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**Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE)**

**Missing Endangered Persons Information Clearinghouse**

**Advisory Board**

**Virtual Meeting**

**Thursday, February 13, 2025**

**1 PM to 2 PM (EST)**

**Mission Statement:** Together with the citizens of Florida, we promote the safety of children and other vulnerable populations through public and private collaborations.

**Meeting Minutes**

**Chairperson: Karen Mazzola**

**Welcome**

No quorum as of meeting beginning.

Meeting begins at 1:07 PM with Chief Lloyd leading.

**Roll Call**

**FDLE Attendees:** Ashley Bullard, Mehgen Peoples, Phillip Lindley, Rose Garrison, Kandace Zachary, Abdel Cortez, Makenna Nix, Megan McDonald

**Board Members:** Vice-Chair Darry Lloyd, Mr. Bill Corfield, Ms. Janet Hartman, Ms. Stephanie White, Major Jerry Hensley, Ms., Jessica Janasiewicz, Ms. Hilary Sessions, Dr. Kim Spence, Mr. Mike Vasilinda, Mr. Mark Young, Ms. Terri Lynn, Ms. Fran Carlin-Rogers, Ms. Julie Collins, Dr. Katherine Gomez, Kristin Morgan, Cpt. Peter Bergstresser, Major David Bernhardt, Sheriff Walt McNeil, Brian Moore, Travis Paulk

**Organizations and Individuals Represented:** Target Corporation,Florida Public Safety Institute, St. Petersburg Police Department, Florida Association of School Administrators, Center for Autism and Related Disabilities at UCF, State Attorney 8th circuit , Mike Vasilinda Productions, the Jimmy Ryce Center for Victims of Predatory Abduction, Florida Department of Education, Department of Juvenile Justice, Florida Department of Children and Families, Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, Leon County Sheriff’s Office, Florida Association of District School Superintendents, impacted missing families, and private citizens

**Approve Previous Meeting Minutes**

[Not done at this meeting.]

**MEPIC/CART Update**

Kandace Zachary provides the alert statistics for January.

**2025 Virtual and In-Person Meeting Dates**

Virtual meeting currently set for Thursday April 10th, 1:00 – 2:30 PM

Request from Julie Collins to send meeting information as a meeting through Outlook, rather than an email. Per GSOM Bullard, we can do this with state agencies.

**2025 Year Agenda**

* FDLE Is proceeding with the established Strategic Plan.
* GAII Peoples reviews the projects and tasks set out in the strategic plan, which has been emailed to members.
* GSOM Bullard highlights the task of assisting the FMCD Foundation and explains that currently, the best way for Board members to assist the Foundation is by distributing materials and information on the Foundation that will drive traffic and donations through the Foundation website.
  + Bill Corfield asks how to contact the FMCD Foundation with fundraising possibilities. GSOM Bullard explains that business relating to fundraising would require the member with information to attend a Foundation meeting per Sunshine Law. However, if a member has a specific donor in mind, the donor’s contact information can be passed to FDLE to be forwarded to the Foundation.
* 2025 Safety fairs and conferences are listed at the back of the agenda.
* In 2024, FDLE attended about 17 conferences and safety fairs at which members pushed missing persons literature including information on FMCD and MEPICAB.
* 2025 Summer and Winter Newsletter Articles
  + GAII Peoples thanks Dr. Spence for the article she submitted. She requests that Board members take on more articles if possible, due to FDLE’s increased involvement with the FMCD Foundation and reduced availability for writing articles.
  + Dr. Spence offers to reach out to a colleague who may be able to write an article on water safety.
  + Terri Lynn offers to write an article on changes in missing persons issues in law enforcement since Jimmy Ryce went missing. She will work this out with GAII Peoples.
  + GAII Peoples details previous ideas for articles as listed in the agenda.
  + Bill Corfield suggests writing an article on the operation planned in Jacksonville.
  + Chief Lloyd suggests writing an article.
* FMCD Update
  + FMCD will be held at the Tallahassee Automobile Museum this year.
  + Julie Collins indicates that the Essay Contest memo will be going out to schools tomorrow, 2/14.
  + GSOM Bullard explains that the essay contest is partially sponsored by the DOE, while the National Anthem Contest is not, which is why the National Anthem Contest does not go out to schools in the same memo.

**Adjournment**

Mike Vasilinda motions to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Spence seconds the motion. The meeting is adjourned 1:41 PM.