 vehicles, and four residences valued at approximately \$1.4 million.

On August 6, 2007, two of the defendants went to trial in Fort Lauderdale's Federal Court. Upon conclusion of the trial, within two hours, the jury reached a verdict of guilty on all counts for both defendants. The U.S. Attorney anticipates 7 to 15 additional arrests in a second round of indictments.

Victim/Witness Protection and Relocation Case

Lake Worth Police Department

The Council initially awarded Victim/Witness Protection funding to the Lake Worth Police Department (LWPC) at its June 2007 meeting in the amount of \$5,547.77. The relocation effort was subsequently granted reimbursement funding in the amount of \$1,269.73 on a conference call meeting of the Council's Victim and Witness Protection Review Committee on September 26, 2007.

On February 13, 2006, the LWPD responded to a call at a residence in Lake Worth, where they found two gunshot wound victims. Police determined that 27 rounds had been shot from an assault rifle. The case was investigated and the defendant was subsequently charged with two counts of attempted 1st degree murder and shooting into an occupied building.

On February 12, 2007, the LWPD responded to a call at the above-mentioned victims' residence. One of the victims indicated that he had received a threatening telephone call from an unknown caller and had seen vehicles outside his residence occupied by unknown Hispanic males. The telephone call was received one day before the anniversary date of the attempted murder of the two victims in February 2006.

State Attorney Barry E. Krischer deemed the witnesses critical to the prosecution and certified the witnesses as eligible for relocation, pursuant to Section 914.25, Florida Statutes. The LWPD requested and was granted two separate reimbursements totaling \$6,817.50.

On May 15, 2007, this case was closed after a trial by jury. The defendant was found guilty and sentenced to 40 years in the Department of Corrections on charges of attempted 2nd degree murder with a firearm; attempted involuntary manslaughter with a firearm; and shooting into an occupied building.



VIOLENT CRIME AND DRUG CONTROL COUNCIL

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 FDLE to address and develop strategies to combat violent crime occurring in Florida. The 2001 Legislature amended the statute, renaming the Florida Violent Crime Council to the Florida Violent Crime and Drug Control Council. The Council's mission is to provide updates on initiatives that produce meaningful and effective results in Florida's effort to curtail violent crime, drug trafficking, and money laundering. In an effort to fulfill its mission, the Council places emphasis on five initiatives:

- Duties and Responsibilities
- General Membership
- Regional Coordinating Teams (RCT)
- Violent Crime Investigative Emergency and Drug Control Strategy Implementation Account
- Victim/Witness Protection Account

Duties

The duties and responsibilities of the VCDC include:

- 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.
- Inform the FDLE Commissioner of programs that provide grants to criminal justice agencies for violent crime prevention and investigative programs. This includes enhanced community-oriented policing, additional undercover officers and other investigative officers to assist with violent crime investigations in emergency situations.
- Inform the FDLE Commissioner on learned methodology that may assist in the prevention of violent crime, drug trafficking, and money laundering.
- Inform the FDLE Commissioner on enhanced criminal justice training programs that address violent crime.
- Inform the FDLE Commissioner of the performance of the RCTs.
- Monitor the activities of the RCTs that review cases involving violent crimes, drug related crimes, and investigations of significant money laundering activities by:
- Ensure the RCTs respond to violent and drug-related crimes as requested by a sheriff, police chief, or other law enforcement official.
- Ensure the RCTs: provide forensic, investigative and technical expertise and facilitate communications and cooperation among law enforcement entities; report to the Council on trends in each region and training provided to law enforcement agencies; and review and approve all violent crime investigative funding requests for the upcoming Council meeting.



- Ensure the RCTs coordinate the identification and development of multi-agency or statewide drug control operations within their regions to achieve the state’s goal of reducing drug-related crime as articulated by the Office of Drug Control.
- Ensure that each RCT falls under the direction of the FDLE Special Agent in Charge for the region in which the team operates.
- Ensure that each RCT is comprised of representatives from state, local, and federal law enforcement and prosecuting entities working within their respective region.
- Ensure that each RCT reviews, approves and endorses all matching drug investigative requests for the upcoming Council meetings.
- Ensure all funding requests referred to the Council are supported by the RCT.

General Membership

As prescribed by Section 943.031, Florida Statutes, the Council membership is comprised of 14 members. Eight members of the Council are standing members by virtue of their positions, and six 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 two-year terms and the standing members serve as long as they hold office or employment which was the basis for their appointment to the Council. The FDLE provides the support necessary to assist the Council in the performance of its duties. The standing members are:

- Chief Financial Officer, Alex Sink – Designee: Deputy Chief Financial Officer Eric W. Miller
- Attorney General, Bill McCollum – Designee: Statewide Prosecutor William N. Shepherd
- Commissioner of Education, Eric Smith – Designee: Executive Director Mary Jane Tappen
- Director of the Office of Drug Control, Executive Office of the Governor: Director William Janes
- Secretary of Juvenile Justice, Walter McNeil – Designee: Deputy Secretary Richard D. Davison
- Secretary of Corrections, James R. McDonough – Designee: Deputy Assistant Secretary Pam Denmark
- President of the Florida Network of Victim/Witness Services, Gretchen Howard – Designee: Director Nancy K. Tanner
- 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):

- Sheriff James F. Coats – Pinellas County Sheriff’s Office (term expires June 30, 2009)
- Sheriff Ben F. Johnson – Volusia County Sheriff’s Office (term expires June 30, 2009)
- Chief Norman B. Botsford – Gainesville Police Department (term expires June 30, 2009)
- Police chief (currently vacant)
- State attorney (currently vacant)
- Medical examiner (currently vacant)



***Regional Coordinating Team
(Violent Crime)***

- Assistant State Attorney Frank LeDee, State Attorney's Office, 11th Judicial Circuit (*Miami Region*)
- Investigator Kevin Smith, State Attorney's Office, 20th Judicial Circuit (*Fort Myers Region*)
- Special Agent Supervisor John King, Orlando Regional Operations Center, FDLE (*Orlando Region*)
- Major Mike Puetz, St. Petersburg Police Department (*Tampa Bay Region*)
- Assistant Chief Rick Graham, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (*Jacksonville Region*)
- Sergeant Jeff Johnson, Tallahassee Police Department (*Tallahassee Region*)
- Chief Lou Roberts, Marianna Police Department (*Pensacola Region*)

***Regional Coordinating Team
(Drug Enforcement)***

- Chief David Allen, Surfside Police Department (*Miami Region*)
- Captain Pat Bartholomew, Manatee County Sheriff's Office (*Fort Myers Region*)
- Special Agent Supervisor Francisco A. Hidalgo, 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*)



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 in 1993, the Council has awarded more than \$8.5 million to local criminal justice agencies for violent crime investigations.

During its sixth year of funding drug and money-laundering investigations, the Council provided \$1,645,000 in drug control funding to 36 cases involving partnerships between 22 lead agencies, including local, state and federal agencies. These cases target major drug trafficking organizations located in the State of Florida that are engaged in the distribution of cocaine, heroin, methamphetamine, MDMA, prescription drugs and cannabis. These funds support the cooperative efforts of multiple agencies at 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.

VICTIM/WITNESS PROTECTION ACCOUNT

The Victim/Witness Protection Program authorizes law enforcement agencies to provide protective services, including temporary relocation services, under specified circumstances. Section 914.25, Florida Statutes, enables the lead law enforcement agency to seek reimbursement from the Council for expenses incurred in providing protective and relocation services for victims/witnesses certified by the prosecuting State Attorney or Statewide Prosecutor on or after July 1, 1997.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Request appropriation of \$1 million to replenish the Violent Crime Investigative Emergency and Drug Control Strategy Implementation Account.** \$500,000 will be allocated to the General Revenue Fund and \$500,000 will be allocated to the Operating Trust Fund for violent crime investigations. During the 2007 Legislative Session, an appropriation of \$1 million was authorized for violent crime investigations. However, the appropriation amount was reduced to \$200,000 due to Florida's budgetary shortfall.

During the past 14 years, the Council has provided either partial or full funding for investigations or trials of many high profile cases from the Violent Crime Investigative Emergency and Drug Control Strategy Implementation Account.

Between January 1, 2007 and December 31, 2007, the VCDC funded three violent crime cases to three agencies totaling \$155,221.05. An agency or county 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 appropriation of \$2.5 million for match drug funding to replenish the Violent Crime and Investigative Emergency Drug Control Strategy Implementation Account.** During the 2007 Legislative Session, 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 funding was appropriated to meet the critical needs of the local agencies in their investigation of major drug offenses/organizations. However, the initial appropriation was reduced to \$925,000 due to Florida's budgetary shortfall.

Between January 1, 2007 and December 31, 2007, the VCDC funded 36 matching drug control and illicit money laundering investigations for 22 lead agencies totaling \$1,645,000. 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 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.

During the 2007 Legislative Session, an appropriation of \$500,000 was authorized for the Victim/Witness Protection Program. However, the initial appropriation was reduced to \$100,000 due to budgetary shortfall. A Victim and Witness Review Committee within the VCDC is responsible for reviewing and either approving or denying, in whole or part, each of the requests for this type of funding.

Between January 1, 2007 and December 31, 2007, the VCDC funded 32 victim/witness protection cases for 15 agencies totaling \$109,554.79.



**DETAILED SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES
JANUARY 1, 2007 – DECEMBER 31, 2007**

Reporting Period & Region	Violent Crime Awards		Drug Awards		Victim/Witness Awards	
January – March	Awards	Amounts	Awards	Amounts	Awards	Amounts
Tampa Bay	0		0		0	
Fort Myers	0		2	\$ 125,000.00	0	
Orlando	0		0		0	
Tallahassee	0		0		1	\$ 2,722.55
Pensacola	0		4	\$ 206,028.00	0	
Miami	1	\$ 39,867.53	2	\$ 150,000.00	4	\$ 22,880.06
Jacksonville	0		1	\$ 75,000.00	0	
QUARTERLY TOTALS	1	\$ 39,867.53	9	\$ 556,028.00	5	\$ 25,602.61
Reporting Period & Region	Violent Crime Awards		Drug Awards		Victim/Witness Awards	
April – June	Awards	Amounts	Awards	Amounts	Awards	Amounts
Tampa Bay	0		0		0	
Fort Myers	0		0		0	
Orlando	1	100,000.00	4	\$ 183,000.00	1	\$ 8,156.07
Tallahassee	0		1	\$ 70,000.00	1	\$ 20,000.00
Pensacola	0		5	\$ 180,972.00	0	
Miami	0		1	\$ 70,000.00	7	\$ 19,621.72
Jacksonville	1	15,353.52	1	\$ 55,000.00	0	
QUARTERLY TOTALS	2	\$ 115,353.52	12	\$ 558,972.00	9	\$ 47,777.79
Reporting Period & Region	Violent Crime Awards		Drug Awards		Victim/Witness Awards	
July – September	Awards	Amounts	Awards	Amounts	Awards	Amounts
Tampa Bay	0		0		1	\$ 883.78
Fort Myers	0		0		1	\$ 2,500.00
Orlando	0		0		3	\$ 7,454.78
Tallahassee	0		0		0	
Pensacola	0		0		0	
Miami	0		0		12	\$ 23,474.11
Jacksonville	0		0		0	
QUARTERLY TOTALS	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	17	\$ 34,312.67
Reporting Period & Region	Violent Crime Awards		Drug Awards		Victim/Witness Awards	
October – December	Awards	Amounts	Awards	Amounts	Awards	Amounts
Tampa Bay	0		0		1	\$ 1,861.72
Fort Myers	0		3	\$ 75,000.00	0	
Orlando	0		6	\$ 190,000.00	0	
Tallahassee	0		2	\$ 90,000.00	0	
Pensacola	0		2	\$ 75,000.00	0	
Miami	0		2	\$ 100,000.00	0	
Jacksonville	0		0		0	
QUARTERLY TOTALS	0	\$ -	15	\$ 530,000.00	1	\$ 1,861.72
YEAR END TOTALS	3	\$ 155,221.05	36	\$ 1,645,000.00	32	\$ 109,554.79

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

NOTE: Due to Florida's budgetary shortfalls, the Council cancelled its meeting in September 2007 and did not award cases relating to Violent Crime Investigations or Drugs. However, a conference call meeting of the Victim and Witness Protection Review Committee was held to grant reimbursement funding for Victim/Witness Protection cases.



Violent Crime Cases Funded by Region

REGION/LEAD AGENCY	CASE NAME	AWARD AMOUNT
Tampa Bay Region		
No funds awarded		
Fort Myers Region		
No funds awarded		
Orlando Region		
St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office	Turnpike Homicides (June)	\$ 100,000.00
TOTAL FOR REGION		\$ 100,000.00
Tallahassee Region		
No funds awarded		
Pensacola Region		
No funds awarded		
Miami Region		
Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office	Turnpike Quadruple Homicide (March)	\$ 39,867.53
TOTAL FOR REGION		\$ 39,867.53
Jacksonville Region		
Gainesville Police Department	Radcliffe Homicide (June)	\$ 15,353.52
TOTAL FOR REGION		\$ 15,353.52
TOTAL Violent Crime Investigative cases awarded funding during 2007		\$ 155,221.05

NOTE: All cases presented to the Council were funded.



Drug Cases Funded by Region

REGION/OPERATION NAME	LEAD AGENCY	AWARD AMOUNT
Tampa Bay Region		
No funds awarded		
Fort Myers Region		
Operation Sanchez Organization/Thunder Smack (March)	Bradenton PD	\$ 50,000.00
Operation Wired Again (March)	Manatee County SO	75,000.00
Operation Third Watch (Dec)	Manatee County SO	30,000.00
Operation Bear Hunt (Dec)	Sarasota County SO	30,000.00
Operation Sanchez Organization (Supplemental) (Dec)	Bradenton PD	15,000.00
TOTAL FOR REGION		\$ 200,000.00
Orlando Region		
Operation Don Juan (June)	Volusia County SO	\$ 60,000.00
Operation Encore (June)	Lake County SO	40,000.00
Operation Chain Gang (Supplemental) (June)	Volusia County SO	23,000.00
Operation Squeaky Wheel (June)	St. Lucie County SO	60,000.00
Operation Moncho Man (Dec)	Volusia County SO	25,000.00
Operation United Front (Dec)	St. Lucie County SO	25,000.00
Operation Rock Star (Dec)	Volusia County SO	25,000.00
Operation Wild West (Dec)	Orange County SO	50,000.00
Operation Free Bird (Dec)	Brevard County SO	50,000.00
Operation Don Juan (Supplemental) (Dec)	Volusia County SO	15,000.00
TOTAL FOR REGION		\$ 373,000.00
Tallahassee Region		
Operation Cyclops (June)	Madison County SO	\$ 70,000.00
Operation Gill Net (Dec)	Dixie County SO	50,000.00
Operation What Not (Dec)	Suwannee County SO	40,000.00
TOTAL FOR REGION		\$ 160,000.00
Pensacola Region		
Operation Door-to-Door (March)	Escambia County SO	\$ 25,000.00
Operation No Limit (March)	Santa Rosa County SO	75,000.00
Operation White Rock (March)	Walton County SO	50,000.00
Operation Snow Castle (March)	Washington County SO	56,028.00
Operation Scrap Pile (June)	Washington County SO	37,050.00
Operation Flora Bama (June)	Holmes County SO	55,000.00
Operation Bean Slinger (June)	Lynn Haven PD	38,922.00
Operation Butter & Onions (Supplemental) (June)	Bay County SO	25,000.00
Operation Klug Drug (Supplemental) (June)	Escambia County SO	25,000.00
Operation Round Em Up (Dec)	Santa Rosa County SO	25,000.00
Operation Back Door (Dec)	Walton County SO	50,000.00
TOTAL FOR REGION		\$ 462,000.00



Drug Cases Funded by Region (continued)

REGION/OPERATION NAME	LEAD AGENCY	AWARD AMOUNT
Miami Region		
Operation Cross Town (March)	Fort Lauderdale PD	\$ 75,000.00
Operation Creole Express (March)	Fort Lauderdale PD	75,000.00
Operation Deep Six (June)	Lake Worth PD	70,000.00
Operation Gangland Express (Dec)	Palm Beach County SO	50,000.00
Operation Crack Down (Dec)	Fort Lauderdale PD	50,000.00
Total for Region		\$ 320,000.00
Jacksonville Region		
Operation Omerita (March)	Jacksonville SO	\$ 75,000.00
Operation Clean Streets (June)	Green Cove Springs PD	55,000.00
Total for Region		\$ 130,000.00
TOTAL Drug cases awarded funding during 2007		\$ 1,645,000.00

PD = Police Department
 SO = Sheriff's Office

NOTE: The Council exercised its discretion in denying three supplemental Drug cases from three agencies totaling \$61,000.



Victim/Witness Protection Cases Funded by Region

REGION/LEAD AGENCY	AWARD AMOUNT
Tampa Bay Region	
Plant City Police Department (Sept)	\$ 883.78
Plant City Police Department (Dec)	1,861.72
Total for Region	\$ 2,745.50
Fort Myers Region	
Sarasota Police Department (Sept)	\$ 2,500.00
Total for Region	\$ 2,500.00
Orlando Region	
Titusville Police Department (June)	\$ 8,156.07
Cocoa Police Department (Sept)	2,500.00
Orange County Sheriff's Office (Sept)	2,454.78
Brevard County Sheriff's Office (Sept)	2,500.00
Total for Region	\$ 15,610.85
Tallahassee Region	
State Attorney's Office, 2nd Judicial Circuit (March)	\$ 2,722.55
FDLE - Live Oak Field Office (June)	20,000.00
Total for Region	\$ 22,722.55
Pensacola Region	
No funds awarded	
Miami Region	
City of Miami Police Department - 2 Cases (March)	\$ 10,740.86
Riviera Beach Police Department (March)	8,099.20
Fort Lauderdale Police Department (March)	4,040.00
Miami-Dade Police Department - 4 Cases (June)	11,049.95
Fort Lauderdale Police Department - 2 Cases (June)	3,024.00
Lake Worth Police Department (June)	5,547.77
Miami-Dade Police Department - 3 Cases (Sept)	5,600.00
City of Miami Police Department - 6 Cases (Sept)	13,124.38
Hollywood Police Department (Sept)	2,500.00
Lake Worth Police Department (Sept)	1,269.73
West Palm Beach Police Department (Sept)	980.00
Total for Region	\$ 65,975.89
Jacksonville Region	
No funds awarded	
TOTAL Victim/Witness Protection cases awarded funding during 2007	\$109,554.79

NOTE: The Council exercised its discretion in denying two Victim/Witness Protection cases from one agency totaling \$1,876.52, as the funding criteria was not satisfied. Due to Florida's budgetary shortfalls, the Council cancelled its meeting in September 2007. However, on September 26, 2007, a conference call meeting of the Victim and Witness Protection Review Committee was held to grant reimbursement funding for Victim/Witness Protection cases.

