



**Pinellas Police Standards Council
Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council
4000 Gateway Centre Boulevard, Suite 100
Pinellas Park, FL
Agenda: Wednesday, July 13, 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 – Director Mike Cooksey

 - ❖ Pinellas County Justice Coordination – Operations Manager Deborah Berry

6. New Business

7. Old Business

8. Roundtable

9. Adjourn

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Agenda: June 8, 2016 – 8:30 AM**

1. **Call to Order** – Chairman Jeff Undestad
 - ❖ Chief Undestad presented Chief Stelljes with a plaque in recognition and appreciation of his two years of service as PPSC Chairman.

2. **Approval of PPSC Minutes** –
 - ❖ Motion for approval by Chief Holloway and Chief Sohl – The Council unanimously approved the May 11, 2016 PPSC Minutes.

3. **Guest Speakers** -
 - ❖ SPC Allstate Center Provost Dr. Scott Fronrath provided a brief update regarding some reorganization processes taking place at the college. Among the topics discussed was an internal audit of all contractual trainers used for grant training. He advised that contrary to some misleading chatter being disseminated, SPC is not pursuing the elimination of grant funded training. Rather, the audit seeks to ensure the college is providing optimal training instructors and that SPC is effectively maximizing the acquired skill set of each contractual trainer.

4. **PASS Update** – Director Waters
 - ❖ Director Waters advised that there has been a noticeable increase in PASS inquiries and registrations this past month. PASS investigators are scheduled out with Administrative Interviews through the month of July.

 - ❖ Director Waters advised that the creator of POBITS (used for PASS background investigations) recently performed an upgrade to its user interface. The upgrade was designed to reduce system redundancies (created from the ongoing expansion of the operating system) making it more streamlined and user friendly. Director Waters advised that although the look is substantially different, all functions used by the PPSC/PASS are still intact.

Director Waters advised that he will be updating the “POBITS Quick Reference Guide for Recruiter View” to reflect the operational changes within POBITS. In the interim, he

has e-mailed agency personnel unit representatives the below YouTube site/video created by the POBITS vendor demonstrating usage of the new interface.

<https://youtu.be/ARD7xpTcPB0>

- ❖ Director Waters proposed that with the Council's consent, he would disseminate the PPSC fee agreement invoices approved at last month's PPSC 2016/17 Budget approval. The Council agreed that the invoices should be sent out as soon as possible for individual department budget preparations.

5. **Committee Reports –**

- ❖ Legislative Committee – Chief Haworth

- N/A

- ❖ Training – SPC Dean Brian Frank

- Dean Frank advised that SPC, FDLE and the PCSO have been working together to restructure the crossover academy for law enforcement and corrections to be integrated within a single field (law enforcement or corrections) academy. He advised that due to low sporadic demand, SPC has averaged a crossover academy once every four years. The concept of integrating the crossover academy students with law enforcement and corrections academies is to eliminate the long waiting period required to obtain enough students to fiscally operate the crossover academy.

Dean Frank stated that they are still ironing out details of the program but conceivably a crossover student would be inserted within those relevant portions of law enforcement and/or corrections academy containing crossover academy curriculum requirements. The crossover student will be tracked individually until all aspects of the curriculum are completed.

- ❖ Standards Review Committee – Chief Rob Vincent

- Chief Undestad advised that there are five applicant appeals to be heard by the SRC today.

- ❖ Finance – Chief Bill Sohl

- N/A

- ❖ Pinellas County Safety & Emergency Services –Director Michael Cooksey

- N/A

- ❖ Pinellas County Justice and Coordination – Operations Manager Deborah Berry

- N/A

6. **New Business**

- ❖ Chief Holloway advised the City of St. Petersburg operation HOME (Habitual Offender Monitoring Enforcement) has seen a 90% compliance rate among supervised juveniles since its inception May 17, 2016. He advised that the remaining 10% are reflective of

hardcore juveniles the system seems inadequate to handle. Sheriff Gualtieri and State Attorney McCabe echoed in Chief Holloway's sentiment stating these hardcore juvenile offenders are not deterred by any current measures designed to reduce recidivism.

The Council took up discussion citing the statewide scoring system for juvenile offenders needs to be revamped. Sheriff Gualtieri advised that he has invited State Representatives and Senators along with other local leaders to participate in a discussion on July 6, 2016 to specifically address hardcore juvenile offenders as well as a general need to overhaul the entire juvenile justice program within the State of Florida. The Council was in agreement that the juvenile system has to employ a fear of consequences to bring about a behavioral change. Additionally, any consequential action has to be timely administered and appropriate to the severity of the unlawful action.

- ❖ The Council discussed the recent news media report and public debate concerning law enforcement calls for service at Walmart. The Council was in agreement that Walmart is entitled to all law enforcement services enjoyed by any other business. Many of the Council members advised that they have been contacted by Walmart representatives seeking input about the exploration of a private vendor to provide limited security to decrease calls for service involving deemed minor offenses.

Sheriff Gualtieri advised he was contacted by Walmart representatives and he suggested they delay a decision of a private vendor security until the Pinellas County Adult Pre-Arrest Diversion Program is enacted. He advised the program should offer Walmart a viable solution to reduce calls for police service while maintaining continuity of service throughout the county in handling low level crimes committed by adults. Sheriff Gualtieri stated a private vendor would entail a closed network system of handling offenses only committed within Walmart. He advised the clear benefit of the Pinellas County Adult Pre-Arrest Diversion Program is maintaining consistency of service and consequence action throughout the county.

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N/A

8. Roundtable

- ❖ Major Jeff Young wished to thank the Council for their support of the upcoming Tampa Bay Area Chiefs of Police Education and Research Gala scheduled for September 10, 2016 at the Trade Winds Resort. He advised that they are still looking for sponsors and auction items. Major Young provided the below web link for those interested in contributing to the event.

<http://www.chiefsfoundation.org/tampa-bay-area-chiefs-of-police-foundation-gala/>

- ❖ Chief Stelljes advised that he is still working through the concern of advocacy groups such as FAST with regard to disorderly arrests on school grounds. He stated that FAST would like law enforcement to adopt a policy of no arrest on campus unless an actual injury occurs. Chief Stelljes advised that when pressed for an alternate solution to a

disorderly conduct arrest, the FAST group did not have one and suggested allocating government funding for a solution.

Chief Stelljes stated his research of SRO reports this past year showed an overall abundance of restraint used by SROs in avoiding physical arrests of students. He advised arrests were performed when warranted; based upon the severity of the incident and the safety of students and faculty. Chief Stelljes advised SROs would continue to use prudent investigative decisions when contemplating arrest circumstances. He advised that he would continue to work with the various advocacy groups to promote common ground strategies that would benefit the entire school system and the community.

- ❖ Chief Stelljes advised that he is changing the two SRO training dates where attempt is made to bring together all SROs within the school district together. He advised that in previous years, the meetings were held before the school year began and then during the second semester. Chief Stelljes stated SROs had difficulty attending the training as many were getting ready for the start of the school year for the first meeting and the second meeting created difficulty with school in session and finding replacement officers. He advised he has scheduled the meetings dates of October 10, 2016 and February 20, 2017 to coincide with school administrative days. He stated that his hope with students being out those days, SROs would be more available to attend training.
- ❖ Captain James Steffens of the Pasco County Sheriff's Office went over some of the varying aspects of public records requests and how some may encompass law enforcement vendor contracts. He advised that his agency is currently going through a very vigorous and extensive public records request. Captain Steffens advised agencies would be well served to ensure contractual vendors are keenly aware of the potential impact of Florida's public records laws.

9. Adjourn

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