

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

Thursday, May 27, 2021 - 9:30 a.m.

Meeting was held online via Zoom

Members Present

Chief Hal Hutchins, Vice Chairman, Ocean Ridge Police Department
Chief Daniel Alexander, Palm Beach County School District Police Department
Chief Michele Miuccio, Boca Raton Police Department
Chief Michael Gregory, Boynton Beach Police Department
Chief Javaro Sims, Delray Beach Police Department
Chief Ed Allen, Gulf Stream Police Department
Chief Brian Smith, Juno Beach Police Department
Chief David England, Jupiter Police Department
Chief Sean Scheller, Lantana Police Department (Represented by Commander Tom Mitchell)
Chief Clint Shannon, Palm Beach Gardens Police Department (Represented by Assistant Chief Dominick Pape)
Chief Nicholas Caristo, Palm Beach Police Department
Chief Nathan Osgood, Riviera Beach Police Department
Eric Jester, Resident Agent in Charge, Florida Department of Law Enforcement
Major Fred Rondeau, Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission
Christopher Orcinolo, Resident Agent in Charge, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

Members Absent

Chief Sean Brammer, Chairman, Florida Atlantic University Police Department
Chief Richard Jenkins, North Palm Beach Police Department
Chief Robert Mangold, Atlantis Police Department
Chief Craig Hartmann, Highland Beach Police Department
Chief John Pruitt, Jupiter Inlet Colony Police Department
Chief Wes Smith, Lake Clarke Shores Police Department
Chief Carmen Mattox, Manalapan Police Department
Chief Thomas A. Ceccarelli, Palm Springs Public Safety Department
Chief Gus Medina, Tequesta Police Department
Chief Frank Adderley, West Palm Beach Police Department
Sheriff Ric Bradshaw, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
Major Robert Chandler, Florida Highway Patrol
Troy Walker, Special 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
Lieutenant Kent Stanton, Florida Division of Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco
Matthew W. Fodor, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Sheldon Burkett, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Drug Enforcement Administration
Eric Chan, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
Assistant Chief Deputy Dan Torchia, U.S. Marshals Service
Timothy Donohue, Resident Agent in Charge, U.S. Secret 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

Dr. Wendolyn Sneed, Palm Beach County Chief Medical Examiner (Represented by Paul Petrino, Manager of Medical Examiner Operations)
Sivashree Sundaram, Chief: Narcotics and Violent Crimes, U.S. Attorney's Office
Shawn Fagan, CJSTC Field Services Specialist, Florida Department of Law Enforcement
Michelle Johns, Circuit Administrator, Florida Department of Corrections
Gregory Starling, Chief Probation Officer, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice
Stephanie Tew, Chief Assistant, Attorney General's Office of Statewide Prosecution

Advisory Members Absent

Director Joseph Tata, Criminal Justice Institute of Palm Beach State College
Hon. Dave Aronberg, State Attorney, 15th Judicial Circuit

Guests

Scott Penney, Chief Investigator of the Public Defender's Office
Ted Gonzales, Executive Director, Palm Beach County Association of Chiefs' of Police and LEX
Daniel Villacci, Florida Department of Children and Families
Louis Tomeo, Director – Court Operations, Criminal Court Services
Angelique Pickett, Intelligence Led Policing Manager, Boca Raton Police Department
Eddie Thompson, Section Manager, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
Lieutenant Michael Moschette, Delray Beach Police Department
Assistant Chief Russ Mager, Delray Beach Police Department
Conrad Saddler, PBC Pretrial Services Counselor II
Christine Storm, Executive Director, Palm Beach County Behavioral Health Coalition
Captain Darrell Hunter, Delray Beach Police Department
Assistant Chief Martin Bechtel, Palm Beach Gardens Police Department
Major Spencer Rozier, Riviera Beach Police Department
Craig Williams, Chief Assistant State Attorney, State Attorney's Office
Wendy Unger, Assistant Chief of Investigations, Florida Department of Corrections, Office of Inspector General
Captain John Haseley, Gulf Stream Police Department
Captain John Crane-Baker, Delray Beach Police Department
Assistant Chief Patrick McCutcheon, Palm Beach County School District Police Department
Assistant Chief Michael Madden, Riviera Beach Police Department
Michelle Cruz, Director of Case Management, Court Administration
Assistant Chief Regina Price, Palm Beach County School District Police Department
Sabrina Valentin, Palm Beach County Behavioral Health Coalition
Assistant Chief Gene Sapino, Delray Beach Police Department
Judge James Martz, Circuit Court Judge

CJC Staff Present

Katherine Shover, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst
Brad Allen, Criminal Justice Analyst

I. Opening comments by Chief Hal Hutchins, Vice Chairman.

- II. Roll Call – Vice Chairman Hutchins requested that everyone list their name and agency in the chat in lieu of roll call.
- III. Introduction of Guests
- IV. The Agenda/Minutes were approved by unanimous consent. Motion was made by Chief Nathan Osgood and seconded by Chief Brian Smith.
- V. Updates
 - a. **Palm Beach County Behavioral Health Coalition:** Alexa Lee, M. S., Director of Programs, mentioned that they were formally known as the Palm Beach County Substance Awareness Coalition. She discussed how their mission has expanded from drug prevention and underage drinking prevention to providing education, efficacy, and prevention from youth to adults. They now offer mental health first aid, HIV prevention/testing (13-21 year olds), and have opened a recovery organization. She briefly discussed a project to determine the community's knowledge about non-opioid choices and reviewed survey results. Preliminary data shows that overdoses have increased by 37.5% in Florida. The survey indicated that 61% of the respondents said that their healthcare provider didn't discuss non-opioid alternatives to pain management. They decided to focus their efforts through education at doctor's offices and a PSA. In addition, they did a study to look at the availability of their drop off boxes and overdose rates. They found that one of the higher overdose rates that is often overlooked is for senior citizens. To address this concern, they partnered with the National Guard to bring Deterra packets that deactivate drugs rather than senior citizens having to bring drugs to drop off boxes. They would like to partner with agencies to bring more of the Deterra packets to the community and to share their PSA. She advised that some of the drop off boxes have been closed due to COVID. They are updating their website with the most current information of where they can drop off medications. Typically they collect 7,000-9,000 lbs. in a year at the drop off boxes. They are also pleased to announce that their Community Recovery Hub for Palm Beach County that is located in Delray Beach opened last Monday. Long term recovery support, family support, life skills, and wellness will be offered at the center.

Please let them know if there is training, education or advocacy that is needed in your community. She also advised that for the next four months they have a grant that is providing mental health first aid training for officers. The training is provided by law enforcement officers. They also have 1-2 openings for officers to become official trainers. It would be helpful to be connected with agencies to determine community drug trends. In addition, they have youth that can do compliance checks for vaping and underage drinking. Agencies can also let them know if they are interested in joining a task force.

- VI. New Business
- VII. Old Business
- VIII. Liaison Updates
 - a. **Data Sharing:** Chief Smith reported that on June 3rd at 10 AM LEX will be holding a Board meeting for all members.
 - b. **Community Engagement Team:** Chief Sims advised that they have completed nine community forums. Now the Healthier Together communities will continue the outreach through dialogues with the hope of law enforcement participation with the community. They will be holding five week sessions simultaneously throughout PBC with an anticipated start date of June 28th. Information from the sessions will be compiled and shared with law enforcement and the public. The purpose is to provide awareness, aid in potential solutions, and foster continued dialogue among law enforcement and the community. The goal is to ensure that law enforcement is involved with these conversations to stay in front of any issues that are taking place in their communities. Additional information will be provided as available.
 - c. **SART:** A copy of the SART report was included in the meeting packet. Chief Miuccio reported that a law enforcement only meeting will be held today at 2 PM with SART.
 - d. **Coordinated Community Response Team:** Chief Osgood noted that his detective prepared a comprehensive review of their domestic violence cases. One of the main problems is keeping their victims safe from the person that they have been separated from. He advised that they recently had 3 arrests over the past month. He would like to strengthen support to keep victims safe by working with the State Attorney's Office and Public Defender's Office. Please let him know if you would like to be a part of the CCR.
 - e. **Criminal Justice Institute:** Director Tata will provide an update at the next meeting.
 - f. **Communications/Interoperability:** No report.
 - g. **School Safety:** There is no update this month.
 - h. **State Attorney's Office:** No report.
 - i. **Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office:** No report.
 - j. **Palm Beach County School District Police Department:** Chief Dan Alexander noted that there are fifteen days left in the school year. They are preparing for graduations at the Fair Grounds and working on potentially 101 summer school

sites that they will need to cover over the next few months. They are working with the Health Care District on pods for vaccinations for their students that will probably begin on June 5th at regional sites. The big issue for them in the short term is compliance with Alyssa's law and mobile panic solutions. They already met with the PSAP managers about this issue.

k. **State and Federal Updates:** No updates.

IX. Member Comments -

- a. Chief Sims remarked that the George Floyd death was a year this week. He commended Palm Beach County for stepping up and being in the forefront of what change should look like in this country.
- b. Chief Gregory briefly commented on a recent court decision from the 4th District Court of Appeal that ruled in favor of their agency. The charge that the court ruled on was obstruction of justice not just recording the police. He advised that there were a lot of inaccuracies that came out during the investigation. The court didn't rule whether it was a violation to record officers. The ruling was on whether the mother's conduct in totality presented probable cause for obstruction of justice. He advised that Boynton Beach doesn't have any issue with individuals recording police, but they are not allowed to obstruct investigations. He also reminded agencies about their gun buyback event that will be held on June 5th at a local church. They are giving out gift certificates for functional guns (\$100 for handguns and \$200 for rifles/long guns).

X. Next meeting - June 24, 2021

XI. Attachments

- a. SART Update
- b. Non-Opioid Choices Community Knowledge Reports