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ATTACHMENTS:

① DETAILED SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

A Message from Commissioner James T. Moore

This report presents the activities and accomplishments of the Violent Crime and Drug Control Council for 2001. As required by Statute, this report is being presented to the Governor, President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House to inform them as to these activities. Additionally, this report also presents FDLE's responses to the Council's recommendations for its activities and funding for the year 2002. One of the Council's initial tasks in 2002 will be to define its role with respect to acts of terrorism and any subsequent requests for funding for investigations resulting from these acts.

FDLE is pleased that the Council was expanded in the last legislative session to include match funding for drug control and illicit money laundering investigations as a part of the Council's mission. The Council is currently implementing this proactive approach and funding will be awarded to agencies at the Council's first meeting of 2002. Council members welcome this expanded role and they are committed to retaining the same high level of responsiveness and service to Florida's law enforcement community that has been in existence since the Council's inception.

The Violent Crime and Drug Control Council is committed to reducing violent and drug-related crime in the State of Florida. FDLE recognizes the outstanding contributions made to the criminal justice community by Council members and the members of the regional coordinating teams that support the Council's activities. We encourage them to continue their efforts. They are making a difference!

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Over the past year, the Florida Violent Crime and Drug Control Council has heard numerous presentations regarding approaches to combating violent crime, drug control, and money laundering. These examples include:

- Safe Passage Program
- Medical Examiners Commission Report on 2000 Drug Deaths
- FDLE Crime Lab Services
- Oxycontin: Its Impact on Florida's Citizens and the Law Enforcement Community
- Orange County's School Threat Assessment Program
- Victim/Witness Protection Program: Is It Working? How Can We Improve It?
- Airport Assessment
- Domestic Security

The 2001 Legislature amended the statute related to the Council, renaming it to the *Florida Violent Crime and Drug Control Council*. In June 2001, the Council held a Rules Development Workshop to address the additional responsibilities of the Council and the rules promulgation process. The new rules became effective October 26, 2001, and outline procedures for the Council to provide local law enforcement agencies with matching funding for drug control and money laundering investigations.

The Violent Crime and Drug Control Council is committed to supporting the criminal justice system. It will continue to aggressively pursue its mission; advise the Florida Department of Law Enforcement about violent crime, drug control, and significant illicit money laundering investigative efforts; communicate with the Legislature on the need for new resources and creative solutions to the violent crime, drug-related, and money laundering problem; and continue to pay close attention to violent crime.

PROGRESS MADE TOWARD 2001 RECOMMENDATIONS

- ❑ **The 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 Funds and \$500,000 was authorized for expenditure from Trust Funds.
- ❑ **The Appropriation of \$75,000 to Continue a Criminal Profiling Program.** \$75,000 was funded to provide assistance in ongoing investigations and for training to support continued education to assist investigators in developing a "profile" of a perpetrator of a violent crime.
- ❑ **The Appropriation of \$500,000 to Continue the Victim/Witness Protection Program.** An appropriation of \$500,000 was authorized for the Victim/Witness Protection Program.
- ❑ **The Council's Increased Education on Drug-Related Topics.** The Council addressed the Oxycontin issue and its impact on Florida's citizens and the law enforcement community.
- ❑ **The Council's Continued Endorsement of the Enhancement to the Convicted Offender DNA Database.** The Council offered its continued support of laws relating to the collection and analysis of samples processed through the Database due to its invaluable assistance to the Criminal Justice Program.

- ❑ **The Continuation of Status Reports on Computerized, Statewide Programs.** The Council received a status report on the FDLE Crime Lab Services, the Convicted Offender DNA Database, the GangNet Database, and the “THUGS” program.
- ❑ **The Council's Continued Education on “Crime Demographics” to Ensure Proper Reaction to Significant Problems.** The Council addressed statistical data on drug-related deaths in 2000 and an assessment of airport safety and security measures statewide.
- ❑ **The Continuation of the Council's Education on “Futures” Related Topics.** The Council supported the Orange County School Threat Assessment Program and the establishment of Regional Drug Teams to handle match-funding requests.
- ❑ **The Council's Continued Endorsement to Keep Weapons Out of Felons’ or Other Wrong People’s Possession.** The Council supported the statewide "THUGS" (Taking Hoodlums Using Guns Seriously) initiative.
- ❑ **The Council's Proposal to Conduct a Violent Crime Presentation to the Legislative Committees in Support of Case Funding.** The Council prepared a presentation for the Legislative Committees on the topic of violent crime, but it was not required.
- ❑ **The Council’s Expansion to Become the *Violent Crime and Drug Control Council*.** The proposed legislation to expand the Council passed as drafted.
- ❑ **The Council's Continuation to Formulate Strategies for Taking a Proactive Approach to Violent Crime.** The Council will take a more proactive approach to combat violent crime and include narcotics investigations and the infusion of money for proactive funding.
- ❑ **The Council's Continued Request to Task Regional Coordinators With Coming Up With Strategies to Attack Violent Crime.** The Regional Coordinating Teams provided the Council with quarterly reports on violent crime and drug-related investigations and training. They will be requested to continue to provide ideas as to how to attack violent crimes with respect to preventing them from occurring and/or their investigation.

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| 2002 LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS |
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- ❑ **The Continued Total Appropriation of \$1 Million to Replenish the Violent Crime Investigative Emergency and Drug Control Strategy Implementation Account (\$500,000 General Revenue and \$500,000 Trust Fund).**
- ❑ **The Continued Appropriation of \$500,000 to Replenish the Victim/Witness Protection Program.**
- ❑ **The Continued Appropriation of \$75,000 to Replenish the Criminal Profiling Program and for other violent crime related areas.**
- ❑ **The Continued Total Appropriation of \$2 Million for Match Drug Funding to Replenish Violent Crime Investigative Emergency and Drug Control Strategy Implementation Account.**

THE FLORIDA VIOLENT CRIME ACT

In order to meet the critical statewide issues of violent crime in Florida, the 1993 Legislature passed the Florida Violent Crime Act of 1993. Chapter 943.031, Florida Statutes, created the Florida Violent Crime Council within the Florida Department of Law Enforcement 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*. The legislation provides for the implementation of eight (8) major initiatives intended to produce meaningful and effective results in Florida's effort to curtail violent crime, drug trafficking, and money laundering.

Status of the Eight (8) Basic Components of the Violent Crime Act of 1993

1. Florida Violent Crime and Drug Control Council:

a. Membership of the Council

As prescribed by the statute, the newly created *Florida Violent Crime and Drug Control Council* membership is comprised of fourteen members to advise the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Commissioner and make recommendations regarding the development and implementation of initiatives to combat violent crime, drug trafficking, and money laundering. Eight members of the Violent Crime and Drug Control Council are standing members by virtue of their positions and the Governor appoints six members. The Council members receive no compensation but are reimbursed for per diem and travel expenses. Members appointed by the Governor will serve two-year terms and the standing members will serve as long as they hold office or employment that was the basis for their appointment to the Council. The Florida Department of Law Enforcement provides the Council with the staff necessary to assist in the performance of its duties. The standing members are:

The Comptroller of Florida: Robert F. Milligan

The Attorney General, Robert A. Butterworth - Designee: Statewide Prosecutor
Melanie A. Hines

The Commissioner of Education, Charlie Crist - Designee: Director Tom Wheeler

The Director of the Office of Drug Control, Executive Office of the Governor: Director
Jim McDonough

The Secretary of Juvenile Justice, William Bankhead - Designee: Director Perry Turner

The Secretary of Corrections, Michael Moore - Designee: Inspector General Fred
Schuknecht

The Florida Network of Victim/Witness Services: Nancy Tanner, President

The FDLE Commissioner, Tim Moore - Designee: Assistant Commissioner Robert E.
Cummings

The Governor's appointments to the Council (two sheriffs, two police chiefs, one state attorney and one medical examiner) are:

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| Director Carlos Alvarez | Miami-Dade Police Department |
| Sheriff Charles Morris | Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office |
| Chief Fred A. Maas | Sunny Isles Beach Police Department |
| State Attorney Norman Wolfinger | Eighteenth Judicial Circuit |
| Chief Arnold A. Gibbs | Cape Coral Police Department |
| Dr. Marta U. Coburn | District 20 Medical Examiner |

b. Duties of the Council

The statutory duties of the Florida Violent Crime and Drug Control Council include, but are not limited to, the following responsibilities:

Advise the executive director 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.

Develop criteria for the disbursement of funds from the Violent Crime Investigative Emergency and Drug Control Strategy Implementation Account.

Review and approve all requests for disbursement of funds from the Violent Crime Investigative Emergency and Drug Control Strategy Implementation Account. In addition, establish an expedited approval procedure for rapid disbursement of funds in emergency situations.

Advise the executive director on analyzing and approving those funding requests that meet the criterion from the Victim-Witness Protection/Relocation Account.

Advise the executive director on the development of a statewide violent crime information system.

Advise the executive director on establishing a program, which 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 on creating a criminal justice research and behavioral science center.

Advise the executive director on expanding the use of automated fingerprint identification systems at the state and local level.

Advise the executive director on identifying methods to prevent violent crime, drug trafficking, and money laundering.

Advise the executive director on enhancing criminal justice training programs that address violent crime.

Advise the executive director 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 on enhancing 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 (RCTs) are used to respond to violent crimes as requested by a sheriff, police chief or other law enforcement officials. These teams provide forensic, investigative and technical expertise and facilitate communications and cooperation among law enforcement entities.

The Regional Violent Crime Investigation Coordinating Teams report to the Council on increasing 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 Team Leaders are:

Major Al Lamberti, Broward County Sheriff's Office
Lieutenant W. Chris Hord, Northeast Florida Investigative Support Center
Deputy Chief Jim Reynolds, Melbourne Police Department
Captain Mary Hogan, Indian River County Sheriff's Office
SAS Steve Desposito, Orlando Regional Operations Center, FDLE
Captain John Schmidt, Leon County Sheriff's Office
Chief Investigator Ralph Cunningham, State Attorney's Office, Twentieth Judicial Circuit
SAS Mike Klages, Pensacola Regional Operations Center, FDLE
Major Gary Terry, Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office

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 or illicit money laundering investigative or task force efforts that significantly contribute to achieving the state's goal of reducing drug-related crime as articulated by the Office of Drug Control, that represent a significant illicit money laundering investigative effort, or that otherwise significantly support statewide strategies developed by the Statewide Drug Policy Advisory Council established under s. 397.333, F.S.

The Department of Law Enforcement has established a Regional Drug Enforcement Coordinating Team in each geographic area of the state served by a FDLE Regional Office. Each Team will be under the direction of the FDLE Regional Director 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 Violent Crime and Drug Control Council must be developed in conjunction with, and approved by, the Team in the region from 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 Team Leaders are:

Regional Director Doyle W. Jourdan, Miami Regional Operations Center
Regional Director James D. Sewell, Tampa Regional Operations Center
Regional Director Joyce F. Dawley, Orlando Regional Operations Center
Regional Director E.J. Picolo, Ft. Myers Regional Operations Center

Regional Director Tom Ring, Pensacola Regional Operations Center
Regional Director Tom McInerney, Tallahassee Regional Operations Center
Regional Director Ken Tucker, Jacksonville Regional Operations Center

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

The Violent Crime Investigative Emergency and Drug Control Strategy Implementation Account provides funding to state and local law enforcement agencies involved in complex violent crime investigations and trials; drug-related investigations; and investigations of significant money laundering activities. Since its inception, the Council has awarded approximately \$3.9 million to local criminal justice agencies for violent crime investigations. It has not yet been possible for the Council to evaluate applications for, and select for distribution, any of the matching funds for drug control and /or illicit money laundering investigations to local criminal justice agencies in the short time since the since the Rules authorizing distribution have become final. There is a Council meeting scheduled for January 15-16, 2001 at which requests for these funds will be reviewed by the Council and the appropriate awards will be approved.

4. Implementation of the Violent Criminal Apprehension Program (VICAP)

The newest version of the VICAP Program was installed in the Office of Statewide Intelligence. Software for this program was distributed to FDLE Regional offices throughout the state for use in the collection of data on new cases and the search of the entire FDLE database for similar cases. This computer system is linked to the FBI so that Florida cases can also be compared to cases in other states by the FBI. Information that was previously collected in the Violent Crime Information System (ViCIS) was integrated into the VICAP system. The merging of the two systems will provide a larger database and eliminate any duplication of analytical efforts. Local agencies will be able to search data through the FDLE Regional offices.

5. Submission of Fingerprint Cards for Felony Juvenile Arrests:

FDLE's criminal history database was created to serve as a valuable tool in the fight against violent crime. With more juveniles committing violent crimes, the criminal justice system must have information concerning the criminal activities of these offenders. To aid in this effort, this legislation mandated that juveniles charged with a felony or one of the following misdemeanors must be fingerprinted and the fingerprints sent to FDLE: assault, battery, carrying a concealed weapon, unlawful use of a destructive device, child abuse, negligent treatment of children, assault or battery on a law enforcement officer, open carrying of a weapon, exposure of sexual organs, unlawful possession of a firearm, petit theft, cruelty to animals and arson.

The following are statistics as of November 4, 2001, on juvenile criminal histories:

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| TOTAL NUMBER OF JUVENILE RECORDS | 299,564 |
| At time of first arrest juvenile age 5 through 9 | 7,699 |
| At time of first arrest juvenile age 10 through 14 | 113,670 |
| At time of first arrest juvenile age 15 through 17 | 178,195 |
| TOTAL NUMBER OF JUVENILE ARRESTS PER INDIVIDUAL | |
| Number with 1 juvenile arrest | 118,794 |
| Number with 2 juvenile arrests | 50,542 |
| Number with 3 juvenile arrests | 28,256 |
| Number with 4 juvenile arrests | 19,206 |
| Number with 5 juvenile arrests | 13,832 |
| Number with 6 – 10 juvenile arrests | 41,139 |
| Number with 11 – 20 juvenile arrests | 19,742 |
| Number with 21 or more juvenile arrests | 8,047 |

6. Collection of Juvenile Criminal Histories:

Fingerprint cards for juveniles arrested on felony and misdemeanor criteria charges are submitted to FDLE as required by section 943.051 of the Florida Statutes. FDLE maintains the information on file until 5 years after the offender has reached 21 years of age (age 26) for Serious Habitual Juvenile Offenders or those committed to a juvenile prison, and until 5 years after the offender has reached 19 years of age (age 24) for other juvenile offenders. If the offender commits a forcible felony as an adult, prior to his juvenile record being destroyed or is treated as an adult while still a juvenile, the juvenile criminal history will be merged with the adult record.

7. Basic and Advanced Violent Crime Training:

In compliance with the requirement to establish standards for basic and advanced training programs for law enforcement officers in investigation of violent crime and prevention, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's Division of Criminal Justice Standards and Training put together a work group to develop a job task analysis (JTA) describing how law enforcement officers investigate violent crimes.

The following five courses were designed to train experienced investigators in the particulars of violent crime investigation: Crime Scene Procedures, Forensics, Legal/Prosecution Aspects, Investigative Procedures and Information Management.

8. Submission of DNA Specimens

Florida Law requires any person who is convicted or previously convicted of a qualifying offense or attempted offense to submit two blood specimens to FDLE for DNA testing and subsequent entry into the Florida Convicted Offender Database. These qualifying offenses include; murder, sexual battery, lewdness, aggravated battery, car jacking, home invasion robbery, and burglary.

Currently all samples received for entry into the Convicted Offender Database are analyzed using Short Tandem Repeat (STR) technology. As of December 1, 2001, a total of 117,189 samples have been collected for entry into this database and 106,319 samples have been completed utilizing the STR technology and entered into the database. This makes Florida one of the states with the largest numbers in the national database.

The FDLE DNA Database has experienced a great deal of success since it began collecting samples in 1990. Currently, Florida leads the nation with over 406 "hits" or "matches have been made and a total of 617 investigations have been aided using this technique. It should be pointed out that in November of 2001, there were a total of 135 "hits" made with the system in comparison to the "best previous month" total of 68.

In recognition of the unit's great efforts, the database personnel were a recent recipient of an award from the FBI for providing the largest number of searchable convicted offender DNA profiles to the National DNA Index System.

STATUS OF THE 2001 ANNUAL REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

- ❑ **An Appropriation of \$1 Million to Replenish the Violent Crime Investigative Emergency and Drug Control Strategy Implementation Account**
 - ➔ *\$500,000 was funded from the General Revenue Funds and \$500,000 was authorized from Trust Funds.*
- ❑ **An Appropriation of \$75,000 to Replenish the Criminal Profiling Program**
 - ➔ *\$75,000 was funded to the General Revenue Funds.*
- ❑ **An Appropriation of \$500,000 to Replenish the Witness Protection Program**
 - ➔ *\$500,000 was replenished from the General Revenue Funds.*
- ❑ **Increased education of the Council on drug-related topics**
 - ➔ *Members of the Council's Regional Coordinating Team reported on specific crime trends and drug-related topics throughout the State. The Council also participated in the Drug Summit and it fully supports the ongoing commitment to the drug information program.*
- ❑ **Support for the continuation and enhancement of the Convicted Offender DNA Database**
 - ➔ *The Council offered its support for the continuance of the FDLE effort with the Convicted Offender DNA Database and its enhancement, as appropriate, to make sure the laws relating to the collection requirement are as inclusive as possible while not limiting the abilities of the Database to analyze the samples.*
- ❑ **Continued status reports on computerized, statewide programs**
 - ➔ *The Council solicited regular status reports on database activities, such as ViCIS, AFIS, DRUGFIRE, DNA Database, Gang Database, etc. and made recommendations to the criminal justice community on how the community can better utilize these databases.*
- ❑ **Education on the “crime demographics” to ensure the Council is reacting to the problems that are of most significance**
 - ➔ *The Council solicited presentations at its meetings on this topic.*
- ❑ **Education on “Futures” related topics such as population demographics, victimization of the elderly, weapons and juvenile crime, etc.**
 - ➔ *The Council solicited presentations at its meetings on this topic.*

- ❑ **Keeping weapons out of felons' or other wrong people's possession**
 - ➔ *The Council solicited a presentation on FDLE's "THUGS" program and how the program was designed to work. Upon hearing the presentation, the Council voted to support the implementation and subsequent operation of the program.*
- ❑ **Conduct a statewide Violent Crime Presentation**
 - ➔ *The proposed legislation to expand the Violent Crime Council to become the Violent Crime and Drug Control Council passed unanimously. Although the Council was prepared to conduct a presentation to the Legislative Committees on the topic of violent crime, the presentation was not required to facilitate the "passing" of the bill.*
- ❑ **Support the expansion of the Council to become the Violent Crime and Drug Council**
 - ➔ *The proposed legislation to expand the Violent Crime Council passed as drafted. The newly formed Violent Crime and Drug Control Council was appropriated \$2 million in addition to the funds currently appropriated for reimbursement for violent crimes. As such, the Council will continue funding violent crime investigations and expand its role to include consideration for funding narcotics investigations.*
- ❑ **Formulate strategies for taking a proactive approach to violent crime**
 - ➔ *The proposed legislation to expand the Violent Crime Council passed as drafted. The newly formed Violent Crime and Drug Control Council will take a more proactive approach to combat violent crime and include narcotics investigations and the infusion of money for proactive funding.*
- ❑ **Task Regional Coordinators with coming up with strategies to attack violent crime**
 - ➔ *The Regional Coordinating Teams continue to provide the Council with quarterly reports regarding drug investigations and drug-related training, in addition to reporting on cases and training issues that relate to violent crime.*

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2002

- ❑ **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 \$1 Million to replenish the Violent Crime Investigative Emergency and Drug Control Strategy Implementation Account for investigative efforts.

During the past eight (8) 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 *Violent Crime Investigative Emergency and Drug Control Strategy Implementation Account*. The amount of funds provided to date to local entities totals \$3.9 million to support their investigations and/or trials. A detailed summary of the expenditures is Attachment 1. An agency or community that experience one of these types of crimes and not having sufficient funds to provide the proper investigation or trial conditions can apply for reimbursement of up to \$100,000.

Commissioner's Response: *FDLE concurs with the Violent Crime and Drug Control Council's recommendation for a total appropriation of a \$1 million replenishment of the Violent Crime Investigative Emergency and Drug Control Strategy Implementation Account for use in emergency violent crime investigations.*

- ❑ **Request Replenishment of \$2 Million from the General Revenue Funds for the Violent Crime Investigative Emergency and Drug Control Strategy Implementation Account**

The Council will request an additional appropriation of \$2 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.

Commissioner's Response: *FDLE concurs with the Violent Crime and Drug Control Council's recommendation for a \$2 million replenishment of the Violent Crime Investigative Emergency and Drug Control Strategy Implementation Account for matching grants for drug control and illicit money laundering investigations.*

□ **Request refunding of \$75,000 for criminal profiling**

The Council will request an appropriation of \$75,000 to replenish the Criminal Profiling Program.

During the past fiscal year, the FDLE criminal profilers have been involved in 186 new case investigations. Of these 186 cases, 172 were Florida cases (many with multiple victims), 11 were out-of-state cases, and 3 were out-of-country cases. The FDLE profilers have continued to provide crime scene analysis and investigative assistance to agencies that request support. Additionally, FDLE criminal profilers have provided 747 hours of training to 6,928 officers, 26 polygraph examinations and 7 hypnosis interviews. The requested funds are to be used to offset the additional travel expenses incurred by the profilers while assisting in the investigations, as well as to help provide assistance with the funding of the on-going training of these individuals.

Commissioner's Response: *FDLE concurs with the Violent Crime and Drug Control Council's recommendation for \$75,000 to replenish the FDLE Criminal Profiling Program. This funding has been essential in providing training to law enforcement personnel throughout Florida in this technique as well as providing valuable assistance in violent crime investigations throughout the entire state.*

□ **Request a total appropriation of \$500,000 to replenish the Victim/Witness Protection Program**

The Council will request 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 Violent Crime and Drug Control Council 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 has been established within the Florida Violent Crime and Drug Control Council and is responsible for developing the criteria for disbursing the funds and reviewing and either approving or denying, in whole or part, each of the requests for this type of funding. The form to seek reimbursement is Attachment 3. Additionally, the Council is legislatively authorized to establish a grants program for criminal justice agencies that develop and implement violent crime prevention and investigative programs.

Commissioner's Response: *FDLE concurs with the Violent Crime and Drug Control Council's recommendation for \$500,000 to replenish the Victim/Witness Protection Program.*

❑ **Increased education of the Council on drug-related topics, including illicit money laundering issues**

The Council will solicit presentations for its meetings that discuss drug-related topics as they relate to juvenile crime, violent crime, and drug legalization.

Commissioner's Response: *FDLE concurs with the Violent Crime and Drug Control Council's recommendation for increased education on drug-related topics. With the additional responsibilities of the Council, this education will become ever increasing in importance to allow the members to make the most informed decisions possible when granting funds for the investigation of drug investigations and illicit money laundering investigations.*

❑ **Support for the continuation and enhancement of the Convicted Offender DNA Database**

The Council will continue to offer its support for the continuance of the FDLE effort with the Convicted Offender DNA Database and its enhancement, as appropriate, to make sure the laws relating to the collection requirement are as inclusive as possible while not limiting the abilities of the Database to analyze the samples.

Commissioner's Response: *FDLE concurs with the Violent Crime and Drug Control Council's recommendation for the continued support for the Convicted Offender DNA Database.*

❑ **Continued status reports on computerized, statewide programs**

The Council will solicit regular status reports on database activities, such as ViCIS, AFIS, DRUGFIRE, DNA Database, Gang Database, etc. and make recommendations to the criminal justice community on how these databases can better be utilized by the community. The Council will continue to explore reasons for the sometimes slow response time for the completions of the required analyses.

The Council encouraged FDLE to continue its support of the laboratories and to strive to reduce the turn-around times for analyses.

Commissioner's Response: *FDLE concurs with the Violent Crime and Drug Control Council's solicitation of reports concerning the databases currently in operation as well those that may be developed in the near future. FDLE is also interested in learning from the Council on ways to increase the efficiency of these databases as well as how to make them more accessible to local law enforcement agencies. FDLE will provide speakers on whatever database that it is developing as well as to seek the assistance and support of other agency designated databases to provide the necessary information.*

- ❑ **Education on the “crime demographics” to ensure the Council is reacting to the problems that are of most significance**

The Council will seek solicitations for presentations at its meetings on this topic. It will attempt to determine whether or not it is focusing its interests on the proper types of criminal activities or if not, what different activities should be reviewed.

Commissioner’s Response: *FDLE concurs with the Violent Crime and Drug Control’s efforts to become more educated on “crime demographics” to ensure that it is continuing to react to the problems of most significance.*

- ❑ **Education on “Futures” related topics such as population demographics, victimization of the elderly, weapons and juvenile crime, etc.**

The Council will seek solicitations for presentations at its meetings on this topic. From the information presented to the Council, it will be better prepared to set future year goals and to better assist local law enforcement agencies in their planning for future types of violent crime.

Commissioner’s Response: *FDLE concurs with the Violent Crime and Drug Control Council to become more educated on “futures-related” topics. This education will better allow the Council to assist law enforcement agencies in planning for future types of violent crimes.*

- ❑ **Keeping weapons out of felons’ or other wrong people’s possession**

The Council will seek solicitations for presentations at its meetings on this topic area. From the information presented to the Council, it will be better prepared to set future year goals and to better assist local law enforcement agencies in their planning when attempting to deal with the use of firearms in violent crimes.

Commissioner’s Response: *FDLE concurs with the Violent Crime and Drug Control Council to become more educated on dealing with the use of firearms in violent crimes.*

- ❑ **Continued Support of the expanded Violent Crime and Drug Control Council**

The newly formed Violent Crime and Drug Control Council (VC&DCC) will be appropriated \$2 Million in addition to the funds currently appropriated for reimbursement for violent crimes. As such, the VC&DCC will continue funding violent crime investigations and expand its role to include consideration for funding narcotics and illicit money laundering investigations.

Commissioner’s Response: *FDLE enthusiastically supports the expanded role of the Violent Crime and Drug Control Council. We will continue to seek the funding necessary to provide the assistance the Council was designed to provide. Through these expanded efforts, it is felt that the Council can have a large role in helping the State reach its goal of reducing drug abuse in Florida.*

❑ **Formulate strategies for taking a proactive approach to violent crime, drug trafficking, and illicit money laundering**

The Council will take a more proactive approach to combat violent crime, drug trafficking, and illicit money laundering.

The newly formed *Violent Crime and Drug Control Council* will take a more proactive approach to combat violent crime and include narcotics investigations and the infusion of money for proactive funding.

Commissioner's Response: *FDLE concurs with the Violent Crime and Drug Control Council assuming a more proactive approach in combating violent crime, drug control and illicit money laundering. It is hoped that through its efforts, the Council can facilitate communication throughout all law enforcement agencies in Florida to allow them to focus on the major criminal elements causing most of the problems in the state.*

❑ **Task Regional Coordinators with coming up with strategies to attack violent crime and drug-related crime**

The Regional Coordinating Teams will continue to provide the Council with quarterly reports regarding cases and training issues that relate to violent crime and drug investigations.

Commissioner's Response: *FDLE concurs with the Violent Crime and Drug Control Council tasking the Regional Coordinating Teams to develop strategies to attack violent crime and drug control activities. It is desired that in addition to the reports on training and cases, the teams will be asked to develop more specific issues as to what they would like to address during each year on both a statewide and local level.*

❑ **Evaluate the Victim/Witness Protection Program**

The Council will continue to determine whether or not the Victim/Witness Protection Program is providing assistance to local agencies as intended and seek ways to improve the overall function of the Victim/Witness Protection Program.

Commissioner's Response: *FDLE concurs with the Violent Crime and Drug Control's continued review of the Victim/Witness Protection Program. This will enable the Council to ensure that the funds are being utilized to provide the maximum security for those individuals requiring additional safety or security while assisting in the investigation or prosecution of those crimes enumerated in the Statutes.*

Emergency Investigative Account Funding
(Separated by Region)

| Tampa Bay Region | | | Total** | \$ 849,681.41 |
|---------------------------|--------|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| St. Pete PD | Jun-94 | Dr. Davidson | \$ | 100,000.00 |
| Sebring PD | Jun-95 | Elderly Couple killed by Minister | \$ | 6,718.23 |
| Haines City PD | Jan-96 | Rowan Cheryl George Homicide | \$ | 1,933.08 |
| Haines City PD | Jan-96 | Hernandez-Dominguez Homicide | \$ | 1,532.36 |
| St. Pete PD | Jan-96 | Serial Prostitute Homicides | \$ | 76,844.80 |
| Pinellas County SO | Jan-96 | McCallops Homicides | \$ | 35,105.65 |
| Tampa PD | Apr-96 | Glen Rogers Homicides | \$ | 6,430.00 |
| Temple Terrace PD | Apr-96 | Richard Menendez Homicide | \$ | 5,199.99 |
| Collier County SO | Apr-96 | Katherine Hopkins Homicide | \$ | 7,140.35 |
| Collier County SO | Apr-96 | Cracker Barrel Homicides | \$ | 21,035.57 |
| Charlotte County SO | Aug-96 | Five Related Homicides | \$ | 69,490.22 |
| North Port PD | Aug-96 | Five Related Homicides | \$ | 17,348.45 |
| Clearwater PD | Nov-96 | Four Related Prostitute Homicides | \$ | 8,683.26 |
| Pinellas County SO | Nov-96 | Four Related Prostitute Homicides | \$ | 46,638.25 |
| Collier County SO | Sep-96 | Cracker Barrel Trial Expenses | \$ | 10,855.13 |
| Collier County Commission | Jun-97 | Cracker Barrel Trial Expenses | \$ | 30,707.10 |
| Glades County SO | Mar-98 | Myers/Jones Attempted Homicide | \$ | 8,666.47 |
| Avon Park PD | Mar-98 | Kidnapping/Murder of Elderly woman | \$ | 2,447.60 |
| Bartow PD | Mar-98 | ERIE Manufacturing Homicide | \$ | 24,934.64 |
| Hillsborough County SO | Jun-98 | Sabrina Investigation | \$ | 72,786.74 |
| Polk County SO | Jun-98 | Horner Homicide | \$ | 59,724.45 |
| Winter Haven PD | Jun-98 | Delta Broome Murder | \$ | 11,911.99 |
| Bartow PD | Sep-98 | ERIE Manufacturing Homicide | \$ | 11,485.89 |
| Bartow PD | Mar-99 | ERIE Manufacturing Homicide | \$ | 16,061.29 |
| Charlotte County SO | Mar-99 | Pilar Rodriguez Homicide | \$ | 32,136.44 |
| Bartow PD | Sep-99 | ERIE Manufacturing Homicide | \$ | 3,343.60 |
| Manatee County SO | Dec-99 | Brannon Homicides | \$ | 44,253.96 |
| Hillsborough County SO | Dec-99 | Sabrina Investigation | \$ | 21,947.32 |
| Bartow PD | Jun-00 | ERIE Manufacturing Homicide | \$ | 14,087.58 |
| Lee County SO | Sep-00 | Gretchen Grodin Homicide | \$ | 16,422.64 |
| Collier County SO | Nov-01 | Jones-Patin Homicides | \$ | 63,808.36 |

Emergency Investigative Account Funding
(Separated by Region)

Orlando Region

| | | | Total ** | \$ 428,711.32 |
|-----------------------------|--------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Martin County SO | Mar-94 | Kidnapping | \$ | 34,077.18 |
| South Daytona Beach PD | Jan-96 | Guglielmo Homicide | \$ | 9,060.02 |
| Osceola County SO | Jan-96 | Shelby Marie Cox | \$ | 52,550.76 |
| Port St. Lucie PD | Apr-96 | Michael Blevins | \$ | 8,627.87 |
| Osceola County SO | Apr-96 | Larry Neal Oliver Homicide | \$ | 9,408.40 |
| Titusville PD | Apr-96 | Anne Durso Homicide | \$ | 7,712.00 |
| Palm Bay PD | Apr-96 | Double Homicide | \$ | 17,820.13 |
| Kissimmee PD | Aug-96 | Double Prostitute Homicide | \$ | 4,875.00 |
| Palm Bay PD | Aug-96 | Pawn Shop Armed Robbery/Homicide | \$ | 10,384.00 |
| Orange County SO | Mar-97 | Caminahe McEvoy Abduction | \$ | 11,633.53 |
| Ocoee PD | Mar-97 | Jason Webb Homicide | \$ | 3,074.25 |
| Orlando PD | Jun-97 | Fast Food Robberies & Hotel Murder | \$ | 16,000.00 |
| Palm Bay PD | Sep-97 | Maldonado & Bojerski Cases | \$ | 12,459.48 |
| Cocoa Beach PD | Sep-97 | Homicide | \$ | 1,200.00 |
| Lake County Clerk of Courts | Mar-98 | Vampire Cult Trial | \$ | 37,340.00 |
| Martin County SO | Mar-98 | Kauze Perron Homicide | \$ | 17,395.00 |
| Palm Bay PD | Jun-98 | McLin & Hutchins Homicides | \$ | 16,324.16 |
| Seminole County SO | Sep-98 | Deputy Sheriff Gregory Homicide | \$ | 7,612.58 |
| Seminole County SO | Sep-98 | Triple Homicide | \$ | 11,840.26 |
| Palm Bay PD | Dec-98 | McLin & Hutchins Homicides | \$ | 16,671.48 |
| Clermont PD | Mar-99 | Kayla McKeen Homicide | \$ | 16,712.18 |
| Lake County SO | Mar-99 | Kayla McKeen Homicide | \$ | 54,108.25 |
| Mt. Dora PD | Jun-99 | United Southern Bank Homicide | \$ | 2,212.00 |
| Mt. Dora PD | Jun-99 | Simpson Homicide | \$ | 4,413.00 |
| Kissimmee PD | Sep-99 | Natalie Gomez Homicide | \$ | 7,308.53 |
| Kissimmee PD | Jun-00 | Chicas Homicide | \$ | 11,074.24 |
| Kissimmee PD | Jun-00 | Houston Astros/Attempted Murder | \$ | 13,556.93 |
| Mt. Dora PD | Jun-00 | Colonial Bank Robbery | \$ | 4,680.39 |
| New Smyrna Beach PD | Nov-01 | Ocean Bch Club Resort Investigation | \$ | 8,579.70 |

Emergency Investigative Account Funding
(Separated by Region)

Tallahassee/Pensacola Regions

| | | | Total** | \$ 305,186.37 |
|--------------------------------|--------|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Jefferson County SO | Mar-94 | British Tourist Homicide | \$ | 16,654.27 |
| Jefferson County SO | Oct-94 | British Tourist Homicide | \$ | 100,000.00 |
| Hamilton County Clerk of Court | Jun-95 | Carmen Gayheart Trial | \$ | 37,458.00 |
| Hamilton County Clerk of Court | Jun-95 | Carmen Gayheart Trial | \$ | 7,826.07 |
| Pensacola PD | Oct-95 | Paul Hill Trial | \$ | 22,356.98 |
| Panama City PD | Apr-96 | Canadian Airman Homicide | \$ | 14,212.50 |
| Jefferson County | | Unable to Locate Records | \$ | 3,829.09 |
| Graceville PD | Mar-97 | Double Homicide | \$ | 2,755.99 |
| Gadsden County SO | Sep-97 | Clausen Case | \$ | 17,948.48 |
| Leon County SO | Sep-97 | Clausen Case | \$ | 13,952.39 |
| Tallahassee PD | Sep-97 | Clausen Case | \$ | 16,388.00 |
| Chattahooche PD | Sep-97 | Clausen Case | \$ | 802.78 |
| Wakulla County SO | Sep-97 | Clausen Case | \$ | 1,194.66 |
| Gretna PD | Sep-97 | Clausen Case | \$ | 135.10 |
| Midway PD | Sep-97 | Clausen Case | \$ | 863.00 |
| Quincy PD | Sep-97 | Clausen Case | \$ | 662.23 |
| Santa Rosa County SO | Jun-98 | Livingston & Robinson Homicides | \$ | 14,624.20 |
| Panama City PD | Mar-99 | Ronald Stoval Homicide | \$ | 10,928.33 |
| Walton County SO | Mar-00 | Leon Casey Homicide | \$ | 5,504.24 |
| Valparaiso PD | Mar-00 | Unidentified Deceased Victim | \$ | 1,961.04 |
| Leon County SO | Jun-00 | Cash Hall Homicide | \$ | 15,129.02 |

Emergency Investigative Account Funding
(Separated by Region)

| Miami Region | | | Total** | \$ 1,206,442.11 |
|----------------------------|--------|------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| Miami PD | Jun-94 | Street Gangs | \$ | 12,359.00 |
| Miami PD | Mar-95 | Elderly Female Beating | \$ | 20,268.00 |
| Metro-Dade PD | Mar-95 | Tamiami Trail Prostitute Homicides | \$ | 100,000.00 |
| Metro-Dade PD | Mar-95 | Reggie Smith Homicides | \$ | 54,661.00 |
| Metro-Dade PD | Jun-95 | Lynne Friend | \$ | 22,171.93 |
| North Miami PD | Oct-95 | Weapon Search | \$ | 19,738.19 |
| Metro-Dade PD | Jan-96 | Griga & Furton Homicides | \$ | 100,000.00 |
| Metro-Dade PD | Jan-96 | Jimmy Ryce Kidnapping & Homicide | \$ | 100,000.00 |
| Palm Beach County SO | Jan-96 | Edmund Strother Homicide | \$ | 11,934.00 |
| Miami PD | Apr-96 | Prostitute Burnings | \$ | 20,563.43 |
| Ft. Lauderdale PD | Apr-96 | Officer Bryant Peney Shooting | \$ | 52,479.67 |
| Metro-Dade PD | Aug-96 | Cloverleaf Boys | \$ | 45,309.00 |
| Miami PD | Aug-96 | Serial Killer of Prostitutes | \$ | 66,487.50 |
| Dade County State Attorney | Nov-96 | DOR Bonham Homicide | \$ | 3,000.00 |
| Metro-Dade PD | Mar-97 | Robbery/Homicide | \$ | 25,529.36 |
| Cooper City PD | Mar-97 | Richard Palant Homicide | \$ | 7,805.66 |
| Miami PD | Mar-97 | Officer Ricky Taylor Homicide | \$ | 10,606.08 |
| Miami PD | Mar-97 | Five Drug Related Homicides | \$ | 11,278.87 |
| Metro-Dade PD | Jun-97 | "Rift Raft" Robbery/Homicide | \$ | 23,801.45 |
| Miramar PD | Jun-97 | Altidor Homicides | \$ | 34,785.50 |
| Miami PD | Jun-97 | Quintuple Homicides | \$ | 13,677.27 |
| Miami PD | Sep-97 | Quintuple Homicides | \$ | 13,611.11 |
| Miami Beach PD | Sep-97 | Versace Homicide | \$ | 38,808.87 |
| Metro-Dade PD | Sep-97 | "Rift Raft" Robbery/Homicide | \$ | 15,030.60 |
| Miramar PD | Sep-97 | Altidor Homicides | \$ | 11,532.45 |
| Miami PD | Mar-98 | Pike Homicide | \$ | 17,753.00 |
| North Miami PD | Mar-98 | Home Invasion Robbery | \$ | 8,180.97 |
| Broward County SO | Mar-98 | Home Invasion Robbery | \$ | 2,593.72 |
| Ft. Lauderdale PD | Mar-98 | K-Mart Robberies | \$ | 20,172.21 |
| Miami PD | Jun-98 | Hi-Tech America | \$ | 22,190.20 |
| Miami-Dade PD | Sep-98 | Vanderpole Express | \$ | 7,014.18 |
| Miami-Dade PD | Sep-98 | Boobie Boys Homicides | \$ | 50,000.00 |
| Miami-Dade PD | Sep-98 | Pike Murder | \$ | 14,976.52 |
| Miami PD | Mar-99 | Angel Wilson Homicide | \$ | 36,311.86 |
| Miami PD | Jun-99 | Angel Wilson Homicide | \$ | 36,311.86 |
| Hialeah PD | Sep-99 | Oquendo Kidnapping | \$ | 26,883.56 |
| Miami PD | Sep-99 | Little Havana Rape | \$ | 23,428.72 |
| Sunny Isles Beach PD | Mar-00 | Aragao Kidnapping | \$ | 8,410.26 |
| Lake Worth PD | Sep-00 | Grunrow Homicide | \$ | 36,611.37 |
| Cooper City PD | Sep-00 | Dietz & Livesay Homicide | \$ | 21,116.86 |
| Cooper City PD | Apr-01 | Dietz & Livesay Homicide | \$ | 15,331.88 |
| North Miami Beach PD | Nov-01 | Joni Rosenblum Homicide | \$ | 13,081.00 |
| North Miami Beach PD | Nov-01 | James Duarte Homicide | \$ | 10,635.00 |

Emergency Investigative Account Funding
(Separated by Region)

Jacksonville Region

| | | | Total** | \$ 1,113,245.25 |
|---|--------|---------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| Alachua County | Sep-93 | Gainesville Homicides | \$ | 900,000.00 |
| Gainesville PD | Mar-95 | Restaurant Robberies | \$ | 43,658.90 |
| Putnam County SO | Jun-95 | King Phimmachack | \$ | 7,237.83 |
| Gainesville PD | Mar-97 | Serial Rapist | \$ | 9,957.50 |
| St. Johns County SO | Jun-97 | Lindsey Case | \$ | 9,120.14 |
| Jacksonville Beach PD | Jun-97 | Carlos Rivera Homicide | \$ | 13,626.16 |
| St. Johns County SO | Jun-98 | Machan Homicide | \$ | 1,628.00 |
| Marion County | Jun-98 | Amy Braccio Homicide | \$ | 16,737.50 |
| Consolidated City of Jacksonville PD | Mar-99 | Madelyn Clifton Homicide | \$ | 22,273.82 |
| St. Johns County SO | Mar-99 | Eva Machan Homicide | \$ | 260.00 |
| Consolidated City of Jacksonville PD | Jun-99 | Madelyn Clifton Homicide | \$ | 74,981.72 |
| Starke PD | Dec-99 | Multiple Violent Crime Investigations | \$ | 2,200.00 |
| Putnam County SO | Jun-00 | Jerry Lee Alley Kidnapping/Homicide | \$ | 11,563.68 |