

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

Thursday, June 24, 2021 - 9:30 a.m.

Meeting was held online via Zoom

Members Present

Chief Hal Hutchins, Vice Chairman, Ocean Ridge Police Department
Chief Michele Miuccio, Boca Raton Police Department
Chief Michael Gregory, Boynton Beach Police Department
Chief Javaro Sims, Delray Beach Police Department (Represented by Captain John Crane-Baker)
Chief Ed Allen, Gulf Stream Police Department
Chief Craig Hartmann, Highland Beach Police Department
Chief Brian Smith, Juno Beach Police Department
Chief David England, Jupiter Police Department
Chief Sean Scheller, Lantana Police Department
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
Chief Gus Medina, Tequesta Police Department
Bill Fraser, Chief Investigator, State Attorney's Office 15th Judicial Circuit
Sheldon Burkett, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Drug Enforcement Administration
Christopher Orcinolo, Resident Agent in Charge, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives
Chief Robert Crawford, VA Health Administration

Members Absent

Chief Sean Brammer, Chairman, Florida Atlantic University Police Department
Chief Richard Jenkins, North Palm Beach Police Department
Chief Daniel Alexander, Palm Beach County School District Police Department
Chief Robert Mangold, Atlantis 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 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
Eric Jester, Resident Agent in Charge, Florida Department of Law Enforcement
Major Fred Rondeau, Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission
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
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

Advisory Members Present

Interim Director Joseph Tata, Criminal Justice Institute of Palm Beach State College
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

Advisory Members Absent

Hon. Dave Aronberg, State Attorney, 15th Judicial Circuit
Stephanie Tew, Chief Assistant, Attorney General's Office of Statewide Prosecution

Guests

Nick Tiscione, Toxicology Unit Manager, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
Jaime-Lee Bradshaw, Chief Strategic Initiatives Officer, Community Partners
Abby Ross, Aide to Senator Lori Berman
Angelique Pickett, Intelligence Led Policing Manager, Boca Raton Police Department
Craig Williams, Chief Assistant State Attorney, State Attorney's Office
Captain Darrell Hunter, Delray Beach Police Department
Deputy Chief Robin Griffin-Kitzerow, Florida Atlantic University Police Department
Eddie Thompson, Section Manager, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
John Carey, Inspector General, PBC Office of Inspector General
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
Captain John Haseley, Gulf Stream Police Department
Lesley Shriberg, Homeland Security Bureau, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
Lieutenant Jim Phillip, Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission
Assistant Chief Michael Madden, Riviera Beach Police Department
Assistant Chief Robert Perez, Palm Springs Public Safety Department
Stephen Stepp, Deputy City Manager, City of Palm Beach Gardens
Susan Carlini, Victim Services Program Coordinator, PBC Victim Services
Deputy Chief Vanessa Snow, Boynton Beach Police Department
Assistant Chief Martin Bechtel, Palm Beach Gardens Police Department
Daniel Villacci, Florida Department of Children and Families
Judge James Martz, Circuit Court Judge
Mike Oh

CJC Staff Present

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

- I. Opening comments by Chief Hal Hutchins, Vice Chairman. He reminded everyone that the LEPC won't meet in July. He also mentioned that a copy of the DEA drug

trend report was sent out to law enforcement partners. Please reach out to Sheldon Burkett, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, DEA offline if you have any questions.

- 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 - Director Herring introduced Jamie Lee Bradshaw, Chief Strategic Initiatives Officer, Community Partners.
- IV. The Agenda/Minutes were approved by unanimous consent. Motion was made by Chief Brian Smith and seconded by Chief Nathan Osgood.
- V. Updates
 - a. **Dialogues to Change:** Jaime-Lee Bradshaw, Chief Strategic Initiatives Officer, Community Partners thanked all of the agencies and the CJC for being instrumental in implementing the police forums that were held from November 2020 through May 2021. The panel setup was very helpful to convey information about trends and respond to questions from the community. Through the guidance of the technical assistance partner, Everyday Democracy, the next step will be for agencies to be at the table having a bidirectional dialogue with the community. The dialogue sessions will begin July 12th and run five concurrent weeks until the week of August 9th. A \$500 seed investment was included in the budget by the CJC for each of the nine teams. Once the groups complete their dialogue sessions, they will come together with their larger community that includes Criminal Justice system participants to determine action steps. She asked if agencies can participate in the sessions.
 - b. **Gun Buyback Takeaways:** Deputy Chief Vanessa Snow, Boynton Beach Police Department reported that on June 5th they had a very successful gun buyback event. They used \$18,000 in Law Enforcement Trust Fund dollars to purchase various denominations of gift cards. They ended up receiving 133 firearms (50 handguns and 83 long guns). Those that relinquished handguns were provided a \$100 gift card and a \$200 gift card for long guns. The Coalition of Clergy was present at the event and interacting with community. For future events, they will have a larger staging area to prevent traffic challenges as cars lined up over an hour early for this event. They will probably run more than one line to get cars in quicker. It is also important to look at limiting the number of firearms per vehicle. None of the guns were stolen, but they are keeping the community safer by preventing future victimization. She noted that they are planning to have another event that they anticipate will occur in November. Vice Chairman Hutchins mentioned that he heard a lot of positive feedback about the event.

- c. **Impaired Driving Legislation:** Nick Tiscione, Toxicology Unit Manager, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office provided an overview of legislation that was drafted by Senator Lori Berman to improve their drug impaired driving law. He noted that according to F.S. 893.03 there is a very restrictive list of drugs for impaired driving. They did a ten year study in Palm Beach County and determined that half of the cases included a drug that wasn't included in the statute. He provided a list of designer drugs, prescription drugs and over the counter medications that have recently been identified in impaired driving cases that are not controlled under F.S. 893.03. Many of these cases where they have this issue are not filed or dropped when they can't support reckless driving. He advised that forty-five States have much broader language that addresses the problem of impaired driving. He reviewed the bill drafted by Senator Berman for F.S. 316.193 (Definition of the Offense of DUI) F.S. 316.193(1)(a) "or any impairing substance, or any combination thereof". Please let him know if you have any questions. He thanked everyone for their support of this issue.

- d. **Mobile Panic Solutions:** Assistant Chief Dennis Weiner, MPA, JD, LLM, Field Services Bureau, Palm Beach School District Police Department provided an overview of the mobile panic platform which was in response to a mandate from Alyssa's Law that was passed on June 2020. The PBC School District selected Motorola SaferWatch as their platform. Each of the fifty Charter Schools have either selected SaferWatch or a similar system. They will integrate all of the systems into one platform, so PSAPs only need to deal with a single interphase. They are working with the PBC 911 Coordinator to ensure that all PBC PSAPs are integrated. The app allows parents and students to report tips and receive real time alerts related to safety. He advised that the platform will be active by the first day of school on August 10th. From a response perspective, all of the public schools will have the School Police as a primary responsible agency for answering the alert. All of the local jurisdictions will have responsibility of the Charter Schools in their area with the exception of the two Charter Schools on District property.

VI. New Business

VII. Old Business

VIII. Liaison Updates

- a. **Data Sharing:** Chief Smith reported that as of December 31, 2021 LEX will cease operations. All of the members will still have access to the statewide system. Agencies may choose to work with Finder for the Finder 6 platform. He mentioned that it was an honor being the Chairman of LEX. He also recognized Chief Hutchins, Chief Mangold, and Ted Gonzales for their support. He also thanked everyone that was involved with the project.

- b. **Community Engagement Team:** No update
- 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 quarterly. She recommended that Detectives that work Sex Crimes should attend the meetings. The meetings are similar to the Child Specialist meetings where you can bring forward any concerns. SART will also let law enforcement know if there are any issues at the meetings.
- d. **Coordinated Community Response Team:** Chief Osgood advised that they have three detectives assigned to this project. They have also been working with the State Attorney's Office. The biggest issue that they are seeing is that the victims are not cooperating. They aren't willing to testify in court. Director Herring mentioned that the committee will address these concerns. Ms. Shover advised that the last meeting was held on June 8th with the next meeting scheduled for June 29th at 10 AM. They are currently working on the mission and core values for the group. Initially they plan to launch three committees (awareness & outreach, best practices and training). Please let Ms. Shover know if you are interested in being involved in the committee. They are hoping to launch the CCR in time for Domestic Awareness month in October.
- e. **Criminal Justice Institute:** Interim Director Tata advised that they have three LE and one Corrections class going on right now. One graduating class is scheduled for July 8th with thirteen sponsored recruits. Invitations should be going out shortly. They have another LE class scheduled for August 23rd. There is also a Crossover Academy with thirty students starting the same date. Advance classes will commence again on August 9th. A two week FTO class will be offered. He gave special thanks to Shawn Fagan and other members for their assistance that made the process very smooth during COVID. He also noted that they are bringing in old court cases for students to participate in mock trials.
- f. **Communications/Interoperability:** No report.
- g. **School Safety:** Judge Martz advised that the mental health track has been evolving quickly. The website awareandcarepbc.com is live and will be unveiled at the next meeting. The site is one point of reference for treatment, response, and reporting to prevent future mass violence tragedies. He mentioned that it is time to reengage on response. He welcomed the Chiefs input about this issue. They have been actively involved with the Sheriff's Office due to the grant, but he would like more input and direction from the Chiefs. In addition, he addressed the need for agencies to have videos from the scene.
- h. **State Attorney's Office:** Craig Williams advised that the body worn camera meeting will be held next week. They are getting back to serious crimes being tried next month. He noted that facial coverings are now optional and capacity

restrictions have been removed. They are also reducing the number of hearings by Zoom.

- i. **Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office:** No report.
- j. **Palm Beach County School District Police Department:** Assistant Chief Weiner advised that summer school will held from June 28th to July 29th. He also noted that are still hiring to fill vacancies.
- k. **State and Federal Updates:** Sivashree Sundaram, U.S. Attorney's Office, advised that they are starting trials on July 19th. Hopefully, she will be able to meet everyone in person soon.

IX. Member Comments -

- a. Chief Osgood advised that they partnered with the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office (PBSO) and Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) last week to do a citywide crack down on gun violence. They made approximately 40 arrests. Five firearms were seized four of which were stolen. He thanked PBSO and FHP for their assistance.
- b. Judge Martz mentioned that they continue to see officers that don't read their reports prior to court. He stressed the importance of this practice to prevent officers from being impeached on cross examination. Interim Director Tata advised that they just purchased thirty new laptops for report writing instruction. This is particularly an issue for the new generation. He noted that they are creating mock scenarios for officers to prepare reports. Chief Hutchins thanked Judge Martz for the reminder.

X. Adjourn

XI. Attachments

- a. SART Update
- b. Dialogues to Change Schedule