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(Agenda items commenced at 10:00 a.m.)

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3 GOVERNOR SCOTT: All right. Attorney
4 General Bondi and Commissioner Putnam, I
5 believe you have a joint resolution to share
6 with us.

7 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: We do. Good
8 morning. And today Commissioner Putnam and I
9 together are sponsoring a resolution
10 recognizing the Florida Wildlife Corridor and
11 the Expedition Team. You'll see some posters
12 over on this side of the room. But at this
13 time I would like to introduce, Governor, with
14 your permission, and have them come to the
15 podium if I may. And these are all very
16 special people to me because they're from
17 Tampa.

18 Carlton Ward, Jr., Cofounder of the
19 Expedition Team and conservation photographer.
20 Now, if any of you went to the Florida State
21 Fair and went into the Cattlemen's Exhibit --

22 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Oh, we saw those.

23 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: -- Carlton took
24 those amazing photos of Florida. Not only
25 that, I just went on tour with Carlton and

1 Mallory at the History Museum. And if you get
2 a chance to go to the History Museum, it will
3 change your life about the way you think about
4 our great state. It really will.

5 And I have to brag for one moment,
6 Susie Carlton, much better half, is not here
7 right now because she happens to be at the
8 great University of Florida getting her LL.M.
9 in law and she's pregnant with a daughter. So
10 we're very excited for them. Had to say that.

11 Next is Joe Guthrie --

12 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Which -- which -- you
13 want to talk about the school some more?

14 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: Gators, fellow
15 Gators here. Oh, no, no, no. Susie's having a
16 baby and getting her LL.M., I mean, and letting
17 Carlton run all over the state so...

18 And next is Joe Guthrie. And Joe is just
19 amazing. He's an Expedition Team member and a
20 wildlife biologist. And if you don't know what
21 a wildlife biologist is, Joe actually puts a
22 monitor on a bear. And you got to see this
23 wildlife video, it's an hour long, and it is --
24 it feels like it's five minutes. It's
25 unbelievable. It gives you new meaning to our

1 state. I mean, we've seen it. It's -- it's
2 unreal.

3 I had no idea the beauty in our state and
4 the wildlife. And Joe over there is -- there's
5 a map of -- he actually attached something to a
6 bear. And this bear went all over the place,
7 hundreds of miles, I mean, it's just -- it was
8 unreal how these bears travel. So when the
9 bear got stuck in a tree on Dale Mabry, I tried
10 to get Joe to get him down instead of the
11 sheriff. But, anyway...

12 Next here is Elam Stolzfus. And Elam is
13 an expedition team member and a brilliant
14 filmmaker. And, Elam, you took over hundreds
15 of hours, right, of footage and condensed it
16 down into an hour. And I'm going to let all of
17 you tell us where this is being aired
18 nationally in a moment, but Elam is just an
19 amazing man.

20 And next we have Mallory Lykes Dimmitt
21 who -- if I could use the A word, Mallory is
22 just bad, she's tough, she's -- in a good way.
23 Mallory is wonderful. Mallory was an
24 Expedition Team member, she's a
25 conservationist, and she coordinated this

1 effort. And to watch what Mallory did and just
2 how tough she is, it's just amazing. And it's
3 just -- I'm just so honored that they're all
4 from Tampa.

5 And that Tom Hocter, who was unable to be
6 here today and so was Joe Davenport who also
7 participated in this. And I would also like to
8 recognize a very special guest in the audience,
9 Esther, Elam's wife, if you want to come up,
10 and Paige, Joe's sister is here. Come on up.
11 And Robert and Jackie who are Mallory's dad and
12 stepmom who are very, very proud are here as
13 well.

14 We also have Herschel Vinyard, of course,
15 from DEP who was instrumental in helping put
16 this together. Thank you, Herschel. And
17 Eric Sutton from Florida Fish and Wildlife.
18 Nick couldn't be here but Eric is a great
19 replacement back there. And Executive Director
20 Brett Boston with Wildlife Foundation of
21 Florida.

22 The Wildlife Corridor is an outreach
23 campaign to raise awareness and opportunity
24 about the significance of protecting a
25 connected corridor of public and private

1 conservation and agricultural lands throughout
2 Florida. And if you watch this video,
3 Governor, they go through -- they actually work
4 with the ranchers, and they ride through --
5 they borrow horses and ride through the
6 ranching, and the cattlemen, and the sugar
7 industry all the way up Florida. And it's
8 quite amazing.

9 And so the Commissioner and I had an
10 opportunity -- and I'm laughing because I
11 wasn't out there when the kayak sunk, that's
12 all I'm going to say -- the Commissioner and I
13 had an opportunity to join them on a very small
14 portion of their trek on the St. John's and I
15 learned so much from Mallory, Joe, and Carlton
16 and just about the wildlife that I have never
17 seen in our state. It's just absolutely
18 amazing.

19 And now before I move the resolution, I
20 would like to turn it over to Carlton, and we
21 have just about a four-minute clip of a DVD to
22 play. And, Commissioner Putnam, would you like
23 to make some remarks now or after the DVD or --

24 COMMISSIONER PUTNAM: We can do that
25 afterwards.

1 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: After. Okay.
2 Carlton.

3 MR. WARD: Let's watch Elam's brilliant
4 trailer for the film and then I'll say a few
5 things after as well if that's okay.

6 (Showing trailer for film.)

7 (Applause.)

8 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: Governor, thank
9 you for everything you're doing for the
10 Everglades. And, Commissioner Putnam. I wish
11 they had put your clip in there instead of
12 mine, by the way, it was much better. I really
13 do.

14 COMMISSIONER PUTNAM: Well, I -- where did
15 you say they were from again? I believe in
16 conservation circles there's something of a
17 bias toward the west. And this is a group of
18 globally renowned documentarians,
19 photographers, biologists who I think have
20 appropriately identified the landscape scale,
21 ecological value of what we have here in our
22 backyard. And so many people, many of whom
23 have lived in Florida for decades, still view
24 Florida as a prize for having been successful
25 someplace else.

1 And what we have captured in this
2 wonderful movie that they have put together and
3 highlighted by their own personal sacrifice of
4 trekking a thousand miles in a hundred days is
5 a -- is a real opportunity to raise awareness
6 about the sensitivity of what we have, the
7 uniqueness of what we have, and the
8 extraordinary balance that's been created. If
9 you look at that map, it's -- it really is a
10 private land stewardship, public acquisition,
11 conservation easement, I mean, it is a quilt of
12 public and private enterprises that still
13 support jobs, still create economic
14 opportunities, still feed the world and provide
15 wildlife habitat and water recharge and
16 extraordinary vistas that only a few of us get
17 to really appreciate.

18 So, Attorney General, I'm thrilled that
19 you've brought this to the Cabinet, but I
20 really think that you have some outstanding
21 Floridians in front you who have shared their
22 love and passion for being Floridians and are
23 allowing us to show the world what we have here
24 that is so special and why it's so important
25 for us to continue as policy makers to put this

1 corridor together and protect that balance that
2 makes it so unique.

3 MR. WARD: Well, thank you, Commissioner
4 Putnam, for those words, and thank you Governor
5 and Cabinet for having us here, and Attorney
6 General Bondi for sponsoring this resolution
7 and becoming a champion of this project.

8 I would also like to thank the visionary
9 scientists who really established these ideas
10 going back three decades. People like
11 Larry Harris, Tom Hoctor, Reed Noss, and
12 David Maehr just to name a few, who have been
13 thinking and championing these visions for a
14 long time. And the whole suite and range of
15 conservation organizations and individuals who
16 got us to this point where we have stepping
17 stones in place to -- to try to knit this
18 fabric together.

19 And in our particular journey, you know,
20 I'm especially appreciative to Secretary
21 Vinyard and the Department of Environmental
22 Protection, and the state parks and all the
23 state lands we were able to traverse, the Fish
24 and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the
25 work they have done with their Cooperative

1 Conservation Blueprint which really -- you
2 know, a lot of these organizations and the
3 scientific efforts laid down the road map which
4 we then followed to try to bring some public
5 awareness. The Department of Agriculture and
6 the Division of Forestry.

7 I mean, you know, I'm eighth generation
8 Floridian, I didn't -- I discovered so much
9 that I didn't know in terms of these amazing
10 state forests, these gems of natural habitat
11 and productive agriculture habitat that go
12 throughout the interior of Florida, and the
13 water management districts as well. This was
14 an effort like you described, a combination of
15 public and private lands.

16 And so, you know, I first got connected
17 with this idea back in 2006. I was in the
18 midst of my long-term documentary of Florida
19 cattle ranches. I kind of have two sets of
20 top-tier heroes in the world and, as you might
21 gather, one set is Florida cowboys and ranches,
22 and the other are biologists like Joe and
23 others who are out understanding and giving
24 their lives to studying these resources.

25 I was photographing for the Cattlemen's

1 Calendar for 2007 on a ranch in Highlands
2 County and that's when I met Joe who was
3 working on some of the same ranches catching
4 black bears and putting GPS collars on their
5 necks. And that situation where these private
6 landscapes are not only protecting our
7 centuries old heritage in management of land,
8 but they're also the last holdout of habitat
9 for animals like black bears and panthers.

10 And so the bears in this area just to the
11 west side of Lake Okeechobee are becoming
12 increasingly isolated from the big populations
13 like Big Cypress and the Everglades to the
14 south, and up the Kissimmee River Valley
15 towards Ocala National Forest to the north.
16 And the only reason they're still there is
17 because -- or the primary reason is because of
18 the private stewardship of these landowners.

19 And one of the lands where he does the
20 study work is already under conservation
21 easement. The one next door is not yet under
22 conservation easement and the ability of that
23 family to engage in a long-term planning
24 solution to keep that land together is kind of
25 where the rubber meets the road on a lot of

1 this wildlife corridor opportunity.

2 And so, you know, it's -- it's such a
3 privilege to be here and to be able to share
4 this story and to sit here in the year 2013 and
5 to think back on Florida heritage and into our
6 500th anniversary with Spain. Something I
7 often think about is a living heritage because
8 in these places, in this corridor, in the lives
9 of these cattle ranchers and the wildlife and
10 the landscapes and in the waters, that is our
11 living heritage. Those are the places where
12 Ponce de Leon would likely still recognize if
13 he came into our state today and it is our
14 life-support system. It's where most of our
15 water comes from, most of our food, most of our
16 wildlife.

17 So it's a great opportunity to think about
18 that and it's -- it's really -- it's really
19 that infrastructure. And I hope that we can
20 realize this opportunity to help invest in that
21 green infrastructure as we make all these long-
22 term investments for the future Floridians.
23 People like my Uncle Doyle who -- or Cousin
24 Doyle who you saw in the film, families like
25 the Adams and others, and they -- they can be

1 ranching and productive on these lands into the
2 future if we can find the programs and the
3 opportunities to seize that moment and to keep
4 this connected.

5 So again thank you very much. We've
6 shared a copy of the book and the DVD. We hope
7 that you'll join us this evening over at the
8 IMAX theater for the first Tallahassee and
9 north Florida screening of Elam's film on the
10 expedition. And there are plans for a 2014
11 expedition so, Governor Scott and CFO Atwater,
12 I hope that you will dust off your hiking boots
13 for 2014 and come out and join us, and we'll
14 make sure your -- your kayak, if it's the water
15 portion, has the appropriate load capacity as
16 well.

17 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: I wasn't in it
18 when it fell.

19 MR. WARD: Anyone else from the team like
20 to add anything? I mean, this is such an
21 amazing team and group of friends, and it's
22 just such a privilege to try to share this
23 story that is the work of so many people and,
24 again, thank you very much.

25 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Thank you very much.

1 (Applause.)

2 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Is there a second on the
3 resolution?

4 CFO ATWATER: Second.

5 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Oh, excuse me.

6 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: Since this was a
7 joint resolution with Commissioner Putnam and
8 myself because he -- I would not have gotten
9 involved in this but for Commissioner Putnam.
10 So thank you.

11 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Moved and seconded, the
12 resolution is approved without objection. Also
13 the other thing is we are -- our budget has
14 gotten better so we have more money to put into
15 conservation this year, a lot more money than
16 we've been able to do in the last few years.

17 COMMISSIONER PUTNAM: Governor, the Rural
18 and Family Lands Conservation [sic] Program is
19 a linchpin of that private conservation program
20 where you keep it -- you keep the jobs, you
21 keep the economic impact, you continue to
22 support that rural county's tax base, but
23 you're going to continue to protect that bear
24 habitat as well or that panther habitat and --
25 and we're thrilled to have had the support of

1 the legislature and your signature on a record
2 amount of support for that program that will --
3 that will strike that balance, that will
4 provide that environmental benefit while
5 keeping that private stewardship, and saving
6 the taxpayers the money of -- from having to
7 manage it because it will continue to be
8 managed as it has for centuries in private
9 hands. So thank you for that support and that
10 makes the big difference in putting together
11 the missing pieces of this corridor. Thank
12 you.

13 GOVERNOR SCOTT: All right. Why don't you
14 all come up for a picture.

15 (Applause.)

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1 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Now, I would like to
2 recognize Secretary Herschel Vinyard with the
3 Department of Environmental Protection to
4 present their agenda. Good morning, Herschel.

5 SECRETARY VINYARD: Good morning,
6 Governor, General Bondi, CFO Atwater, and
7 Commissioner Putnam. We have two very exciting
8 items this morning. The first one is the
9 submittal of the minutes from March 19th and
10 April 2nd Cabinet meetings and we recommend
11 approval.

12 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Is there a motion to
13 approve?

14 CFO ATWATER: So moved.

15 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Is there a second?

16 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: Second.

17 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Any comments or
18 objections?

19 (No response.)

20 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Hearing none motion
21 carries.

22 SECRETARY VINYARD: The second item is
23 Chapter 18-1 rule adoption. This is a very
24 limited rule adoption related to state land
25 acquisition procedures. It revises the

1 definition of approved appraisal organization
2 to include the Appraisal Institute; it changes
3 the name and effective date of the Supplemental
4 Appraisal Standards for the Board of Trustees;
5 it updates the definition of the Uniform
6 Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice to
7 cite the current version which was updated
8 January of 2012; and lastly it allows the DEP
9 Secretary to sign the certification packages
10 after you all approve a new rule. We won't
11 have to go back to your offices and get
12 individual signatures.

13 GOVERNOR SCOTT: All right. Is there a
14 motion to approve?

15 CFO ATWATER: So move.

16 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Is there a second?

17 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: Second.

18 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Any comments or
19 objections?

20 (No response.)

21 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Hearing none the motion
22 carries. Thank you, Herschel.

23 SECRETARY VINYARD: Thank you all very
24 much.

25 GOVERNOR SCOTT: You had a good week last

1 week, we signed the Everglades bill so that was
2 a great announcement.

3 SECRETARY VINYARD: Fantastic. We thank
4 you so much for your help on that, sir.

5 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Yeah, that was a good
6 day.

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1 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Right. Now, I'd like to
2 recognize Executive Director Julie Jones of the
3 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
4 to present her agenda. Good morning.

5 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JONES: Good morning
6 Governor and Cabinet members. I have one item
7 for your approval. I respectfully request
8 approval of the Department's 2013-14 Annual
9 Performance Contract.

10 I know how important it is to be
11 accountable in how we do our performance
12 measures. I believe that this is a meaningful
13 document and accurate and very focused. It has
14 the same four primary pillars my document had
15 last year: public safety, reliable service
16 delivery, leveraging technology, and talent
17 creation. The Annual Performance Contract
18 includes 35 specific measures and standards.

19 Just a few changes from last year's annual
20 report. I am removing five measures and
21 standards because they're no longer necessary
22 based on the Department's priorities. We've
23 added three measures and standards intended to
24 improve our ability to evaluate our progress in
25 meeting our strategic goals, and we've modified

1 10 measures and standards to align with goals
2 and objectives established in our new strategic
3 plan for '13-14.

4 And just by way of summary, every year we
5 put together a team and we take about two
6 months and go top to bottom in our organization
7 with our strategic plan to update it, make sure
8 that it's valid, make sure that our strategies
9 are valid for the work that we're doing, the
10 work that you, the Governor and Cabinet --
11 Governor, that you've assigned to us, and we
12 update the performance plan to match the that.

13 Under public safety there's 13 measures,
14 and in the report it's numbers 1 through 13.
15 We're no longer measuring the percentage change
16 in highway injuries to the previous year. We
17 found that this number is really outside of our
18 control. And we track the number in measures 1
19 and 2 as reported changes in crashes and
20 fatalities.

21 Measure 4 was added to track the
22 percentage change in the number of fatalities
23 for drivers 65 or over known as mature
24 drivers. We have about 3.1 million of these
25 drivers in the state. And in the last

1 two-and-a-half years that number has increased
2 by 200,000 and we feel that this is very, very
3 important measure to start to track.

4 We recognize that older drivers face
5 unique challenges and we want to enhance our
6 education opportunities and our enforcement
7 opportunities to create a safer environment for
8 these drivers. And this measure is very
9 similar to the one that we have for teen
10 drivers, which is another at-risk group.

11 Measure 6 has been modified to include a
12 broader definition for impaired driving
13 fatalities. We're going to include now drugs
14 and other physical impairments and not just
15 alcohol.

16 Then in an effort to raise the performance
17 bar, we've increased measure 7, the patrol and
18 investigative activities percentage, by one
19 percent; we've increased measure 8, the highway
20 safety education hours provided by 600 hours;
21 increased measure 9, the number of safety
22 education and enforcement activities by three;
23 and increased measure 10, the number of
24 commercial vehicle inspections by almost 8,000
25 additional inspections.

1 Under our service delivery pillar we have
2 nine measures in this year's report. One
3 measure has been removed and one measure has
4 been modified. We're no longer reporting the
5 percentage of titles issued timely. As we're
6 shifting electronically, we're not actually
7 handing out paper titles and we're encouraging
8 people to keep titles electronically so this
9 isn't a valid measure anymore.

10 Measure 21 has been modified to clarify
11 that our goal is to issue business licenses
12 within five days. The old standard was timely
13 and rather than decide what timely means, we're
14 putting a number to this particular measure.

15 Leveraging technology. We have eight
16 measures, this is measures numbered 23 through
17 30. We're no longer reporting separately on a
18 percentage of commercial vehicle customers
19 performing electronic, international fuel tax
20 administration, and registration plan
21 transactions. These are actually being
22 captured now under measure 23 because it's how
23 our operation is moving toward the more use of
24 the Internet. And we've also increased measure
25 23 in the standard from 20 to 21 percent to try

1 to continue to track and push more technology,
2 more use of technology in our interactions with
3 our customers.

4 Measures 26 through 28 have been
5 reformatted to better reflect the Department's
6 ability to serve our customers, our partners,
7 and our members through our computer systems
8 and our Internet. Standards remain the same
9 but we're redefining them as state provided,
10 partner provided, and network provided. These
11 changes reflect our completed move to the
12 Northwood Shared Resource Center.

13 Measure 30 has been modified to increase
14 the time dedicated to technology, research, and
15 development. And that has increased from 10 to
16 15 percent.

17 Then under talent creation and development
18 we have five measures. The Department strives
19 to create a business environment that regards
20 our members as our most valuable asset. And in
21 doing so we're making leadership development
22 and career encouraging enhancing training more
23 a priority.

24 Measures 33 and 34 have been added to the
25 annual report to reflect a percentage of our

1 members who complete discretionary training in
2 technology and service delivery. Talent
3 creation is sponsored by the Department but it
4 really has to be embraced by the individual and
5 we're going to start to try to track this. So
6 this new measure reflects the partnership
7 between a supervisor and a subordinate in the
8 career development process.

9 That concludes the summary of my report.
10 I look forward to sharing the results with you
11 quarterly and if you have any questions.

12 COMMISSIONER PUTNAM: Governor.

13 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Sure. Go ahead.

14 COMMISSIONER PUTNAM: On your talent
15 creation and development objectives, what's the
16 mandatory requirement and then what are
17 discretionary options that are out there on
18 customer service and professionalism type of
19 courses for your -- for your front-line
20 interactive employees who are issuing driver
21 licenses and things like that?

22 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JONES: We have a suite
23 of 150 online classes that can be assigned or
24 can be taken voluntarily that are across the
25 board, look at service delivery and how to

1 develop employees individually, and there are
2 probably 25 or 30 of those that are
3 specifically customer service. We rely on the
4 supervisor to require -- to assign training to
5 individuals but the purpose for these new
6 measures is to encourage people to go out and
7 get the training on their own.

8 We're working with a company and we're
9 working very closely with Secretary Nichols in
10 Department of Management Services to develop a
11 talent management process that integrates not
12 only the performance measure that the Governor
13 in his agencies are starting to implement this
14 year, but also assign training and then actual
15 modules that allow the supervisor and the
16 subordinate to sit down and manage that career
17 forward.

18 And it will include the training that you
19 had, assigned training by the supervisor, and
20 it allows you to set goals so you can -- if you
21 have a particular job that you're striving for,
22 that job will have specific training that's
23 required for it and measures that you have to
24 meet so you can put yourself on a path or your
25 supervisor can help you get onto that path to

1 move forward in your career.

2 COMMISSIONER PUTNAM: Thank you.

3 GOVERNOR SCOTT: All right. Is there a
4 motion to approve the item?

5 COMMISSIONER PUTNAM: So moved.

6 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Is there a second.

7 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: Second.

8 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Any comments or
9 objections?

10 (No response.)

11 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Hearing none the motion
12 carries. Thank you, Julie.

13 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JONES: Thank you.

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1 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Now, I would like to
2 recognize Commissioner Jerry Bailey, he's with
3 the Department of Law Enforcement, to present
4 their agenda. Good morning.

5 COMMISSIONER BAILEY: Good morning,
6 Governor and Cabinet. We have three items on
7 your agenda this morning. The first is the
8 recommendation of your approval of the December
9 '12 and February 7 Cabinet meetings.

10 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Is there a motion to
11 approve?

12 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: So moved.

13 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Is there a second?

14 CFO ATWATER: Second.

15 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Any comments or
16 objections?

17 (No response.)

18 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Hearing none the motion
19 carries.

20 COMMISSIONER BAILEY: Governor, our second
21 item is our Third Quarter Performance Report
22 and you will note there that our performance
23 does remain steady. One thing we are
24 continuing to watch very closely is the
25 turnaround time in our forensic laboratories.

1 Although most of what we're doing there remains
2 within the standards that have been set, they
3 are slightly increasing. And again -- and I
4 think I brought this up at the last Cabinet
5 meeting so we are watching that very closely.

6 Now, with reference to DNA both the
7 turnaround times and our ability to handle the
8 ever-increasing workload is going to be
9 enhanced by the 12 new positions and equipment
10 money that are part of the '12 -- I'm sorry,
11 the '13-14 budget. Those 12 positions are
12 going to be spread out across the state in our
13 six regional crime laboratories.

14 I would like to briefly point out several
15 key accomplishments for the third quarter. We
16 arrested 17 individuals for using counterfeit
17 checks to purchase over a half a million
18 dollars in merchandise from Publix, Wal-Mart,
19 and Home Depot stores across the state.

20 We were directly involved in the recovery
21 of five missing or endangered children
22 including a two year old out of Immokalee, a
23 seven-month-old infant in Pompano Beach, and an
24 11 year-old girl in Texas.

25 We processed 318,000 firearms background

1 checks during the third quarter. That's a
2 hundred thousand more than the same quarter
3 last year and it equals more than half of what
4 we did in all of 2011.

5 The Regional Drug Enforcement Strike
6 Forces remained very active during the third
7 quarter. They arrested more than 250 and
8 seized another half million dollars. To date
9 these seven task forces have arrested 4,100,
10 including 75 physicians, we're approaching
11 900,000 pills, \$10-and-a-half million, 123
12 vehicles, 566 weapons, and we've closed, along
13 with the Department of Health and regulatory
14 agencies, 254 clinics.

15 To follow that we -- during this quarter
16 we released the drugs and the deceased report
17 from the Medical Examiners Commission and
18 oxycodone deaths were down 29 percent from the
19 previous quarter.

20 (Applause.)

21 COMMISSIONER BAILEY: And finally late
22 last month we released the 2012 Uniform Crime
23 Reports which showed a six-and-a-half percent
24 drop in Florida's overall crime rate. And,
25 Governor and Cabinet, that's the lowest it's

1 been in the 42 years since we began chronicling
2 and cataloging the index crimes. Along with
3 that it's not just rate, it's volume. Even
4 with the increasing population in the state
5 there were 44,000 fewer arrests reported in
6 2012 than 2011, and that is both violent and
7 nonviolent crime down 4.3 percent and 5.9
8 percent respectively.

9 But I will tell you our law enforcement,
10 even though the crime rate is down, the
11 front-line uniformed officers out there in the
12 cities and counties are today still making
13 2,500 arrests everyday in our state seven days
14 a week. And I'll be happy to answer any of
15 your questions on item 2.

16 GOVERNOR SCOTT: All right. Does anybody
17 have any questions?

18 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: Can I just make a
19 comment, Governor. I'm sure you've all been
20 seeing these huge synthetic arrests that are
21 being made all over the state and,
22 Commissioner, I can't go anywhere without
23 praise for FDLE. Because when we make these
24 synthetic arrests, they have to be analyzed,
25 the drugs, by FDLE. That's not easy. These

1 are new synthetic compounds, new technology,
2 and the amazing work by your department is not
3 going unnoticed. Thank you. These huge busts
4 would not be possible without the tremendous
5 work and time and effort of the FDLE lab.

6 GOVERNOR SCOTT: You know, you had a big
7 bust in Volusia.

8 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: It was huge. I
9 think it was one of the biggest -- and what's
10 happening, Governor, is now they're starting to
11 manufacture this junk in our country instead of
12 Asia. And when we were in this room with the
13 media there were so much of these synthetics
14 out on the counter our eyes were burning, our
15 throats were hurting, and that's what our kids
16 are ingesting.

17 This is the stuff that they're packaging
18 as Scooby doo, as Cotton Candy. And because
19 they're changing the compounds, FDLE, we have
20 to test, they send -- the undercover agents
21 send it in and they test it, and that takes a
22 lot of time and a lot of effort. And I mean
23 they are working tirelessly. I can't go
24 anywhere without hearing FDLE praised and,
25 Commissioner, thank you for that.

1 GOVERNOR SCOTT: And, you know, FDLE and
2 the local sheriffs have done a great job on the
3 oxycodone, on all the legal drug overdose.
4 So -- I mean, when we came in these jobs
5 seven -- what, 7.4 people were dying a day.

6 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: A day.

7 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Seven people were dying a
8 day. So you guys have made a big impact --

9 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: They have.

10 GOVERNOR SCOTT: -- saved a lot of lives.
11 All right. Are there any comments or
12 objections?

13 (No response.)

14 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Hearing none the motion
15 carries. Item 3.

16 COMMISSIONER BAILEY: Item 3 is my
17 Performance Contract for the year. What you
18 have before you tracks the previous contract,
19 but we are working with your individual staffs
20 to fine tune and modify. Governor, some of
21 that is to bring it in sinc with the metric
22 system that you're putting in place. And the
23 other is there are areas where things have
24 changed the way we're doing cases is leading to
25 more long-term cases. So those numbers are

1 being adjusted. When we have this fine-tuned
2 version, we will bring it back to you for your
3 approval.

4 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Is there a motion to
5 approve?

6 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: So moved.

7 CFO ATWATER: Second.

8 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Any comments or
9 objections?

10 (No response.)

11 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Hearing none the motion
12 carries. Thank you very much.

13 COMMISSIONER BAILEY: Thank you.

14 GOVERNOR SCOTT: This concludes our
15 Cabinet meeting. Our next meeting will be
16 Tuesday, June 25th at 9:00 a.m. in
17 Tallahassee. We are adjourned.

18 (Cabinet meeting concluded at 10:39 a.m.)

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I, CAROLYN L. RANKINE, do hereby certify that the foregoing proceedings were taken before me at the time and place therein designated; that my shorthand notes were thereafter translated under my supervision; and the foregoing pages numbered 1 through 35 are a true and correct record of the aforesaid proceedings.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am not a relative, employee, attorney or counsel of any of the parties, nor relative or employee of such attorney or counsel, or financially interested in the foregoing action.

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