

EXECUTIVE ORDER

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April 28, 1975

WHEREAS, the State of Texas recognizes the responsibility of the State and its political subdivisions to control all crime, including organized crime; and

WHEREAS, the development of a comprehensive law enforcement plan for the control of organized crime in Texas and the coordination of all law enforcement activities involved in its control are necessary in order to protect the lives, liberties and property of the citizens of this State from the threat of organized crime:

NOW, THEREFORE, I DOLPH BRISCOE, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the power vested in me, do hereby create and establish the Texas Organized Crime Prevention Council, which Council shall be a subsidiary council of the Criminal Justice Division. The purposes of the Texas Organized Crime Prevention Council are as follows:

1. To develop a comprehensive plan for the suppression of any organized crime existing in Texas now and to prevent its future encroachment in this State.

2. To coordinate the activities of all law enforcement and prosecuting agencies in this State in the implementation of a comprehensive organized crime control program in the State of Texas.

The Texas Organized Crime Prevention Council shall be composed of the following:

1. The Director of the Texas Department of Public Safety who shall serve as co-chairman of the Council.

2. The Attorney General of the State of Texas who shall serve as co-chairman of the Council

3. One member of the Criminal Justice Division Advisory Board who is a member of a law enforcement (police) agency in a metropolitan area, to be appointed by the Governor.

5. One member of the Criminal Justice Division Advisory Board to represent prosecutors who is a prosecutor from a metropolitan area of the State, to be appointed by the Governor.

5. Three members who are members of local police and prosecutors' agencies from metropolitan areas of the State, to be appointed by the Governor.

6. One member who is an active member of a non-metropolitan law enforcement agency, to be appointed by the Governor.

7. The Executive Assistant to the Governor of Texas.

The Texas Organized Crime Prevention Council shall have the following duties:

1. It shall meet as quickly as practicable after appointment of the members to organize by selecting a secretary, who shall maintain a record of the proceeding of the Council, and by adopting operating procedures.

2. The Council shall at its first meeting appoint an operating committee of appropriate size from appropriate locations in the State to perform its principal functions, and shall prescribe the duties and methods of operation of the operating committee.

3. The Council shall direct and supervise the work of the operating committee in performing the following functions:

a. The development of a comprehensive plan involving law enforcement (police) and prosecutors for the suppression of organized crime.

b. The execution of the planned law enforcement program through investigation and prosecution of the perpetrators of organized crime.

4. The Council shall make an annual report and such other reports as it deems desirable to the Governor and to the Criminal Justice Division on the amount, nature, and significance of organized crime in Texas on the law enforcement and shall make recommendations for additional legislation and resources needed for more effective control. The annual report shall be made by January 31 of each year covering the preceding calendar year.

The Texas Organized Crime Prevention Council is authorized to apply for and accept grants from the Criminal Justice Division for a staff of not more than three professionals and/or paraprofessionals and two secretarial or clerical personnel. The related and reasonable expenses necessary for staff operation and reimbursement of reasonable and necessary expenses incurred by the Council and operating committee members in performance of their duties under this Executive Order may be included in the grant application.

All state officials' and employees' services shall be an additional duty of their respective offices.

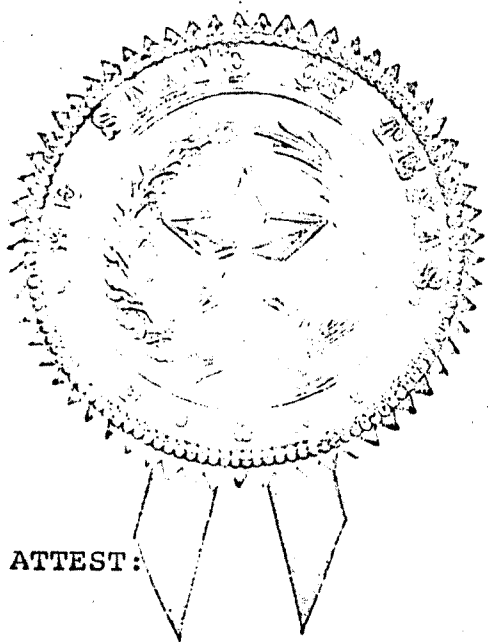
Members of the Texas Organized Crime Prevention Council shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in performing their duties.

The co-chairmen shall serve as long as they hold their present

offices or appointments and members of the Texas Organized Crime Prevention Council who are also members of the Criminal Justice Division Advisory Board shall serve on the Council as long as they are members of the Criminal Justice Division Advisory Board. The members appointed to the Council from outside the Criminal Justice Division Advisory Board shall serve for two years from the date of their appointment or until their successors are appointed.

The Governor shall fill by appointment for the unexpired term any vacancy on the Texas Organized Crime Prevention Council caused by death, resignation, or inability to serve. Inability to serve shall include failure to attend two consecutive meetings, either in person or by designee. Members whose terms have expired shall continue to serve until their successors are appointed and have accepted such appointment.

This order is effective on the 28th day of April, 1975.



In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this the 28 day of April, 1975.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Dolph Briscoe", written over a horizontal line.

DOLPH BRISCOE
GOVERNOR OF TEXAS

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Mark White", written over a horizontal line.

MARK WHITE
SECRETARY OF STATE