



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

1. **Call to Order** – Chairman Jeff Undestad
2. **Approval of PPSC Minutes** –Draft Attached
3. **Guest Speakers -**
SPC Allstate Center Provost Dr. Scott Fronrath will join SPC Dean Brian Frank for a brief presentation on upcoming plans and events with the training center and grant programs.
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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Wednesday, July 13, 2016 – 8:30 AM
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**Pinellas Police Standards Council
Pinellas County Sheriff's Office
Administration Building
10750 Ulmerton Road
Largo, FL
Agenda: May 11, 2016 – 8:30 AM**

1. **Call to Order** – Chairman Rick Stelljes
2. **Approval of PPSC Minutes** –
 - ❖ Motion for approval by Chief Kochen and Chief Holloway – The Council unanimously approved the April 13, 2016 PPSC Minutes.
3. **2016/17 PPSC Budget Review and Approval** –
 - ❖ Motion for approval by Chief Kochen and Sheriff Gualtieri – The Council unanimously approved the 2016/17 PPSC Budget presented by the Finance Committee (Resolution 2016-3).
4. **Annual Nomination and Election of PPSC Chair and Vice Chair**
 - Committee Chairs – Reappointment confirmation and/or open seat consideration
 - ❖ Motion for Chief Undestad to be appointed as Council Chair by Chief Holloway and Sheriff Gualtieri – The Council unanimously approved Chief Undestad.
 - ❖ Motion for Chief Boudreau to be appointed as Council Vice Chair by Chief Haworth and Chief Stelljes – The Council unanimously approved Chief Boudreau.
 - ❖ All Committee Chairs asked to remain in their appointed seats and the Council unanimously agreed.
5. **PASS Update** – Director Waters
 - ❖ Director Waters advised PASS operations remain steady in advance of the upcoming July police academy.
 - ❖ Director Waters advised that he recently attended the Regional Criminal Justice Selection Center Directors Association meeting held at the quarterly Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission in Jupiter, Florida. He advised that among the significant topics discussed were the status of FDLE's new ATMS (certification and training records) being built and a recap of the CJBAT pass or fail scoring discussed at the prior

session. FDLE representatives advised that the replacement ATMS is progressing smoothly and is on schedule for May 2017 implementation. The FDLE representatives advised the new system would be more user friendly and offer new features such as the capability for officers to have limited access to check their own profile (training and certification status).

With regard to CJBAT, the FDLE representatives said they are hearing that some law enforcement agencies are still not following the CJSTC Technical Memorandum 2016-02. The FDLE representatives advised DOJ is monitoring and will address those agencies that are not in compliance with the agreement reached between the DOJ and FDLE.

6. Committee Reports –

❖ Legislative Committee – Chief Haworth

- Chief Haworth stated the 2016 Legislative Report Summary was posted and is available for review. He stated two significant areas that are impacting law enforcement dealt with legislative action on civil forfeitures and the discussion of the use of body cameras by law enforcement officers.

The Council took up discussion of the civil forfeiture legislation. Sheriff Gualtieri advised that the PCSO General Counsel Office is drafting a policy to cover the layers of processing and substantial procedural changes. Chief Slaughter advised that the Clearwater Police Department recently completed a legal review and policy for the legislation to take effect July 1, 2016. Sheriff Gualtieri and Chief Slaughter offered to share their policies with the Council for other departments developing/amended their civil forfeiture policy.

Sheriff Gualtieri advised that he is working with the 6th Judicial Court to delineate details of the civil forfeiture legislation to include the current thought of using the criminal duty judge to hear the cases, the possibility of posting a surety bond instead of a \$1500.00 bond for every forfeiture filing and the possibility of deferring costs such as a bond or filing fee if a civil forfeiture is resolved within 45 days.

- The Council also discussed the likelihood that there will be legislative effort in 2017 toward revamping the juvenile justice system, which is seen as too harsh by many advocacy groups. The Council was in full agreement that the current juvenile justice system needs restructuring. The Council is opposed to the ideology posed by some high profile advocacy groups advocating zero tolerance for arrests involving low-level offenses committed by juveniles. The Council instead embraces a balanced approach of diversionary measures coupled with nonconformance penalties to include arrests dependent upon the severity of the incident and a juvenile offender's past history. The Council is resolute that a lack of timely and effective consequences to bad behavior only increases the likelihood of recidivism.

Chief Stelljes commented that the school system recently changed its policy of 10 day suspensions to a maximum of 5 days. He said that although far too early to discern a direct correlation, he has seen the number of incidents involving violence on the rise and physical arrests, once on the decline, are now up for the year.

Chief Kochen mentioned the possibility of Council consideration toward a resolution similar to the resolution recently adopted to show support for an adult pre-arrest diversion program operated uniformly within the county. The Council agreed that a resolution option expressing the Council's recommendation might be in order in the upcoming year.

- ❖ Training – SPC Dean Brian Frank
 - N/A
- ❖ Standards Review Committee – Chief Rob Vincent
 - No applicant appeals due to the law enforcement memorial service.
- ❖ 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
Manager Berry stated they are currently developing informational material to warn kids about harmful effect/use of controlled substances such as Xanax and Fentanyl. She stated the informational material most likely would be presented in a video format.

Chief Stelljes advised Manager Berry that he is arranging a SRO meeting in August and this would be great informational material to present in preparation for the 2016/17 school year. Manager Berry agreed and said she would keep Chief Stelljes posted on the completion of the project.

7. **New Business**

- ❖ N/A

8. **Old Business**

- ❖ Sheriff Gualtieri updated the Council on the auto theft task force. He advised they are reinstating VCTF on May 29, 2016. He advised, with regard to youth offenders prevalent within the auto theft discussions, his goal is to have every youth that has been placed on house detention to be electronically monitored.
- ❖ Sheriff Gualtieri informed the Council of the upcoming “Home Start Up” press conference Chief Holloway and he are having with the Juvenile Justice Secretary Christina Daly.

9. **Roundtable**

- ❖ Sheriff Gualtieri announced that he is being asked to represent the major county sheriffs on a FBI task force regarding the use of force by law enforcement officers. He advised that the task force would address the tracking of all law enforcement officer involved cases of discharging of a firearm, all cases resulting in death and all cases resulting in serious bodily injury. Sheriff Gualtieri went over the aspect that in 2021 all law enforcement agencies currently using UCR (Uniform Crime Report) will have to transition to NIBRS (National Incident Based Reporting System). He advised many states

have already started this transition where they are reporting within both systems. Sheriff Gualtieri stated the purpose toward dual reporting is to educate and gain public awareness of the subtle difference between the two systems. He advised the State of Florida would be wise to follow the lead of other states and not wait until the last moment to initiate the change.

Sheriff Gualtieri stated that while UCR and NIBRS are regulated by the FBI, NIBRS goes into far greater detail than UCR and has 46 Group A offenses while UCR only has 8 Part I offenses. He stated UCR does not differentiate between completed and attempted crimes while NIBRS does. Also, Sheriff Gualtieri stated there are many other differences that would suggest to the untrained eye that crime has significantly risen whereas the reality is more information is being gathered. Sheriff Gualtieri suggested that a reporting of assaults against law enforcement officers should also be included within the task force tracking to provide a comprehensive overview.

- ❖ Sheriff Gualtieri mentioned the ongoing legislative effort to make a mandatory provision for all use of force cases by law enforcement officers to be investigated by FDLE. He stated that although agreeing with reviews, especially as it relates to death investigations, FDLE would seemingly be resource plagued if this is to take effect. Sheriff Gualtieri commented upon the independent but simultaneous investigation performed by the SAO during officer involved death investigations. He advised that the 6th Judicial Circuit has received many accolades for their independent investigation that operates concurrent with the law enforcement criminal and internal investigations. Mr. McCabe stated the officer involved death investigation performed by his office is relatively unique within the State of Florida.
- ❖ Chief Vincent advised that he recently attended the Florida Police Chiefs Association Board Meeting and some of the main points were as follows:

He advised any law enforcement agency receiving a public records request from Joel Chandler could contact the Florida Police Chiefs Association for assistance on providing a response.

In reference to open carry legislative effort, the FPCA acknowledged the need for better communications to ensure all members have an opportunity to participate in legislative issues.

AC4P (Actively Caring for People) has made a Blue Rubber Bracelet to indicate and build support between law enforcement and the community served. Chief Vincent stated there are 12 law enforcement agencies currently participating in this dissemination initiative.

- ❖ Chief Boudreau spoke in detail about the recent Florida Supreme Court decision to uphold the 2nd DCA affirmation of the trial court's suppression order resulting from an open door "welfare check" entrance by the Treasure Island Police Department (State v. Fultz). He stated that Attorney General Pam Bondi remarked that the affirmation by the Florida Supreme Court is constitutionally troubling. Chief Boudreau urged the Council members to read the court case.

10. Adjourn
Chief Vincent and Chief Stelljes

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