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## Countywide Community Revitalization Team Meeting Minutes

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Meeting Title: Countywide Community Revitalization Team Meeting  
Facilitator: Houston Tate, OCR Director  
Minutes Prepared by: William Wynn, OCR Senior Planner  
Date/Time: October 10, 2017  
Location: 2300 N Jog Rd., Room 1E-60, West Palm Beach, FL 33411

### Meeting Attendance:

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|-------------------------|---|
| 1. Bill McDonald        | Plantation Community                    |
| 2. Lana Martinez        | San Castle Community                    |
| 3. Joey Cooper          | PBC Fire Rescue                         |
| 4. Marvin Hubert        | PBC Fire Rescue                         |
| 5. Bob Smallacombe      | PBC Fire Rescue                         |
| 6. Deputy Diejuste      | PBC Sheriff's Office                    |
| 7. Deputy Mancino       | PBC Sheriff's Office                    |
| 8. Sgt Searing          | PBC Sheriff's Office                    |
| 9. Lt. Quinones         | PBC Sheriff's Office                    |
| 10. Michael Owens       | PBC School District                     |
| 11. Brittani Coore      | Florida Department-Community Health     |
| 12. Naomie Eloisin      | Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies          |
| 13. Michael Owens       | PBC Schools                             |
| 14. Luz Smith           | Caridad Center                          |
| 15. Gregory Gabriel     | PBC Youth Services                      |
| 16. Kenny Wilson        | Florida Department of Health Palm Beach |
| 17. Robin Rance-Hoffman | Commissioner Burdick's Office           |
| 18. Joanna Aiken        | Solid Waste Authority                   |
| 19. Samantha Corr       | PBC ERM                                 |
| 20. Casey Prancun       | PBC Parks & Recreation                  |
| 21. Dawn Wynn           | PBC Attorney's Office                   |
| 22. Audley Reid         | PBC Office of Community Revitalization  |
| 23. William Wynn        | PBC Office of Community Revitalization  |
| 24. Chrystal Mathews    | PBC Office of Community Revitalization  |
| 25. Inger Harvey        | PBC Office of Community Revitalization  |
| 26. Ruth Moguillansky   | PBC Office of Community Revitalization  |
| 27. Houston Tate        | PBC Office of Community Revitalization  |

## Meeting Minutes

- I. **Welcome and Introductions:** Houston Tate, Director OCR, called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. and asked the group to introduce themselves.
- II. **Presentation- Division Chief Joey Cooper, Palm Beach County Fire Rescue Administration.** Mr. Tate introduced Chief Cooper and informed the group about his bio and background.
  1. **Palm Beach Fire Rescue (PBCFR):**
    - Serves all of the unincorporated areas of Palm Beach County as well as many of the incorporated municipalities.
  2. **PBCFR Vision:**
    - A team committed to consistent excellence and innovation in public service.
  3. **PBCFR Mission:**
    - Protect and Prevent: Keeping People and Property Healthy and Safe
  4. **PBCFR Values:**
    - Go above and beyond
    - Take and seek responsibility
    - Strive for excellence
    - Do the right thing
    - Communication
  5. **CARES TEAM (Comfort Assistance Resources Evaluation Safety Net)**  
**Responds to:**
    - Drowning
    - Fires
    - Suicides
    - Bystanders Grief
    - Work with Top 100 callers for up to 90 days
  6. **PBCFR**  
**Responds to:**
    - Over 132,000 emergency calls every year which creates an entry point for those in need of support and services that may go beyond the event that initiated their 911 call.
  7. **Healthcare Professionals**
    - Nurses, Social Workers, Paramedic Firefighters
    - Emotional first aid on 911 calls
    - Reduce calls
  8. **Mobile Integrated Health**

PBCFR is the first in the state to have a multi-disciplinary MIH team. Consists of a Clinical Social Worker and a License Paramedic.

**Responds:**
    - Post EMS care
    - Crew referrals
    - Abuse, Neglect, Psychological

**9. Bureau of Safety Services**

The Bureau of Safety Services implements a proactive strategy to provide fire prevention and injury reduction programs and services to our citizens and visitors through a multifaceted approach.

- Oversees the implementation of current and relevant educational programs to our citizens through our Community Education Section.
- Reduce injuries and fires in the community
- Arson Investigation's Section, where the majority of our staff is deputized through Palm Beach County Sheriff's office.
- Directs the periodic review and adoption of the latest model fire codes as well as local amendments to meet local conditions affecting the health and safety of our residents and visitors.

**10. Training and Safety**

The Training & Safety Division is responsible for the initial training and continuing education for the existing 1400 certified Firefighters, 200 support personnel, and the Firefighter recruits utilizing state-of-the-art technology to deliver consistent, repeatable training.

**11. Division Chief of Administration**

- Records Requests
- HIPAA
- Internal Affairs
- Liaison with Human Resources
- Recruitment

**12. PBCFR Reserve and Cadets Program**

- Allows the youth to get an early start to a great career.

**13. PBCFR Diversity Statistics**

**Diversity Statistic 2014-2016**

| Category      | Male | Female | White | Black | Asian | Hispanic | Other | Total |
|---------------|------|--------|-------|-------|-------|----------|-------|-------|
| 2014 Sworn    | 1117 | 84     | 936   | 73    | 16    | 173      | 3     | 1201  |
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| 2015 Civilian | 92   | 90     | 144   | 18    | 2     | 18       | 0     | 182   |
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| 2014 Sworn | 936   | 265       | 73    | 16    | 173      | 3     |
| 2015 Sworn | 939   | 296       | 82    | 16    | 195      | 3     |
| 2016 Sworn | 923   | 317       | 85    | 18    | 211      | 3     |

**Chief Cooper, PBC Fire Rescue** also reported that PBCFR was instrumental in the keys post Hurricane Irma by sending a Strike and All Hazards teams to assist. PBCFR also evacuated the Glades areas sending residents to Seminole Ridge High School as well as Palm Beach Central High School for residents with dementia and alzhymer.

October is also Fire Prevention month.

**Lana Martinez, San Castle representative, asked the following:** Are property owners allowed to burn in their back yards and what to do if a burn is witnessed? Chief Cooper responded that it is illegal to burn and if a burn is witnessed for the person to simply dial 911 and report it.

**Robin Rance-Hoffman, Commissioner Burdick's Office asked the following:** Does PBCFR hire high school graduates. Chief Cooper responded that high school graduates or a GED recipient can be hired at 18 but the individual has to go through the Fire Academy and pass the state exams for Fire and EMT. After passing these exams, an individual can then apply for positions.

**Lt. Quinones, PBC Sheriff's Office** stated that he would like to thank PBCFR for the outstanding work that was done in the Glades during Hurricane Irma by supporting PBSO and the residents of the Glades communities.

\* A copy of the presentation is available from OCR upon request.

**Presentation- Sgt. Searing & Deputy Mancino, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Unit**

Sgt. Searing and Deputy Mancino presented on the PBSO Crime Prevention Unit and its mission, which is to improve the quality of life in our county by reducing fear and preventing crime.

The PBSO Crime Prevention Unit (CPU) also establishes and cultivates programs proven to reduce crime through the education and heightened awareness of our citizens. The CPU consists of deputies and volunteers professionally trained and/or certified in a variety of skills. Their hands on approach promotes community relations and interaction through proactive policing techniques. Deputies identify areas needing improvement, attend community meetings, and conduct special events to foster and increase community involvement. The CPU strive to encourage each citizen of our county to get involved and become part of the solution.

Please explore the PBSO Crime Prevention Unit webpage to learn more about the proactive approach the CPU takes and how you can take action in the fight against crime.

<http://www.pbso.org/services/community-services/crime-prevention/>

**Ruth Moguillansky, OCR, asked the following:** How does Operation ID relate to Operation Smart Water? Deputy Mancino responded that Smart Water was a pilot program through a grant that PBSO received. Smart water is a liquid that that can be painted on to property for identification. This liquid has serial numbers that can only be seen using UVA lighting. It also registers DNA, which can be sent to the Smart Water lab for identification. The grant for Smart Water has expired. Any people or business on their own can purchase Smart Water to identify property. The Child ID program is a simple, easy, and effective way for parents to have a record of their child's crucial information needed by authorities in case of an emergency. The PBSO offers this valuable service, free of charge, to children from 18 months to 14 years of age.

### III. Department Updates

**Michael Owens, PBC School District:** reported that because of Hurricane Irma seven school days were lost. the district has decided to make up three of those day one on October 16<sup>th</sup> one in November 17', and one in January 18'.

**Joanna Aiken, Solid Waste Authority (SWA):** reported that the SWA is working with FEMA for cleanup in all neighborhoods within PBC.

**Samantha Corr, Department of Environmental Resources Management (ERM):** reported that ERM is conducting aerial sprays for mosquitos due to the aftermath of Hurricane Irma.

**Gregory Gabriel, PBC Youth Services,** reported that there was a youth forum meeting for the Palm Beach 100 Days Challenge on October 11. Youth Services during the summer gave approx. 3,000 scholarships to youth as well as serve approx. 200,000 meals during the summer.

**Casey Pranckun, Parks & Recreation** reported that P&R has been working with Westgate CRA to develop a small property across from the Westgate Park and Recreation Center into a passive park that will work in conjunction with the recreation center.

**Lt. Quinones, PBC Sheriff's Office** reported that all need to be aware of the scams and fraudulent activities, which has been ongoing since Hurricane Irma especially in the senior communities.

**Houston Tate, OCR** recognized Ms. Corr of ERM and Deputy Jacobowski of PBSO for the work they did assisting the San Castle community with the homeless issue within the ERM property located in the area. Bob Smallcombe and PBCFR were also recognized for the work that was done in phase 1 of the smoke alarm installation project within CCRT communities. Phase 2 of the project will take place in the near future in more CCRT communities with the addition of installing carbon monoxide detectors.

### IV. Residents Comments

N/A

### V. Follow-ups

N/A

The meeting was adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

Approved by: Houston L. Tate, OCR Director \_\_\_\_\_