

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

**Thursday, August 27, 2020 – 9:30 a.m.**

Meeting was held online via WebEx

**Members Present**

Chief Sean Brammer, Chairman, Florida Atlantic University Police Department  
Chief Clint Shannon, Vice Chairman, Palm Beach Gardens Police Department  
Chief Richard Jenkins, North Palm Beach Police Department  
Chief Frank Kitzerow, Palm Beach County School District Police Department  
Chief Michele Miuccio, Boca Raton Police Department  
Chief Javaro Sims, Delray Beach Police Department  
Chief Ed Allen, Gulf Stream Police Department  
Chief Brian Smith, Juno Beach Police Department  
Chief Hal Hutchins, Ocean Ridge Police Department  
Chief Thomas A. Ceccarelli, Palm Springs Public Safety Department  
Chief Nathan Osgood, Riviera Beach Police Department  
Sheriff Ric Bradshaw, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office (Represented by Chief Frank DeMario, Commander Law Enforcement Operations)  
Major Fred Rondeau, Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission  
Captain Frank Briganti, Bureau of Insurance Fraud  
Eric Chan, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement  
Robert Cekada, Special Agent in Charge, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives  
Christopher Orcinolo, Resident Agent in Charge, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

**Members Absent**

Chief Robert Mangold, Atlantis Police Department  
Chief Michael Gregory, Boynton Beach Police Department  
Chief Craig Hartmann, Highland Beach Police Department  
Chief Dan Kerr, Jupiter Police Department  
Chief John Pruiitt, Jupiter Inlet Colony Police Department  
Chief Wes Smith, Lake Clarke Shores Police Department  
Chief Sean Scheller, Lantana Police Department  
Chief Carmen Mattox, Manalapan Police Department  
Chief Nicholas Caristo, Palm Beach Police Department  
Chief Gus Medina, Tequesta Police Department  
Chief Frank Adderley, West Palm Beach Police Department  
Major Robert Chandler, Florida Highway Patrol  
Troy Walker, Special Agent in Charge, Florida Department of Law Enforcement  
Frank Mercurio, Resident Agent Supervisor, Florida Department of Law Enforcement  
Bill Fraser, Chief Investigator, State Attorney's Office 15th Judicial Circuit  
Captain Juan Torres, Florida Division of Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco  
Thomas Jones, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Sheldon Burkett, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Drug Enforcement Administration  
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**

Director Joseph Tata, Criminal Justice Institute of Palm Beach State College  
Dr. Wendolyn Sneed, Palm Beach County Chief Medical Examiner (Representative)

Ellen Cohen, Assistant US Attorney, U.S. Attorney's Office  
Hon. Dave Aronberg, State Attorney, 15th Judicial Circuit  
Shawn Fagan, CJSTC Field Services Specialist, Florida Department of Law Enforcement  
Stephanie Tew, Chief Assistant, Attorney General's Office of Statewide Prosecution

### **Advisory Members Absent**

Gregory Starling, Chief Probation Officer, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice  
Michelle Johns, Circuit Administrator, Florida Department of Corrections

### **Guests**

Scott Penney, Chief Investigator of the Public Defender's Office  
Major Spencer Rozier, Riviera Beach Police Department  
Assistant Chief Michael Madden, Riviera Beach Police Department  
Commander Tom Mitchell, Lantana Police Department  
Staff Operations Manager Larry Schroeder, Manalapan Police Department  
Latrona Hayes, Manager Court Services, Public Safety  
Assistant Chief Robert Perez, Palm Springs Public Safety Department  
Louis Tomeo, Director - Court Operations, Clerk & Comptroller Palm Beach County  
Michelle Cruz, Director of Case Management, Court Administration  
Director Daniel Alexander, Palm Beach County School District Police Department  
Paul Petrino, Manager of Medical Examiner Operations, PBC Medical Examiners Office  
Sujata Warriar, Training & Technical Assistance Director  
Anton Tripolskii, JD, Training & Technical Assistance Specialist, Battered Women's Justice Project  
Lorinda Goldsmith, PBC ISS  
Nicole Bishop, Director Justice & Victim Services, Public Safety  
Craig Williams, Chief Assistant State Attorney, State Attorney's Office  
Danielle Ouellette, LCSW, Behavioral Services Division, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office

### **CJC Staff Present**

Regenia Herring, Executive Director  
Damir Kukec, Research and Planning Manager  
Katherine Shover, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst  
Jonathan Hackley, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst

- I. Opening comments by Chief Sean Brammer, Chairman.
- II. Roll Call
- III. Introduction of Guests
- IV. The agenda and minutes were approved by consent.
- V. Presentation
  - a. Improving Criminal Justice Responses in Palm Beach County by Sujata Warriar, Training & Technical Assistance Director and Anton Tripolskii, JD, Training & Technical Assistance Specialist, Battered Women's Justice Project provided a summary of the project and discussed the listening sessions that were held with victim survivors. The next step is to provide free training for law enforcement in the fall. They hope to get attendance by sergeants and first line supervisors as they will be talking about supervising on scene investigations and improving them based upon recommendations from their comprehensive reports. Mr. Tripolskii thanked everyone for their ongoing

support. They hope that by offering online trainings that it will allow more agencies to attend.

## VI. Business

- a. Regenia Herring, CJC Executive Director, provided an overview of the Town Hall on Policing that was held at the end of July. She thanked everyone for completing the law enforcement survey and noted that 100% of agencies participated. She provided an overview of the request from the PBC Board of County Commissioners in which they directed the Criminal Justice Commission look into policing practices in Palm Beach County as a result of the George Floyd tragedy in Minneapolis. There were nine key areas that they wanted the CJC to look into which were used to develop the questionnaire. She wanted to let the community and commission know that progress has been made in these areas.

Director Herring reviewed the results of the survey that indicated that all agencies have a policy that bans chokeholds. Almost all agencies have a policy that includes a duty to intervene which correlates with the 8 Can't Wait national recommendations. She indicated that 92% of agencies have a policy for public access to complaints, 100% provide community policing, and 87% provide racial sensitivity training. The CJC is working on a contract to provide Fair & Impartial Policing training to agencies. Director Herring noted several areas for improvement such as the use of body worn cameras where 57% of agencies have cameras. None of the agencies were in favor of civilian review boards. She noted that question was hard to answer as there is a lot that goes into that process. There were mixed responses for implementing a countywide database to report police misconduct with 57% (yes), 13% (no) and the remaining agencies were on the border. She suggested the possibility of the LEPC looking into how a database could work across the county. She also noted that a countywide database might help with the recruitment process. Investigations that involved death by a police officer 66% of agencies indicated they work with FDLE, 30% other, and 4% internal investigation process. She didn't break out the other, but they may want to look closer into that item.

Director Herring also reported that they are moving forward with having courageous conversations on the regional level throughout the county. The sessions will be collaborative with the community and stakeholders in the system. She noted that these conversations will allow agencies to have candid conversations with the community like the BWJP's listening sessions. A collaborative planning session will be held through the Community Engagement Task Force which is Co-Chaired by Barbara Cheives and Chief Javaro Sims to determine what works for the community and law

enforcement. Director Herring noted that law enforcement doesn't work in isolation. They have to figure out how it will work across the county. She also mentioned that they will have an action committee to develop recommendations that will hopefully benefit Palm Beach County.

Chairman Brammer noted that Special Agent in Charge Troy Walker of FDLE has a presentation with statistical data that shows how much Palm Beach County has improved regarding officer involved shootings. This presentation will be provided at a future LEPC meeting. Chairman Brammer noted that they will take the show on the road with four regional discussions. He recommended that the sessions include the President of the PBC Chiefs Association, Chief Sims, Troy Walker, and Chief Kitzerow. He also noted that Chief DeMario could let them know who the Sheriff would like as his point of contact for these events. He would like everyone to see the good work and improvement in Palm Beach County.

Chairman Brammer recognized Brian Fernandes from the State Attorney's Office. He thanked him for all his assistance and wished him well on his future endeavors in Tallahassee.

VII. Business

VIII. Liaison Updates

- a. **Data Sharing:** Chief Brian Smith reported that they are still looking at the Finder 6 platform which will immensely improve the capability of information sharing.
- b. **Community Engagement Team:** Chief Javaro Sims noted that about a week ago he had a discussion with Chief Brammer, Chief Shannon, Chief Jenkins, and SAC Walker regarding a statewide law enforcement registry. After speaking with those gentleman there is information in place, but it isn't consolidated. As of June 16, 2020 the Attorney General is proposing a nationwide database called the Safe Policing for Safe Communities Act (85 FR 37325) that involves federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies to track terminations or de-certifications of law enforcement officers, criminal convictions of law enforcement officers for on-duty conduct, and civil judgments against law enforcement officers for improper use of force. The database will also account for instances where they resign or retire after active investigation of use of force. His goal is to have the PBC Chiefs Association support this legislation. He thinks it will be a huge benefit to all law enforcement agencies to get behind this. He is also getting ready to sponsor a two (2) day Racial Equity training in Delray Beach. This training will consist of 25 people with half being law enforcement officers.

- c. **Criminal Justice Institute:** Director Joseph Tata had his meeting early with the training commission. They are putting together two more classes starting in January.
- d. **SART:** Report was included in the packet.
- e. **Communications/Interoperability:** No report.
- f. **State Attorney's Office:** Craig Williams thanked Chairman Brammer for recognizing Brian Fernandes. He noted that they will definitely miss him. He also mentioned a public records request they received about how many police officers the State Attorney's Office has prosecuted in the last five (5) years. He noted that they don't keep track of police officers when they are off duty. He was wondering if the agencies could provide that information. Chairman Brammer noted that agencies do track that information through internal affairs. Chief Shannon will follow-up with the State Attorney's Office about this request.
- g. **School Safety:** Katherine Shover reported that the next meeting will be held virtually on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.
- h. **Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office:** No report.
- i. **Palm Beach County School District Police Department:** Chief Frank Kitzerow reported that they are moving ahead with the opening of school plans. They will be moving into a virtual environment next Monday. As soon as the county goes into Phase 2, they anticipate they will be bringing students, faculty, and staff back on to their campuses a week later. He also indicated that parents will be able to choose how they want their child to return to school.

## IX. Attachments

- a. BWJP Spring 2020 Report
- b. Summary of Policing Policy Questionnaire
- c. SART Update