

**PALM BEACH COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION
LAW ENFORCEMENT PLANNING COUNCIL
MINUTES**

Thursday, March 24, 2022 - 9:30 a.m.

Meeting was held online via Zoom

Members Present

Chief Javaro Sims, Chairman, Delray Beach Police Department
Interim Chief Pat McCutcheon, PBC School District Police Department
Chief Robert Mangold, Atlantis Police Department
Chief Michele Miuccio, Boca Raton Police Department
Chief Michael Gregory, Boynton Beach Police Department
Chief Sean Brammer, Florida Atlantic University Police Department
Chief Ed Allen, Gulf Stream Police Department
Chief Craig Hartmann, Highland Beach Police Department
Chief David England, Jupiter Police Department
Chief Sean Scheller, Lantana Police Department
Chief Carmen Mattox, Manalapan Police Department
Chief Richard Jones, Ocean Ridge Police Department
Chief Nicholas Caristo, Palm Beach Police Department
Chief Nathan Osgood, Riviera Beach Police Department
Major Robert Chandler, Florida Highway Patrol
Eric Jester, Resident Agent in Charge, Florida Department of Law Enforcement
Bill Fraser, Chief Investigator, State Attorney's Office 15th Judicial Circuit
Captain Frank Briganti, Bureau of Insurance Fraud (Represented by Lieutenant Jonathan Lent)
Sheldon Burkett, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Drug Enforcement Administration
Christopher Orcinolo, Resident Agent in Charge, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives
Brian Deer, Resident Agent in Charge, U.S. Secret Service (Represented by SA Michelle Dougherty)

Members Absent

Chief Gus Medina, Vice Chairman, Tequesta Police Department
Chief Richard Jenkins, North Palm Beach Police Department
Chief Brian Smith, Juno Beach Police Department
Chief John Pruitt, Jupiter Inlet Colony Police Department
Chief Wes Smith, Lake Clarke Shores Police Department
Chief Clint Shannon, Palm Beach Gardens Police Department
Chief Thomas A. Ceccarelli, Palm Springs Public Safety Department
Chief Frank Adderley, West Palm Beach Police Department
Honorable Sheriff Ric Bradshaw, PBC Sheriff's Office
Troy Walker, Special Agent in Charge, Florida Department of Law Enforcement
Major Dustin Bonds, Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission
Lieutenant Kent Stanton, Florida Division of Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco
TBD, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Eric Chan, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
Assistant Chief Deputy Dan Torchia, U.S. Marshals Service
David Brant, Supervisory Special Agent, Internal Revenue Service

Pete Garcia, Federal Security Director, Transportation Security Administration
Angel Belen, Patrol Agent in Charge, U.S. Border Patrol
Chief Robert Crawford, VA Health Administration

Advisory Members Present

Vincent Morton, Director, Criminal Justice Institute of Palm Beach State College
Sivashree Sundaram, Chief: Narcotics and Violent Crimes, U.S. Attorney's Office
Honorable Dave Aronberg, State Attorney, 15th Judicial Circuit
Gregory Starling, Chief Probation Officer, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice

Advisory Members Absent

Michelle Johns, Circuit Administrator, Florida Department of Corrections
Dr. Wendolyn Sneed, Palm Beach County Chief Medical Examiner
Shawn Fagan, CJSTC Field Services Specialist, Florida Department of Law Enforcement
Stephanie Tew, Chief Assistant, Attorney General's Office of Statewide Prosecution

Guests

Angelique Pickett, Intelligence Led Policing Manager, Boca Raton Police Department
Daniel Svec, Court Administration
Daniel Villacci, Criminal Justice Coordinator, Florida Department of Children and Families
Dr. Gena Rowlands, Senior Planner, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
Greg Kridos, Chief of Intake, State Attorney's Office
Captain John Haseley, Gulf Stream Police Department
Assistant Chief Josh Mindick, Boca Raton Police Department
Captain John Crane-Baker, Delray Beach Police Department
Major John Scanlan, Palm Beach Police Department
Louis Tomeo, Director - Court Operations, Criminal Court Services
Major Adam Hirsch, Jupiter Police Department
Assistant Chief Michael Madden, Riviera Beach Police Department
Captain Michael Moschette, Delray Beach Police Department
Alexa Lee, M.S., Interim Executive Director, Palm Beach County Substance Abuse Coalition
Kevin Coppin, CGIC Coordinator, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
Sergeant Rick McAfee, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
Scott Penney, Chief Investigator of the Public Defender's Office
Commander Thomas Mitchell, Lantana Police Department
Deputy Chief Vanessa Snow, Boynton Beach Police Department
Craig Williams, Chief Assistant State Attorney, State Attorney's Office

CJC Staff Present

Regenia Herring, Executive Director
Katherine Shover, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst

- I. Opening comments by Chief Javaro Sims, Chairman.
- II. Roll Call – Chairman Sims requested that everyone list their name and agency in the chat section in lieu of roll call.
- III. The Agenda/Minutes were approved by unanimous consent. Motion was made by Chief Sean Brammer and seconded by Major Robert Chandler.

IV. Presentations/Updates

- A. Racing on Highways, Street Takeovers, and Stunt Driving House Bill 399: *Major Robert Chandler, Florida Highway Patrol*, provided an overview of the changes to F.S. 316.191. They have been dealing with off-road vehicles, ATVs, and motorcycles taking over intersections and coming on the highway in Miami-Dade and Broward Counties for over five years. He advised that House Bill 399 passed with an effective date of October 1st. The racing bill was updated to incorporate verbiage of street takeovers and definitions about stunt driving, doughnuts, and wheelies. Street takeover prohibitions were added, including taking over the highway, roadway, or parking lot by blocking or impeding the regular flow of traffic to perform a race, drag race, or stunt-type driving. It also includes language concerning operating a vehicle for the purpose of filming or recording the activities of participants involved in these activities. There is a provision that makes it illegal to carry any amount of fuel for the purpose of fueling motor vehicles involved in these groups.

F.S. 316.2397 was amended to make it a first degree misdemeanor for operating a vehicle with red, white, or blue lights. The verbiage also includes if they effect or attempt to effect the stop of another vehicle. Major Chandler mentioned that since COVID started, they have noticed shootings occurring about once a week in Broward County. Some are spillovers from gang members onto the turnpike, including executions on 595, while others are road rage. These incidents slowed down in Broward, but picked up in Dade County. There is a concern if the trend continues that it will eventually push into Palm Beach County. Chairman Sims appreciated the presentation as some of these issues have become a significant problem for many municipalities.

- B. Crime Gun Intelligence Center: *Kevin Coppin, CGIC Coordinator and Sergeant Rick McAfee, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office* Kevin Coppin advised that he has been the Coordinator since October for the Crime Gun Intelligence Center (CGIC), which is based out of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office. They were selected as a federally grant funded site to start a CGIC by the Bureau of Justice Administration in partnership with ATF and the National Police Institute. A regional approach was used in the setup of CGIC with an overall mission to reduce gun crime through technology such as NIBIN, ShotSpotter, DNA evidence, and Real-Time Intelligence. They coordinate with federal, state, and local agencies to investigate potential firearm-related cases. Their main task right now is to target repeat violent gun offenders for investigation and prosecution statewide and federally. Please reach out to him to learn more about the resources that are available to agencies. Their goal is to test-fire any found or seized weapons and enter them into NIBIN within 24 to 48 hours, which allows them to run the history of the gun. Weapons will be test-fired, then returned to agencies.

- V. New Business - None
- VI. Old Business - None
- VII. Liaison Updates
 - A. **Community Engagement Team:** Chairman Sims advised that they are continuing to assist the nine groups in establishing and accomplishing their goals.
 - B. **SART:** Chief Miuccio reminded everyone that April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM). Please see the meeting packet for the SART report and SAAM event schedule. She noted that there are four Law Enforcement SART meetings per year. That would be a good time for the Detectives that work those cases to attend those meetings.
 - C. **Child Abuse Protocol:** Chief Scheller advised that the State Attorney's Office determined that in-person meetings are no longer needed as the Child Abuse Protocol is working as intended. In addition, all the protocol and procedures are still in place. He will remain as the point of contact if there are any issues, and will get in touch with CPT or DCF if there are any changes that need to come back to the group. He suggested that all agencies maintain a point of contact to keep up the lines of communication. If they should have to activate a Rapid Response the paperwork needs to be sent to Tom Wills from the State Attorney's Office. Chief Scheller thanked Detective Danielle Hirsch and Katherine Shover for their service in coordinating the Child Abuse Protocol and Rapid Response Team meetings.
 - D. **Coordinated Community Response Team:** Chief Osgood advised that the report is in the packet. He also thanked Katherine Shover for all her work with the committee. For April, he would like to talk more about the uptick in violence that they are seeing in Riviera Beach and other communities. He will be sending an MOU for everyone to participate.
 - E. **Criminal Justice Institute:** Director Morton advised that they were looking for an earlier launch of June or July for the Trauma-Informed Care Training, but the group decided that a September launch would allow time to prepare for the evaluation of the project by FAU. In the Region XII meeting, they received support to have a Trauma-Informed County and Crisis Intervention Training for basic recruits. They may be able to pair both together, so that officers become CIT certified.
 - F. **Communications/Interoperability:** No report.
 - G. **School Safety:** Chief Sims advised that a small group was formed to examine the reaction points of the system. This is to ensure that they have a comprehensive response that ties into the PBC Emergency Response plan. They are preparing a

flyer that can be emailed out to the community with information about the PBC Aware and Care, 911, and 211. Members of the group are also working on a Caregiver's Guide to Navigating a Hospitalization under the Florida Mental Health Act/The Baker Act. The next meeting will be held April 11th at 1 PM on Zoom.

- H. **FIBRS Transition:** Chief Jones advised that the system is moving forward. FDLE is accepting data at this time for the test side of the system. He will be more than happy to assist any agencies that are having specific issues with FDLE or their data.
- I. **State Attorney's Office:** Craig Williams advised that the PBC ordinance for panhandling has been pulled back, so they won't be prosecuting those cases anymore. Plus, they received an order from one of the Judges saying it was unconstitutional based on First Amendment rights. All the cases in their system have been dismissed, and new cases will be no filed.
- J. **Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office:** Nothing new to report.
- K. **Palm Beach County School District Police Department:** Interim Chief McCutcheon thanked everyone for their assistance with providing coverage.
- L. **State and Federal Updates:** None.

VIII. Attachments

- A. SART and CCR Updates

IX. Adjourn