



**Pinellas Police Standards Council
Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council
4000 Gateway Centre Boulevard, Suite 100
Pinellas Park, FL
Agenda: Wednesday, December 14, 2016 – 8:30 AM**

1. **Call to Order** – Chairman Jeff Undestad

2. **Approval of PPSC Minutes** –Draft Attached

3. **Guest Speakers** –

4. **PASS Update** – Director Waters

5. **Committee Reports** –
 - ❖ Legislative Committee – Chief Haworth

 - ❖ Training – SPC Dean Brian Frank

 - ❖ Standards Review Committee – Chief Rob Vincent

 - ❖ Finance – Chief Bill Sohl

 - ❖ Pinellas County Safety & Emergency Services – TBA

 - ❖ Pinellas County Justice Coordination – Operations Manager Deborah Berry

6. New Business

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8. Roundtable

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Agenda: November 9, 2016 – 8:30 AM**

1. **Call to Order** – Chairman Jeff Undestad

2. **Approval of PPSC Minutes** –
 - ❖ Motion for approval by Chief Hendry and seconded by Chief Holloway – The Council unanimously approved the October 12, 2016 PPSC Minutes.

3. **Guest Speakers** –
 - ❖ Pinellas Park Police Officer Jack Paris and Kevin Marrone (Boley Centers’ Vice President of Homeless and Community Services) spoke about the upcoming annual “Point in Time Survey” for the homeless population within Pinellas County. The survey is required by HUD and the event will take place on January 24, 2017. Mr. Marrone stated the survey starts at approximately 0530 hours and is considered an all-day event. He advised the county will be split into three divisions/teams focusing on contacting homeless individuals that are either not aware and/or not received homeless services available within the county.

Officer Paris stated he is the law enforcement contact person and responsible for setting up training for agencies participating in the survey. He provided his contact number as 727-214-7754. Additionally, Officer Paris will be distributing gift cards to agencies to hand out during the homeless survey contact.

A PowerPoint (handout and e-mail) describing the “2017 Point in Time Survey” was distributed to the Council.

- ❖ Chief Dan Slaughter introduced Clearwater Police Officer Catherine Long to the Council to provide a brief presentation of the Restorative Justice Program she initiated at Countryside High School. Officer Long provided an overview (supplemented by a PowerPoint distributed to each Council member) of how the program was structured from Tom Toy (Teen Court Coordinator) Teen Court training. She advised the program has

been effect for two years and only pertains to “in-school” offenses such as truancy, stealing, and minor affrays. Possession of marijuana incidents are not currently eligible for their program. Offender students are only eligible to participate within the program one time. Teen court meets every Wednesday and Thursday where offender students are judged by a jury of students (peers). Officer Long advised that she presides over the court as the judge. She stated that offender students found guilty have to write an apology letter and abide by all other normal diversion requirements currently employed by the Pinellas County Juvenile System for diversions. She stated that social workers and guidance counselors are fully involved in the teen court process.

Officer Long stated that in the year prior to the initiation of the teen court she had over 30 arrests. With the initiation of teen court last year, arrests diminished to 17 and currently she has no arrests for this school year. She advised a great motivator or what she likes to refer as an inhibitor is the peer pressure of going in front of other students. Officer Long stated teen court is thoroughly communicated to students and they really do not want to be one of the ones having to appear in front of their peers. On the flip side, those that do appear at teen court seem to readily open up about why the incident occurred and are often very remorseful. Officer Long advised that she keeps a record, on site only, of all students using teen court.

The Council thanked Officer Long for her presentation. Sheriff Gualtieri advised that assuming an impetus for an expansion of this style program, thought should be given toward unified tracking instead of each school independently performing this task. In this manner, students use of this diversionary measure can be equitably distributed and monitored much in the same manner as the County’s juvenile and adult diversion programs. DJJ Chief Probation Officer Melissa Fuller advised that a possible mechanism for consideration is access to their “Prevention Web”. She advised school resource officers would have to receive training for the site but this would achieve the unified tracking goal. The Council agreed to look into the plausibility of this endeavor.

4. PASS Update – Director Waters

- ❖ Director Waters advised that this past month has seen a significant surge of hiring by law enforcement agencies. The PASS background investigators are working diligently to perform the background screening process.
- ❖ Director Waters handed out the proposed 2017 PPSC Meeting Schedule (see attached) and with no objections it was formally approved (e-mail approval process).

5. Committee Reports –

- ❖ Legislative Committee – Chief Haworth
 - N/A
- ❖ Training – SPC Dean Brian Frank
 - Dean Frank asked if the Council expressed interest toward the reinstatement of the “credit bank” whereby agencies would provide on duty training instructors and the

employing agency would receive the equivalent credit hours toward training school attendance opportunity. The Council was unanimous in opposition and voiced their continued support for the current structure whereby law enforcement training instructors use off duty time to provide academy training that is compensated by the college.

- ❖ Standards Review Committee – Chief Rob Vincent
 - Chief Vincent reminded everyone that the SRC is scheduled to hear two appeals today.
- ❖ Finance – Chief Bill Sohl
 - N/A
- ❖ Pinellas County Safety & Emergency Services – Director Jackie Weinreich
 - Director Weinreich provided an update to the Multi Tower Replacement Project advising all five towers are finished and fully operating. With regard to the old towers, four will remain standing until all attached commercial cell contracts expire (approximately April 2017). Once contracts are concluded the towers will be disassembled.

Director Weinreich advised that the South Tower, located at the St. Petersburg Police Department, will be replaced as part of a CIP project whereby a new tower/shelter will be constructed to the west of the existing tower/shelter. This project is expected to begin in early 2017.
 - Director Weinreich advised she received communication through Doug Brightwell, Director of Animal Services, that he would make the county's pet database available to law enforcement agencies for reunification purposes. She advised that interested agencies should contact Linda Boger at 727-582-2657 or at lboger@co.pinellas.fl.us. Director Weinreich stated MOU's are already established and/or pending with the PCSO, Pinellas Park, and Treasure Island.
- ❖ Pinellas County Justice Coordination – Operations Manager Deborah Berry
 - N/A

6. New Business

- ❖ Chief Vincent provided a brief synopsis of the recent Florida Police Chiefs Association Board meeting held October 27, 2016:
 - He advised the board expressed support for proposing a revision to FRS to allow retiring law enforcement employees holding instructor certifications to instruct part time at law enforcement institutions without impact to their retirement.
 - The board discussed the aspect of agencies across the United States having stopped the field testing of narcotics due to the lethal nature of Fentanyl and Heroin.
 - The board is requesting examples of agency determined frivolous records requests to assist the FPCA in seeking a legislative resolution. Chief Vincent

advised that he has been assigned the point person for our area and all examples are to be sent to him.

- The board discussed the issue related to unmarked vehicle use of toll roads for official law enforcement business. Chief Vincent advised that this is not a legislative issue but rather a contractual issue. He advised that DOT is considering redefining their categorizations of a law enforcement vehicle to resolve potential conflicts.
 - Chief Vincent advised that FDLE reached out through the FPCA to see if agencies may be experiencing “cloud computing” (see attached) issues or any unmet needs. He advised FPCA Director Amy Mercer has been appointed as the contact person for assistance (850) 219-2631.
 - The board discussed the aspects of the recent article within “The Police Chief” August 2016 edition titled “Vincible – Removing the IN from US” (see attached). He said the article is a great officer safety reminder for all law enforcement officers no matter the rank, years of service or area of assignment.
 - Chief Vincent advised that the Golden Citation Fund is seeking gifts of over \$100.00 for their benefit. He advised that they also will be presenting a new award this year for Command Staff Member of the Year.
- ❖ DJJ Chief Probation Officer Melissa Fuller asked for assistance regarding a recent issue concerning “cross over kids”. She advised officers have sometimes placed the wrong address associated with foster children creating FTA court issues. CPO Fuller advised that foster children need to have the foster care address of 8550 Ulmerton Road, Largo placed as their home address and not a family associated home address. She stated what has happened is court notices received at family addresses are not being communicated to the foster children and they are missing assigned court dates resulting in FTA warrants.
 - ❖ FHP Captain Charlie Caulk announced that FHP has begun an “Arrive Alive” initiative that is a collaborative effort between the FHP and local law enforcement. The goal of the initiative is to identify high traffic crash and/or crime areas whereby saturation patrols will be infused to substantially decrease identified issues. Captain Caulk stated the initiative is in the preliminary stage but his organization has additionally allocated analysts to assist with mapping of problem areas. He advised more information will be forthcoming as well as the formation of a steering committee.

7. **Old Business**

- ❖ Chief Stelljes brought up for the discussion his proposed additional language within the Pinellas County Combined Mutual Aid Agreement regarding allowing Pinellas County Schools Police additional authority as it relates to school bus stops and traffic laws as it relates to traffic violations involving school buses throughout Pinellas County.

Sheriff Gualtieri stated he agreed with the premise of the language and thought that it should be expanded to incorporate all on duty law enforcement officers within Pinellas County. The Council echoed Sheriff Gualtieri's assertion and Chief Stelljes was asked to work with the PCSO General Counsel Office toward solidifying the proper language signifying their intent. Sheriff Gualtieri stated that once approved by the Council and signed off by all required entities, his General Counsel Office will assist again with the official enactment requirements of the agreement.

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