



**State of Louisiana**  
**Office of the Governor**

**Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement  
and Administration of Criminal Justice**

**DRUG CONTROL AND VIOLENT CRIME POLICY BOARD  
MINUTES**

Baton Rouge Marriot Hotel  
5500 Hilton Avenue  
Baton Rouge, LA 70808  
(225) 924-5000

November 13, 2013  
2:30PM

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Chief Mike Knaps of the Drug Control and Violent Crime Policy Board, called the meeting to Order at 2:40 p.m.

Board members or their representatives who were present: Mr. Geoffrey Bordelon, proxy for Sheriff Doug Anderson; Honorable Trent Brignac; Mr. Salvador Lejarza, proxy for Chief Steve Caraway; Honorable Michael Cassidy; Ms. Cynthia M. Austin, proxy for Honorable Paul D. Connick; Rodney Grantham, proxy for Chief Michael Dickerson; Lieutenant Colonel Murphy Paul, proxy for Colonel Michael Edmonson; Sheriff Sid Gautreau, III; Chairman, Chief Mike Knaps; Ms. Cathy Savant, proxy for Sheriff Wayne Melancon; Honorable Charles Scott; Sheriff Mike Stone; Sheriff Mike Tubbs.

LCLE Staff who were present included: Joseph "Joey" Watson, *Executive Director*; Robert Mehrtens, *Deputy Director*; Katherine Guidry, *Federal Programs Section Manager*, Linda Gautier, *Byrne/JAG Section Manager*; Bob Miller, *Program Manager*, Martha Addison, *Contracts/Grants Reviewer*, and Roxanne Langston, *Administrative Assistant*.

The following District Representatives were present: Jeremy Edwards, *Northwest Law Enforcement Planning District, Inc.*, and Red River Delta Law Enforcement Planning District; Marky Tucker, *North Delta Law Enforcement Planning District, Inc.*; Amanda Bourque, *Evangeline Law Enforcement Planning Council, Inc.*; Drusilla Merrick, proxy for Wanda Johnson, *Capital District Law Enforcement Planning District, Inc.*; Bonnie Vaughn, *Southwest District Law Enforcement Planning Council, Inc.*;

Ronald Lampard and Helmer Magnuson, *Jefferson Parish Criminal Justice Coordinating Council/Metropolitan District Law Enforcement Planning and Action Criminal Justice Coordination*; and Maria Kay Chetta, *Orleans Office of Criminal Justice Coordination*.

Guests present were: Mark Dumaine, *19th Judicial District Attorney's Office*; Billie Giroir, *20th Judicial District Attorney's Office, East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, East Feliciana Parish Sheriff's Office, West Feliciana Parish Sheriff's Office*; Houston Gascon and Margaret Kerley, *22nd Judicial District Attorney's Office*; Cynthia Austin, *24th Judicial District Attorney's Office*; Rosemary Temple, *25th Judicial District Attorney's Office*; Honorable Michael Cassidy, *31st Judicial District Attorney*; Christine Jenkins, *32nd Judicial District Attorney's Office*; Vera Davis, *4th Judicial District Attorney's Office*; Ben Perkins, *Allen Parish Sheriff's Department*; Glenn Daniel, *Baker Police Department*; Ricky Moses, *Beauregard Parish Sheriff's Office*; John M. Crawford, *Bienville Parish Sheriff's Office*; Doyle Dempsey, *Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office*; Jack McKeithen, *Caldwell Parish Sheriff's Department*; Lt. David Hardy and Chief Tonny Hardy, *City of Abbeville*; Clifford Gatlin, *City of Alexandria*; Chief Mike Knaps, *City of Baker*; Antonya Coleman-Crump, *City of Baton Rouge*; Gene Crosby, *City of Bogalusa*; Dana Jennings, *City of Denham Springs*; Eric Covell, *City of Gretna*; Charles W. Barchers, IV, *City of Hammond*; Steven John Gauthier, *City of Jennings*; Sal LaJaraza, *City of Kenner*; Ronald R. Payton, *City of Minden*; Nikeo Collins, *City of Natchitoches*; Mark Forsyth and Sylvia Poindexter, *City of New Orleans Police Department*; Christy Boudreaux, *City of Plaquemine*; Ricky Gray, *City of Rayne*; Tim Beckins, *City of Shreveport*; Barry VanShoubrouek, *City of Slidell*; James A. Spillers and Vernon Stevens, *Claiborne Parish Sheriff's Office*; Vernon Stevens, *Concordia Parish Sheriff's Office*; Briant Beard and Brigitte Fresina, *East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office*; Sheriff Wydette Williams, *East Carroll Parish Sheriff's Office*; Danielle Bertrand, *Evangeline Parish Sheriff's Office*; David Rigdon, *Franklin Parish Sheriff's Office*; Preston Lyles, *Grant Parish Sheriff's Office*; Cpt Tommy Favaron, *Iberville Parish Sheriff's Office*; Helmer Magnuson, *Jefferson Parish Criminal Justice Coordinating Council/Metropolitan District Law Enforcement Planning and Action Criminal Justice Coordination*; Ronald Lampard, *Jefferson Parish Criminal Justice Coordinating Council/Metropolitan District Law Enforcement Planning and Action Criminal Justice Coordination*; Jerry Monnerjahn, *Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office*; Reginald Thomas, *Lafayette Consolidated Government*; Dorian Brabha, *Lafayette Police Department*; Valerie Martinez, *Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office*; Chad Alexander, *Lincoln Parish Sheriff's Department*; Sheriff Jason Ard, *Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office*; Roxanne Barrios, *Louisiana District Attorneys Association*; Cynthia Butler and Daniel Jackson, *Louisiana Sheriffs Association*; Lt. Col. Paul Murphy, *Louisiana State Police*; Lt. Scott Floyd and Sheriff Mike Tubbs, *Morehouse Parish Sheriff's Office*; Greg Dunn, *Natchitoches Sheriff's Office*; Maria-Kay Chetta, *Office of Criminal Justice Coordination*; Val M. Solino, *Orleans Parish District Attorney*; Marky Tucker, *Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Office*; Lacie Kemp, *Pointe Coupee Parish Sheriff's Office*; Debbie McBeth, *Rapides Sheriff's Parish Office*; Jeremy P. Edwards, *Red River Delta and Northwest Delta*; Sheriff Nathaniel Williams, *St. Helena Parish Sheriff's Office*; Steven Brignac, *St. James Parish Sheriff's Office*; Jesse Martin, Jr., *St. Landry Parish Sheriff's Office*; John Kahl, *St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office*; Barney Tyrney, *St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office*; Drusilla Merrick, *Tangipahoa Sheriff's Office*; Donald W. Collins, *Town of Boyce*; Kenneth Bryan, *Union Parish Sheriff's Office*; Karen McInnis, *Vernon Parish Sheriff's Office*; Robert Hayden, *Webster Parish Sheriff's Office*; Jerome Fontentot, *West Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office*; Maria Fitzgerald, *Winn Parish Sheriff's Office*.

## ROLL CALL

Roll Call was taken and a quorum was established.

## APPROVAL OF AMENDA AGENDA

Chairman, Chief Mike Knaps asked for a motion to approve the Amended Agenda as presented. Motion was made by Sheriff Sid Gautreaux to accept the minutes as presented. Sheriff Mike Tubbs seconded the motion. The motion carried without opposition or abstention.

## OLD BUSINESS

### A. Consideration of September 11, 2013 Minutes

Chairman Chief Mike Knaps asked for a motion to accept the September 11, 2013 Minutes. Honorable Michael Cassidy made the motion to accept the Minutes, seconded by Honorable Charles Scott. The motioned carried without opposition or abstention.

## NEW BUSINESS

### A. 2013 District Allocation Plan Change

Bob Miller presented one (1) 2013 Plan Change.

1. eGrants Orleans District Court, \$67,776 increase for the existing allocation of \$50,644 to \$118,420. [NOTE: Plan Change also revises the project name from "Treatment of Adult Offenders" to "Drug Court"; their Application goes before the February Board.]

With no questions or comments, Honorable Charles Scott made motion to recommend approval of **2013 District Allocation Plan Changes**. Honorable Michael Cassidy seconded the motion. The motion carried without opposition or abstention.

### B. Increases

Bob Miller presented two (2) Increases.

1. **B11-6-005**, 31<sup>ST</sup> Judicial District Attorney, *Information Systems Upgrade*, \$6,000; Requested increase \$1,318, revised award \$7,318; Representative: Honorable Michael Cassidy
2. **B12-7-001**, 24<sup>TH</sup> Judicial District Attorney, *Pretrial Intervention*, \$51,000; Requested Increase \$2,597, revised award \$53,597; Representative: Cynthia Austin

With no questions or comments, Honorable Charles Scott made motion to recommend approval of the above **Increases**. Sheriff Mike Tubbs seconded the motion. The motion carried without opposition.

Honorable Michael Cassidy abstained on B11-6-005, 31<sup>st</sup> Judicial District Attorney  
Cynthia Austin abstained on B12-7-001, 24<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney

### C. Sole Source Requests

Bob Miller presented three (3) Sole Source Requests.

1. eGrants #1381, Caldwell Parish Sheriff's Office, *Criminal Justice Technology*; Representative: Jack McKeithen
2. eGrants #1436, Morehouse Parish Sheriff's Office, *Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force*; Representative: Lt. Scott Floyd
3. **B11-5-012**, East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, *Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force*; Representative: Brigette Fresina

With no questions or comments, Chief Mike Knaps made motion to recommend approval of the above **Sole Source Requests**. Mr. Salvador Lejarza seconded the motion. The motion carried without opposition.

Sheriff Sid Gautreau and Chief Mike Knaps abstained on B11-5-012, East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office.

### D. Waiver Requests

Bob Miller presents three (3) Waiver Requests.

1. eGrants #1433, 22<sup>ND</sup> Judicial District Attorney, *Career Criminal Prosecution*, Waiver of the 48-Month Limitation Rule; Representative: Houston Gascon
2. **B12-4-002**, City of Abbeville, *Crime Activity Patrol*, Waiver of the 48-Month Limitation Rule; Representative: Chief Tony Hardy
3. **B12-5-021**, Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office, *Pretrial Intervention*, Waiver of the 48-Month Limitation Rule; Representative: Sheriff Jason Ard

With no questions or comments, Sheriff Sid Gautreaux made motion to recommend approval of the above **Waiver Request**. Sheriff Mike Tubbs seconded the motion. The motion carried without opposition or abstention.

### E. Consideration of Non-Confidential Applications

#### District 1 Northwest District

Jeremy Edwards presented three (3), District 1, Non-Confidential Applications.

1. eGrants #1383, City of Minden, *Enhanced Crime Scene Unit*, \$7,371 (new); Representative: Ronald Payton
2. eGrants #1422, Bienville Parish Sheriff's Office, *Drug Knock and Talk*, \$10,000 (continuation); Representative: John Crawford

3. eGrants #1491, Natchitoches Parish Sheriff's Office, *Targeting Computer and High Tech Crime*, \$12,101 (continuation); Representative: Greg Dunn

With no questions or comments, Honorable Michael Cassidy made motion to recommend approval of the above **District 1, Non-Confidential Applications**. Sheriff Mike Tubbs seconded the motion. The motion carried without opposition or abstention.

### **District 2 North Delta District**

Marky Tucker presented five (5), District 2, Non-Confidential Applications.

1. eGrants #1381, Caldwell Parish Sheriff's Office, *Criminal Justice Technology*, \$6,685 (new); Representative: Jack McKeithen
2. eGrants #1401, East Carroll Parish Sheriff's Office, *Targeting Illegal Substances*, \$4,457 (new); Representative: Sheriff Wydette Williams
3. eGrants #1434, Franklin Parish Sheriff's Office, *Street Sales Disruption*, \$13,371 (continuation); Representative: David Rigdon
4. eGrants #1465, Union Parish Sheriff's Office, *Targeting Illegal Substances*, \$15,599 (continuation); Representative: Kenneth Bryan
5. eGrants #1487, 4<sup>TH</sup> Judicial District Attorney's Office, *Violent Crime Prosecution*, \$32,680 (new); Representative: Vera Davis

With no questions or comments, Sheriff Sid Gautreaux made motion to recommend approval of the above **District 2, Non-Confidential Applications**. Mr. Paul Murphy seconded the motion. The motion carried without opposition or abstention.

### **District 3 Red River Delta District**

Jeremy Edwards presented five (5), District 3, Non-Confidential applications.

1. eGrants #1448, Town of Boyce, *Criminal Patrols*, \$4,800 (new); Representative: Don Collins
2. eGrants #1459, Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office, *Information Systems Upgrade*, \$13,918 (continuation); Representative: Debbie McBeth
3. eGrants #1480, Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office, *Criminal Records Improvement*, \$26,135 (new); Representative: Debbie McBeth
4. eGrants #1481, Grant Parish Sheriff's Office, *Criminal Patrols*, \$9,600 (new); Representative: Preston Lyles

5. eGrants #1490, Winn Parish Sheriff's Office, *Property Crime*, \$25,000 (continuation); Representative: Maria Fitzgerald

With no questions or comments, Honorable Charles Scott made motion to recommend approval of the above **District 3, Non-Confidential Applications**. Sheriff Michael Tubbs seconded the motion. The motion carried without opposition or abstention.

#### **District 4 Evangeline District**

Amanda Bourque presented six (6), District 4, Non-Confidential Applications.

1. B12-4-002, City of Abbeville, *Crime Activity Patrol*, \$8,582 (continuation); Representative: LT David Hardy
2. B12-4-011, Lafayette Consolidated Government, *Apprehension Training*, \$45,694 (continuation); Representative: LT Reginald Thomas
3. B12-4-014, City of Rayne, *Integrated Criminal Apprehension Program (ICAP)*, \$3,021 (continuation); Representative: Ricky Gray
4. eGrants #1385, St. Landry Parish Sheriff's Office, *Information Systems Upgrade*, \$11,124 (continuation); Representative: LT Jessie Martin
5. eGrants #1419, Evangeline Parish Sheriff's Office, *Evidence Records Preservation*, \$12,597 (continuation); Representative: Danielle Bertrand
6. eGrants #1445, St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office, *Street Sales Disruption*, \$18,039 (continuation); Representative: CPT John Kahl

With no questions or comments, Honorable Michael Cassidy made motion to recommend approval of the above **District 4, Non-Confidential Applications**. Sheriff Sid Gautreaux seconded the motion. The motion carried without opposition or abstention.

#### **District 5 Capital District**

Drusilla Merrick, proxy for Wanda Johnson presented sixteen (16), District 5 Non-Confidential Applications.

1. B12-5-013, City of Baker, *Criminal Patrols*, \$5,000 (new); Representative: Chief Mike Knaps
2. B12-5-026, St. Helena Parish Sheriff's Office, *K-9 Narcotics Unit* \$1,500 (continuation); Representative: Sheriff Nathaniel Williams

3. B12-5-037, City of Baton Rouge, *Targeting Violent Criminals*, \$6,895 (continuation); Representative: Antonya Coleman-Crump
4. eGrants #1387, 19<sup>TH</sup> Judicial District Attorney's Office, *Violent Crime Prosecution*, \$25,280 (continuation); Representative: Mark Dumaine
5. eGrants #1418, Pointe Coupee Parish Sheriff's Office, *Information Systems Upgrade*, \$7,581 (continuation); Representative: Lacie Kemp
6. eGrants #1420, 22<sup>ND</sup> Judicial District Attorney's Office, *Pre-Trial Intervention*, \$6,065 (continuation); Representative: Houston Gascon
7. eGrants #1426, Iberville Parish Sheriff's Office, *Integrated Criminal Apprehension Program (ICAP)*, \$6,065 (continuation); Representative: CPT Tommy Favaron
8. eGrants #1430, City of Bogalusa, *Criminal Patrols*, \$3,032 (continuation); Representative: Gene Crosby
9. eGrants #1431, East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, *Violent Crime Task Force*, \$10,109 (continuation); Representative: Briant Beard
10. eGrants #1433, 22<sup>ND</sup> Judicial District Attorney's Office, *Career Criminal Prosecution*, \$20,220 (new); Representative: Houston Gascon
11. eGrants #1439, City of Plaquemine, *Criminal Records Improvement*, \$3,032 (new); Representative: Christy Boudreaux
12. eGrants #1443, City of Hammond, *Criminal Records Improvement*, \$15,163 (new); Representative: Charles Barchers
13. eGrants #1457, West Feliciana Parish Sheriff's Office, *Criminal Patrols*, \$6,570 (continuation); Representative: Billie Giroir
14. eGrants #1458, East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, *Targeting Violent Criminals*, \$18,196 (continuation); Representative: Briant Beard
15. eGrants #1463, City of Denham Springs, *Criminal Patrols*, \$2,520 (continuation); Representative: Dana Jennings
16. eGrants #1499, West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, *Anti-Terrorist Training Program*, \$13,140 (continuation); Representative: MAJ Jerome Fontenot

With no questions or comments, Sheriff Sid Gautreaux motion to recommend approval of the above **District 5, Non-Confidential Applications**. Honorable Michael Cassidy seconded the motion. The motion carried without opposition.

Honorable Trent Brignac and Chairman, Chief Mike Knaps abstained on B12-5-013, City of Baker.

Sheriff Sid Gautreaux abstained on #1431 and #1458, East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office

#### **District 6 Southwest District**

Bonnie Vaughn presented one (1), District 6, Non-Confidential Application.

1. eGrants #1393, City of Jennings, *K-9 Narcotics Unit*, \$25,201 (continuation); Representative: LT Steven Gauthier

With no questions or comments, Sheriff Sid Gautreaux motion to recommend approval of the above **District 6, Non-Confidential Applications**. Honorable Michael Cassidy seconded the motion. The motion carried without opposition or abstention.

#### **District 7 Metropolitan District**

Ronald Lampard presented seven (7), District 7, Non-Confidential Applications.

1. B11-7-016, City of Slidell, *Enhance Crime Scene Unit*, \$3,230 (new); Representative: Barry VanShoubrouek
2. eGrants #1392, City of Kenner, *Street Sales Disruption*, \$11,286 (continuation); Representative: Salvador Lejarza
3. eGrants #1440, 22<sup>ND</sup> Judicial District Attorney's Office, *Career Criminal Prosecution*, \$12,450 (continuation); Representative: Houston Gascon
4. eGrants #1469, St. James Parish Sheriff's Office, *Street Sales Disruption*, \$10,530 (continuation); Representative: Sgt Steven Brignac
5. eGrants #1472, 24<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney's Office, *Pre-Trial Intervention*, \$52,325 (continuation); Representative: Cynthia Austin
6. eGrants #1476, 25<sup>TH</sup> Judicial District Attorney's Office, *Information Systems Upgrade*, \$2,530 (continuation); Representative: Rosemary Temple
7. eGrants #1500, 32<sup>ND</sup> Judicial District Attorney's Office, *Continuing Aftercare Services*, \$10,660 (continuation); Representative: Christine Jenkins

With no questions or comments, LT Colonel Murphy Paul motion to recommend approval of the above **District 7, Non-Confidential Applications**. Honorable Scott seconded the motion. The motion carried without opposition.

Salvador Lejarza abstained on #1392, City of Kenner.

Cynthia Austin abstained on #1472, 24<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney's Office.

#### **District 9 New Orleans District**

Maria-Kay Chetta presented two (2), District 9, Non-Confidential Applications.

1. eGrants #1391, City of New Orleans, *Violent Crime Unit*, \$150,000 (continuation); Representative: Sylvia Poindexter
2. eGrants #1399, Orleans District Attorney's Office, *Pre-Trial Intervention*, \$42,000 (continuation); Representative: Val Solino

With no questions or comments, Honorable Michael Cassidy motion to recommend approval of the above **District 9, Non-Confidential Applications**. Honorable Scott seconded the motion. The motion carried without opposition or abstention.

#### **District 8 State-Level Subgrants**

Bob Miller presented two (2), District 8 State Level Subgrants.

1. B11-8-006, Louisiana Sheriffs Association, *Criminal Records Improvement*, \$394,714 (continuation); Representative: Cynthia Butler
2. eGrants #1460, Louisiana District Attorneys Association, *State Civil RICO Training*, \$126,309 (continuation); Representative: Roxanne Barrios

With no questions or comments, Sheriff Sid Gautreaux motion to recommend approval of the above **District 8, State Level Subgrants**. Honorable Scott seconded the motion. The motion carried without opposition.

Sheriff Mike Stone and Sheriff Mike Tubbs abstained on B11-8-006, Louisiana Sheriffs Association.

Honorable Michael Cassidy and Honorable Charles Scott abstained on #1460, Louisiana District Attorneys Association.

#### **F. Consideration of **Confidential** eGrants Applications**

**CHAIRMAN MIKE KNAPS ASKED THAT THE ROOM BE CLEARED TO ALLOW DISCUSSION ON CONFIDENTIAL APPLICATIONS.**

Bob Miller presented nineteen (19) Confidential Applications.

1. eGrants #1397, Claiborne Parish Sheriff's Office, *MJTF*, \$19,973 (continuation); Representative: James Spillers
2. eGrants #1410, City of Shreveport, *MJTF*, \$89,420 (continuation); Representative: Timothy Bekins
3. eGrants #1417, Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office, *MJTF*, \$50,000 (continuation); Representative: Doyle Dempsey
3. eGrants #1435, City of Natchitoches, *MJTF*, \$23,667 (continuation); Representative: LT Nikeo Collins
5. eGrants #1438, Lincoln Parish Sheriff's Office, *MJTF*, \$24,107 (continuation); Representative: Chad Alexander
6. eGrants #1456, Webster Parish Sheriff's Office, *MJTF*, \$21,057 (continuation); Representative: Robert Hayden
7. eGrants #1436, Morehouse Parish Sheriff's Office, *MJTF*, \$28,970 (continuation); Representative: Sheriff Mike Tubbs
8. eGrants #1395, Concordia Parish Sheriff's Office, *MJTF*, \$25,000 (continuation); Representative: Vernon Stevens
9. eGrants #1451 Grant Parish Sheriff's Office, *MJTF*, \$20,000 (continuation); Representative: Preston Lyles
10. eGrants #1473, City of Alexandria, *MJTF*, \$36,500 (continuation); Representative: Clifford Gatlin
11. eGrants #1479, Vernon Parish Sheriff's Office, *MJTF*, \$43,427 (continuation); Representative: Karen McKinnis
12. eGrants #1398, Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office, *MJTF*, \$35,382 (continuation); Representative: Drusilla Merrick
13. eGrants #1495, West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, *MJTF*, \$18,196 (continuation); Representative: MAJ Jerome Fontenot
14. eGrants #1444, Beauregard Parish Sheriff's Office, *MJTF*, \$142,068 (continuation); Representative: Sheriff Ricky Moses
15. eGrants #1466, Allen Parish Sheriff's Office, *MJTF*, \$55,623 (continuation); Representative: Ben Perkins

16. eGrants #1404, Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office, *MJTF*, \$52,325 (continuation); Representative: Jerry Monnerjahn
17. eGrants #1408, St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office, *MJTF*, \$20,530 (continuation); Representative: CPT Barney Tyrney
18. eGrants #1423, City of Gretna, *MJTF*, \$52,325 (continuation); Representative: Eric Covell
19. eGrants #1462, Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office, *MJTF*, \$20,530 (continuation); Representative: Valerie Martinez

With no questions or comments, Sheriff Mike Tubbs made motion to recommend approval of the above **Confidential Applications**. Honorable Michael Cassidy seconded the motion. The motion carried without opposition.

Sheriff Mike Tubbs abstained on #1436 Morehouse Parish Sheriff's Office.  
Valerie Martinez abstained on #1462 Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office.

**G. Other New Business**

Bob Miller provided an update on the Byrne 2012 Award for the Wrongful Conviction Demonstration Project, previously mentioned during the September 11, 2013 meeting.

Mr. Miller informed the Board that we did receive an increase of \$67,744 from funds available for Louisiana for this specific project. These funds allow Law Enforcement Agencies to sound-proof, and equip interrogation rooms with the latest, most-sophisticated recording devices to ensure high-quality audio and video recording of felony interviews. The intent is to preclude the Court "throwing out" the statements of convicted persons because they were purportedly coerced or threatened in some fashion during the formal interview process.

**VI. NEXT MEETING DATES:**

March 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014, Holiday Inn South, 9940 Airline Hwy, Baton Rouge, LA 70816 (phone: 225-924-7021)

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chairman, Chief Mike Knaps asked for a motion for adjournment. On motion of Honorable Michael Cassidy, seconded by Honorable Charles Scott, the November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013 meeting of the **DRUG CONTROL AND VIOLENT CRIME POLICY BOARD** adjourned at 3:30 p.m. The motion carried without opposition or abstention.

Submitted by Roxanne Langston