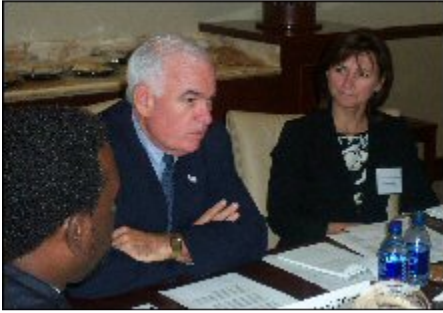


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Chairman Briefed on Anti-Drug Initiative



Chairman Crotty welcomes Sarah Kayson from the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy and members of anti-drug panel



A panel of experts discusses the dangers of marijuana and its abuse by children

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According to a recent study, approximately one in six high school students in the United States admitted driving under the influence of marijuana. Forty-one percent of those teens surveyed said they were not concerned about driving after using drugs.

Sarah Kayson, Special Assistant at the Office of National Drug Control Policy in Washington D.C. led a round table discussion and media briefing on marijuana and kids at the Orange County Administration Center. Orange County Chairman Richard Crotty, Chair of the Orange County Coalition for a Drug-Free Community, opened the meeting with some promising news. A recent study shows that Orange County is 2nd of 67 Florida counties when it comes to reducing drug use by our kids.

Participants in the discussion included: Dr. Michael Dunn, Professor of Psychology at UCF, the Honorable Jose Rodriguez, Juvenile Drug Court Judge, Dr. Deborah Orr from the Center for Drug Free Living and several teen panelists.

To learn more about preventing youth marijuana and other illicit drug use, log on to www.TheAntiDrug.com for parents and www.Freevibe.com for teens.