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**Judge Lee J. Seidman - Monica Hofheinz**

## **GENERAL MEETING FEB 12, 2004**

### **JUDGE LEE J. SEIDMAN, SPEAKER**

Judge Seidman is one of two judges assigned to Domestic Violence Court in Broward County at the main courthouse.

He gave us an in-depth rundown of his daily duties and explained the volume of cases that he sees each week and of the human tragedies that pass before his bench on a daily basis.

The Judge explained the difficulty in resolving domestic violence in that once the act occurs and the perpetrator is arrested, usually the husband, the victim suddenly realizes that she has had the breadwinner arrested and now, who is going to pay the rent, etc. etc. Usually the victim has trepidations about what he or she has done. In a great percentage of cases, the victim has gone to the courthouse to put up the bail for the perpetrator

He explained that there is no easy answer to the outcome of these cases and gave us a number of examples.

Judge Seidman said that he knows of no law or program that could possibly eliminate domestic violence as it is a human experience.

Much discussion and questions took place during Judge Seidman's presentation and it was apparent that all present were extremely interested in the subject matter at hand. He urged all members of the Crime Commission to visit his courtroom any Tuesday thru Friday and promised that it would be an education to the observer.

Special Note: Nicole VanDever, Judge Seidman's assigned prosecutor also participated.



## **NEW ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER**

### **CHIEF THOMAS A. MAGILL**

### **HALLANDALE BEACH POLICE DEPT.**

Tom is a 29 year member of the department, starting when he was 20 years old. He worked his way up thru the ranks and in 1996, he was appointed Assistant Chief under Chief Larry Faragher and appointed Chief in 2004.

He is a graduate of Barry University, Southern Police Institute and the FBI National Academy. He has an impressive track record and a personnel file replete with numerous commendations and awards. He is a strong proponent of community oriented policing and believes in the concept that local problems calls for local solutions.

Chief Magill was born and raised in Southeast Florida and his family is deeply rooted in the law enforcement profession. His Dad is a retired officer from the City of Miami Beach, his brother, Charles retired from Miami Beach Police Dept and brother, Daniel retired from the Hialeah Police Dept and now works for the Florida Dept of Business and Professional Regulation.

Tom and his wife, Patricia, have been married 31 years and have 4 children; Jennifer, Jessica, Timothy and Scott.

We welcome Tom's expertise and counsel to the *Broward County Crime Commission.*





ATTENDING FEBRUARY 12<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL MEETING

Matt Dornis, Ted Karachalias, John Tamburello, Peter Stevens, George Nikitakis

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## ANTI-BIO-TERRORISM PRESENTATION

On Feb 25, 2004, the *Broward County Crime Commission* presented its Bio-Terrorism Program to twenty law enforcement officers from eight local police departments as well as the Broward Sheriff's Office. The purpose was to determine if this program would appropriately benefit the departments and their communities.

It was suggested that a separate program be developed by Dr. Joshua Perper, specifically for LEOs to identify bio-threats. The *Crime Commission* plans to present these programs to all departments.



Officers of various Police Agencies discuss bio terrorism presentation



Chief Larry Massey, Capt David Golt, Dr J. Perper, Monica Hofheinz, Chief Dan Giustino, Chief Bruce Caruso

## COOPER CITY'S NEW CHIEF

### JOHN HALE

Chief John Hale was named Chief of the Cooper City district in Feb 2004 following the merger of the city's law enforcement and fire rescue services with the Broward Sheriff's Office.

He joined the agency in 1999 after Pompano Beach contracted its law enforcement services to BSO. Chief Hale has served as Pompano Beach Area 2 Captain and has also been administrative sergeant and executive lieutenant for Areas 1 and 2 in Pompano Beach.

His law enforcement career began in 1987 in Pompano Beach, serving in the Patrol, Criminal Investigations and Internal Affairs Divisions. Chief Hale is a graduate of the Florida Atlantic University Center for Advanced Criminal Justice Studies' Executive Leadership Program.

The *Broward County Crime Commission* wishes Chief Hale good luck and much success in his new challenge.



**Chief John Hale**

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### PROGRAM ATTENDEES

Chief D. Giustino & Dave Golt, Pines PD; Jeff Maslin & James Eveker, Coral Spgs PD; Chief Larry Massey, Martin Hommel & Joe Alu, Plantation PD; Steve Curran, Bill Glennon, Neil Lawrence & Rodney Hailey, Sunrise PD; Laura Sudman, Margate PD; Tom Hill & Karl Hirsh, Ft. Laud PD; J. McMurray & John DiCinto, Coconut Crk PD; Carl Fitzgerald, Brad Miller & George McCord, BSO; Dominic Raimondi, Wilton Manors PD; Capt Bruce Caruso, Dania Fire Dept; Frank R. Pinter, Monica Hofheinz, Bill Zibell, Peter Stevens, Broward County Crime Commission.