



FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. -- The Broward County Crime Commission today announced the appointment of Leo Hinkley to its Board of Directors.

"We are extremely pleased that Leo has agreed to become a member of the Broward County Crime Commission team," commented James Depelisi, President of the Broward County Crime Commission. His extensive experience in the corporate sector, particularly in Broward County, and significant background in Wall Street, Finance, and Investor Relations both in the U.S. and overseas will add a new multi-dimensional energy to the Commission."

Mr. Hinkley has been an active member of the investment industry and investor relations profession for nearly twenty-four years. He currently serves as Investor Relations Officer with Fort Lauderdale based BankAtlantic Bancorp ([NYSE:BBX](#)), Levitt Corporation ([NYSE:LEV](#)), and BFC Financial Corporation ([NYSE Arca:BFF](#)). Prior to that, he oversaw the international Investor Relations operations for multi-national ECI Telecom Ltd. ([NASDAQ:ECIL](#)). He also served as Vice President with First Empire Asset Management and was a co-founder of their Public Finance Division in Florida. Mr. Hinkley has recently been appointed to the Board of Directors of [National Investor Relations Institute \(NIRI\)](#) - South Florida, and is a member of the Florida Bankers Association (FBA). His track record consists of Advisor to the Lynn Chair in International Business, College of Business, [Florida Atlantic University](#), the Board of Directors of the American Israel and Florida Israel Chambers of Commerce, the Executive Committee of the Florida IT Task Force, a member of the International Engineering Consortium (IEC), Florida Association of School Board Officials ([FASBO](#)), the Fort Lauderdale Economic Development Council, and induction into the Who's Who in Leadership in the United States and the Who's Who in International Business in Florida and Miami.

"Crime is a kitchen table topic that touches the hearts of those who witness it and terror in the souls of those unfortunate to be its victim. Our first line of defense are the people who pledge to 'protect and serve,' and I am very pleased to support the law enforcement officers, criminal justice officials and the Broward County Crime Commission in their efforts to help make Broward County a better place to live, work and shop," said Leo Hinkley.

About the Broward County Crime Commission: Chartered in 1976, the [BCCC](#) is a select group of leading criminal justice officials and community leaders whose express purpose is to assist law enforcement and our criminal justice system in its responsibility and endeavors to eliminate crime and corruption in our community. The BCCC offers education, perspective and action to the community and the criminal justice system to improve the quality of public safety in the greater Broward County area. Through its programs the commission fosters community partnerships with businesses, citizen organizations, government officials, and criminal justice representatives. The BCCC, a

non-profit organization, is especially involved with child advocacy programs and offers scholarships to children of the public safety community.

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