

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

Thursday, September 23, 2021 – 9:30 a.m.

Meeting was held online via Zoom

Members Present

Chief Sean Brammer, Chairman, Florida Atlantic University Police Department
Chief Javaro Sims, Vice Chairman, Delray Beach Police Department
Chief Daniel Alexander, PBC School District Police Department (Represented by Major Mike Waites)
Chief Michele Miuccio, Boca Raton Police Department
Chief Ed Allen, Gulf Stream Police Department (Represented by Captain John Haseley)
Chief Brian Smith, Juno 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 Clint Shannon, Palm Beach Gardens Police Dept. (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
Bill Fraser, Chief Investigator, State Attorney's Office 15th Judicial Circuit
Major Fred Rondeau, Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission
Captain Frank Briganti, Bureau of Insurance Fraud (Represented by Lieutenant Kevin Lashells)
Sheldon Burkett, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Drug Enforcement Administration
Pete Garcia, Federal Security Director, Transportation Security Administration

Members Absent

Chief Richard Jenkins, North Palm Beach Police Department
Chief Robert Mangold, Atlantis Police Department
Chief Michael Gregory, Boynton Beach 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 Thomas A. Ceccarelli, Palm Springs Public Safety Department
Chief Gus Medina, Tequesta Police Department
Chief Frank Adderley, West Palm Beach Police Department
Honorable 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
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
Christopher Orcinolo, Resident Agent in Charge, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives
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
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
Shawn Fagan, CJSTC Field Services Specialist, Florida Department of Law Enforcement
Gregory Starling, Chief Probation Officer, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice
Stephanie Tew, Chief Assistant, Attorney General's Office of Statewide Prosecution

Advisory Members Absent

Honorable Dave Aronberg, State Attorney, 15th Judicial Circuit
Michelle Johns, Circuit Administrator, Florida Department of Corrections
Dr. Wendolyn Sneed, Palm Beach County Chief Medical Examiner

Guests

Dr. Casey Messer, Ryan White Program Manager, PBC Community Services Department
Alexa Lee, M.S., Director of Programs, Palm Beach County Substance Abuse Coalition
Angelique Pickett, Intelligence Led Policing Manager, Boca Raton Police Department
Andrea Rocha, Circuit Criminal Manager
Barbara Cipriano, Associate Dean of Public Safety, Palm Beach State College
Cassandra Atkin-Plunk, Ph.D., Associate Director and Associate Professor, FAU
Vaughn Crichlow, Ph.D., Associate Dean and Associate Professor, FAU
Daniel Villacci, Florida Department of Children and Families
Ed Thompson, Section Manager, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
James Green, Director of PBC Community Services Department
Captain Randy Foley, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
Assistant Chief Marty Bechtel, Palm Beach Gardens Police Department
Scott Penney, Chief Investigator of the Public Defender's Office
Commander Tom Mitchell, Lantana Police Department
Deputy Chief Vanessa Snow, Boynton Beach Police Department
Tyrell Siagi, Criminal Court Case Manager, Court Administration
Craig Williams, Chief Assistant State Attorney, State Attorney's Office
Major Adam Hirsch, Jupiter Police Department
Latronda Hayes, Manager Court Services, PBC Public Safety Department
Judge James Martz, Circuit Court Judge
John Hulick, Senior Program Manager, PBC Community Services
Captain Michael Moschette, Delray Beach Police Department
Nancy Bolton, Assistant County Administrator, PBC Administration
Tawanna Wilson, Administrative Assistant, Criminal Justice Institute, Palm Beach State College
Ted Gonzales, Executive Director, Palm Beach County Association of Chiefs' of Police and LEX

CJC Staff Present

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

I. Opening comments by Chief Sean Brammer, Chairman.

- A. Reminder that elections for the LEPC Chairperson will be held at the October 28th meeting for the upcoming year.

- B. Welcomed Chief Richard Jones, Ocean Ridge Police Department, and recognized Chief Hal Hutchins for his service to the LEPC.
 - C. Congratulated Chief Javaro Sims on his appointment as President of the PBC Association of Chiefs of Police. According to the LEPC bylaws, Chief Sims will now become the Vice Chairman.
 - D. Welcomed Director Vincent Morton, Criminal Justice Institute, and thanked Interim Director Joseph Tata for his service.
 - E. Recognized Judge Bradley Harper who was recently appointed to the Circuit Court.
- II. Roll Call – Chairman Brammer requested that everyone list their name and agency in the chat in lieu of roll call.
- III. The Agenda/Minutes were approved by unanimous consent.
- IV. Presentation/Updates
- A. **Infectious Disease Elimination Act:** Chairman Brammer introduced Dr. Casey Messer, Ryan White Program Manager, PBC Community Services Department. The Infectious Disease Elimination Act was passed by the Florida Legislature in 2019 after a pilot program showed a lot of positive outcomes. Subsequently, the PBC Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) passed an Infectious Disease Ordinance to permit a needle exchange program to operate in PBC. A needle exchange operator must be approved by the BOCC and have an executed contract before it is lawful for them to conduct needle exchange operations. The possession, distribution, or exchange of needles as part of the Needle Exchange Program is not a violation of any part of Chapter 893, Florida Statutes, or any other laws. He advised that Rebel Recovery, FL is currently the only approved operator for the Florida Access to Syringe and Health Services (FLASH) Exchange program. Every participant enrolled in the program receives an identification card with a unique client identifier. Clients are advised to carry the card on them any time they are going to or from FLASH Exchange. Dr. Messer provided summary metrics for the program covering the April 1-June 30, 2021 period: 52 participants served, 145 exchange encounters, 6,125 used needles collected/5,696 distributed, 184 Narcan kits provided, 37 overdose reversals, 67.3% of participants reported experiencing unemployment, and 51.9% of participants reported experiencing homelessness.
 - B. **Aware and Care Campaign:** Judge James Martz, Chairman of the PBC School & Community Safety Initiative, provided an overview of the initiative. He noted that after the tragedy in Parkland the CJC decided to look at how PBC would

respond to similar incidents. It quickly became evident that the greatest focus should be on prevention. For that reason, a behavioral health track was developed. Initial meetings were held with law enforcement, but it was clear that they were already working on policies to address active shooter events. During the same time, the Sheriff started a Behavioral Health Unit and obtained a grant from BJA. The efforts of the committee and the PBSO grant team merged to work on this issue. Judge Martz recognized the partners that have been involved in the project. He also presented a copy of the marketing materials (billboards, bus stops, and bus wraps) and provided an overview of the website. He also recognized the partnership with Florida Atlantic University and 211. A copy of FAU's report about the Aware and Care campaign was included in the meeting packet. He mentioned that there is a lot of work that still needs to be done with law enforcement. He also advised that he is stepping down as Chairman of the committee. Chairman Brammer and Director Herring recognized Judge Martz for his outstanding service to the Law Enforcement Planning Council. They both thanked him for his leadership of the committee.

V. New Business

- A. There was a discussion about the Palm Beach State College Police Academy. Director Morton recognized Interim Director Tata for continuing to run the academy despite the COVID challenges. He noted that he is looking forward to working together and building new partnerships. He provided an overview of the training held this year. January 2021 they had 18 recruits, May had two academy classes with 43 recruits, and August has 23 fully sponsored recruits. The next class will be held January 11, 2022. There was a discussion about the academy schedule. A Region XII training meeting will be held on October 28th. Agencies were encouraged to participate in the meeting to discuss their training needs. He also mentioned that he is open to discussing the need for an October academy.

VI. Old Business

VII. Liaison Updates

- A. **Data Sharing:** Chief Smith reported that as of December 31, 2021 LEX will cease operations. He thanked all of the partners over the years. Please let him know if you have any issues.
- B. **Recruitment and Retention:** Chief Smith advised that the staffing survey will be sent out this month.
- C. **Community Engagement Team:** Director Herring advised that there have been nine dialogue sessions. They are in the process of doing action steps that will be

presented to the CJC. There was a multitude of criminal justice agencies that met with the community for these sessions.

- D. **SART:** A copy of the SART report was included in the meeting packet. Chief Miuccio advised that they will be looking at the protocols to see if they need to be updated. She encouraged agencies to send their detectives to the law enforcement SART meetings.
- E. **Coordinated Community Response Team:** Ms. Shover advised that invitations were sent out for the October 12th Domestic Violence Coordinated Community Response Core Planning Team. The Opening Ceremony of Domestic Awareness month will be held on October 1st at 9 AM. Information was provided about the Law Enforcement First-Line Supervisor and Investigator Training on Gender-Based Violence training in the meeting packet.
- F. **Criminal Justice Institute:** No additional update.
- G. **Communications/Interoperability:** No report.
- H. **School Safety:** No additional update.
- I. **State Attorney's Office:** Craig Williams advised that they returned to mandatory masks at the Courthouse. They are still trying cases, but it has slowed down. Another Body Worn Camera meeting will be held on October 7th at Jupiter Police Department. State Attorney Aronberg thanked Chief Brammer for having the presentation about the Needle Exchange Program. Their office through the Sober Homes Task Force has been working with Rebel Recovery. He noted that the numbers in Dade County have been really positive in reducing opioid overdose deaths and harm reduction by preventing the spread of contagious diseases.
- J. **Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office:** No report.
- K. **Palm Beach County School District Police Department:** Major Waites noted that they are seeing an increase in vandalism and theft incidents on the campus related to the new Tik Tok trend. There has also been an increase in written threat cases which ties into the need for the Aware and Care site.
- L. **State and Federal Updates:** No updates

VIII. Attachments

- A. SART Update
- B. Aware and Care Report
- C. Law Enforcement First-Line Supervisor and Investigator Training on Gender-Based Violence

- IX. Next Meeting: October 28, 2021
- X. Adjourn