



**Pinellas Police Standards Council
Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council
4000 Gateway Centre Boulevard, Suite 100
Pinellas Park, FL
Agenda: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 – 8:30 AM**

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

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

3. **Guest Speakers** –
Dr. Max Bromley, Director of the USF Master of Arts in Criminal Justice Administration, will provide a brief announcement about the upcoming USF Criminal Justice cohort.

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**

7. **Old Business**

8. **Roundtable**

9. **Adjourn**

Next Meeting
Wednesday, February 8, 2017 – 8:30 AM
Pinellas Park High School – Criminal Justice Academy
6305-118th Avenue
Largo, FL



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Agenda: December 14, 2016 – 8:30 AM**

1. **Call to Order** – Chairman Jeff Undestad
2. **Approval of PPSC Minutes** –
 - ❖ Motion for approval by Chief Sohl and seconded by Chief Boudreau – The Council unanimously approved the November 9, 2016 PPSC Minutes.
3. **Guest Speakers** –
N/A
4. **PASS Update** – Director Waters
 - ❖ Director Waters advised that this past month has seen a significant surge of hiring by our law enforcement agencies matching the previous monthly high for the year of 13 in September 2016. With the January Police Academy full, PASS is performing registrations and background screenings for the scheduled April 2017 Police Academy.
 - ❖ Director Waters handed out the 2017 Pinellas County Law Enforcement Salary Survey (attached) for final review and advised absent any issues the survey will be posted on the PASS Website the first week in January 2017.
 - ❖ Director Waters handed out a letter (attached) communicating a project that SPC Dean Brian Frank and he have been working on to facilitate absent training requirements of out of state officers and federal officers seeking Equivalence from Training (EOT) status within Florida. Director Waters stated most often the training requirement deficiencies occur within federal officers that usually lack mandatory EOT training fields of traffic stops, traffic accident investigations and patrol. Until the support of Dean Frank, PASS would reject their application with little advisable options other than attending a full police academy to gain law enforcement certification.

Dean Frank drew upon an initiative performed by some other academies within the State whereby officers lacking a portion of the EOT training requirements may attend specific portions of ongoing police academies to gain training certification in the area(s) required. The SPC EOT training initiative is fee based and each training requirement has independent training hour requirements and associated fees. Upon successful completion,

SPC will issue a training certificate that will comply with the mandates of EOT. PASS and SPC is extremely hopeful that this initiative will not only draw more EOT applications but it will increase the opportunity of hiring exceptional candidates for the Pinellas County law enforcement community.

5. **Committee Reports –**

- ❖ Legislative Committee – Chief Haworth
 - N/A
- ❖ Training – SPC Dean Brian Frank
 - N/A
- ❖ 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
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- ❖ Pinellas County Justice Coordination – Operations Manager Deborah Berry
 - Manager Berry advised that Assistant County Administrator John Bennett wishes to extend his appreciation toward all the law enforcement agencies support and participation in last week's active shooter training.

6. **New Business**

- ❖ Chief Undestad presented the PPSC Budget Committee recommendation of a 3% pay increase for all PASS Staff. Chief Undestad stated the 3% pay increase was anticipated within the 2016/17 budget adoption and has been additionally supported by a salary savings resulting from the hiring of a replacement PASS staff member at the onset of the year 2016. A motion for approval was initiated by Chief Holloway and seconded by Sheriff Gualtieri. The council unanimously approved the pay increase (Resolution 2016-7).

The Council reinstated their desire for an updated salary range/job descriptor analysis to be performed on all PASS members (The last extensive study was commissioned by the Council in 2005). Sheriff Gualtieri offered the services of his department as they had recently undergone a significant pay scale analysis of all department members. The Council thanked Sheriff Gualtieri and he advised that he would commission this task for completion in the upcoming year.
- ❖ Sheriff Gualtieri brought forward a pilot initiative by his department to aid in law enforcement contact and follow support of incidents involving their response to individuals facing an immediate mental crisis. He advised that he has assigned two deputies and one sergeant to work in conjunction with a licensed mental health practitioner to follow up on every PCSO call for service involving individuals facing an

immediate mental crisis. Additionally, he has created a mandatory check off box field within the PCSO report writing system (ACISS) for each report to indicate whether or not the incident was mental crisis related. Sheriff Gualtieri advised the unit will be supervised at a Captain's level and will be continually monitored toward a goal of providing a stabilization mechanism for mental crisis individuals.

The Council applauded the Sheriff's initiative and those agencies using ACISS asked if the mandatory check off box could be adopted within their report writing format as well. Sheriff Gualtieri advised that he would look into this aspect and will report back on this as well as the progress of the pilot project.

State Attorney McCabe commented on the tremendous benefit of the Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) has been for the Pinellas County law enforcement community and the Council fully agreed. Sheriff Gualtieri stated that 11 CIT training sessions were performed during the year 2016 which is truly a tribute to the commitment of our community to this training. Chief Slaughter spoke of not only the value to law enforcement officers but he has seen tremendous importance of sending telecommunication employees as well. Sheriff Gualtieri echoed his comments and advised he is also sending telecommunication employees as well as correction officers through CIT.

Pinellas Park Police Captain Mike Darroch advised that the new Personal Enrichment Mental Health Services (PEMHS) Director has been very receptive and helpful with law enforcement's interaction of providing services for individuals facing an immediate mental crisis. He advised that his contact with the Director has yielded the same concern for finding the appropriate follow up care and associated funding that is so often needed for these individuals.

Sheriff Gualtieri spoke about the connectivity between the High Utilization Program within Pinellas County that targets the top 33 multiple jail incarcerations and/or Baker Act individuals. He advised that within the Baker Act aspects, the goal is to make the individual self-sufficient. An established key that has been widely propagated is for the rapid rehousing of the individual but Sheriff Gualtieri argues this has to go hand-in-hand with substance abuse assistance. In this way, individuals may hopefully be transitioned into a maintenance program.

7. Old Business

- ❖ Chief Holloway requested an agency accounting of reported firearms stolen during vehicle burglaries (designating also whether vehicles were locked or unlocked) during the years 2015 and 2016. He asked agencies to send their information via e-mail to Director Waters who will act as a conduit for the compiling information.

8. Roundtable

- ❖ Chief Holloway advised that he will be sending out a request for assistance with the upcoming annually St. Petersburg Martin Luther King Parade event. He advised that in

conjunction with the event the City of St. Petersburg is also hosting the International Soccer Tournament on the same day. Chief Holloway stated the games are scheduled for 2pm and 5pm which should not impede the parade event but he expects traffic and people volume for the day will be at a maximum.

- ❖ Sheriff Gualtieri, with regard to the upcoming Florida Legislative Session, advised that Representative Chris Sprawls will introduce legislation to address juveniles with high recidivism rates. He advised at the same time, members within the Florida Senate appear prepared to initiate a mandatory statewide civil citation alternative program for juvenile offenders. Sheriff Gualtieri stated that although attention needs to be given toward all legislative sessions, this year's session will be of particular interest for law enforcement officials trying to find a solution to habitual juvenile offenders.

The Council stated that "Home Program" targeting habitual juvenile offenders appears to be having a positive influence. Chief Slaughter cautioned the positive readings in that it will take objectively two years to actually gauge the impact. Sheriff Gualtieri emphasized Representative Sprawls theme concerning juvenile offender solutions in using a "scalpel not a sword" to ensure that non-recidivist juvenile offenders are not lumped into the same category as habitual juvenile offenders for corrective action. The Council was in full agreement that current habitual juvenile offenders feel they are immune from the system and continue their criminal offenses with the only potential hindrance of reaching 18 years old for adult incarceration or being sentenced as an adult.

- ❖ Sheriff Gualtieri reiterated to those agencies contemplating the purchase of the Vigilant License Plate Reader of his offer to help negotiate the continued maintenance fee aspect of the contract (PPSC Meeting November 9, 2016). He advised that preferably he would like to negotiate with Vigilant collectively and not perform it piece meal. Sheriff Gualtieri advised that since his previously announcement, he knows Largo Police Department has expressed an interest in purchasing from Vigilant LPR.
- ❖ Chief Judge Anthony Rondolino commented on the recent Sarasota Herald Newspaper article titled "Race and Politics Influence Judicial Decisions" informing the Council they should read through a critical eye. He said the article analysis is flawed and is not truly representative of the Florida Judiciary System. He said most notable is the lack of a quantitative acknowledgment that a significant portion of judicial decisions stem from plea bargain agreements; performed prior to final judicial imposition and outside of the judge's perspective at the time. Judge Rondolino said he has already fielded several inquiries and is hopefully that truly interested parties will take the time to perform a critical assessment of limited information used to form the context of the article.
- ❖ Chief Hendry advised, with respect to the guns on campus legislation, he is already addressing the potential impact for an unintentional/inadvertent display or noticing of a firearm that may cause an active shooter response law enforcement. The Council agreed that this legislation has the real potential for major issues.
- ❖ Chief Holloway advised that he recently learned that Apple is contemplating and/or creating a watch phone with the potential to dial 911 through a single press button where the senders tracking information (GPS) will be automatically sent to the local 911 operation center.

9. Adjourn

Chief Undestad and Sheriff Gualtieri

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