



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

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, April 12, 2017 – 8:30 AM
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Pinellas Police Standards Council
Pinellas Park High School – Criminal Justice Academy
6305-118th Avenue
Largo, FL
Agenda: Wednesday, February 8, 2017 – 8:30 AM

ATTENDANCE: Dean Brian Frank (SPC), Captain Charlie Caulk (FHP), Chief Investigator Rick Hart (SAO), Chief Bill Sohl (Belleair PD), Assistant Chief Probation Officer Joyce Clay (DJJ), Chief David Hendry (USF St. Petersburg), Chief Kevin Riley (Kenneth City PD), Chief Mike Haworth (Pinellas Park PD), Chief Anthony Holloway (St. Petersburg PD), Chief Rick Stelljes (Pinellas Schools PD), Chief Jeff Undestad (Largo PD), Major Jeff Young (Tarpon Springs PD), Supervisory Senior Resident Agent James Castano (FBI), Deputy Chief Donald Hall (Clearwater PD)

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

2. **Approval of Previous Month PPSC Minutes** –
Motion to approve by Chief Stelljes and seconded by Chief Hendry – The Council unanimously approved the January 11, 2017 PPSC Minutes.

3. **Guest Speakers** –
Assistant Principal/Program Coordinator Cassandra Cummings gave a brief update regarding the Pinellas Park High School Criminal Justice Academy to include:
 - Preparations are underway for this year’s scheduled Law Day (March 10, 2017) and she asked that agencies still interested in participating should RSVP as soon as possible to ensure a booth location.
 - She thanked the Pinellas Park Police Department for their recent donation of an “out of service” police vehicle to be used by students for on campus training exercises.
 - She advised that the schools F.A.T.S (FireArms Training Simulator) is being updated with new technology and scenarios.
 - She thanked the Kenneth City Police Department for their recent donation of “out of service” equipment such as body armor. She stated the old police equipment is proving invaluable for student viewing and training. The Council asked who would be the point of contact for receipt of out of service donations and she advised interested agencies could contact her directly at 'cummingscas@pcsb.org'.

- The Pinellas Park High Criminal Justice Academy is competing in a mock trial assessment against East Lake High School on Friday, February 10, 2017.
- The Criminal Justice Academy “Senior Class Trip” will again be going to Gatlinburg, TN (20th year). She advised that this year they will be taking supplies to help out with the ongoing recovery effort. She asked agencies wishing to donate items to please contact her office directly for any additional information.
- She thanked Chief Holloway for his department’s advancement of dual enrollment credit between the academy and the St. Petersburg Police Department Cadet Program.

4. PASS Update – Director Waters

- ❖ Director Waters advised that the January EOT class (approximately 26 students) at SPC has just started and PASS has received several inquiries from the students attending about the PASS process and the availability of law enforcement careers within Pinellas County.
- ❖ Director Waters advised that he recently attended the quarterly Selection Center Directors meeting held in St. Augustine, FL. Among the many topics discussed relevant to PASS was FDLE’s anticipated consolidation/oversight of CJBAT. FDLE representatives attending the meeting advised the legislative aspect of the consolidation/oversight effort was introduced in the 2017 Florida Legislative Session under SB 350 and companion bill HR 345. Anticipating bill enactment, FDLE’s intent is to have the new CJBAT format fully operational within the year 2018.

The significant impact to the PPSC is that the current CJBAT format used by PASS is a “bubble test” (pencil and paper) that is submitted to the FDLE authorized test vendor for official recording. The new format proposed by FDLE is “online only” requiring a computer terminal testing center. Director Waters advised that he has consulted with SPC Dean Brian Frank and arrangements have been made to accommodate the online CJBAT (when operational) in their computer terminal testing center (onsite at the SPC Allstate Campus).

5. Committee Reports –

- ❖ Legislative Committee – Chief Haworth
 - Chief Haworth complimented Sheriff Gualtieri on his recent speaking engagement with Florida House panel regarding the framework for how Amendment 2 is going to be implemented. He said that Sheriff Gualtieri along with other high ranking members of the law enforcement community denoted significant public safety concerns.
 - The Council discussed the myriad of introduced bills potentially impacting the law enforcement community. Among the many bills discussed by the Council, the civil citation bills and open carry bills garnered the most attention. With specific reference to the civil citation legislative effort, Chief Stelljes stated he foresees a whole host of detrimental issues directly impacting the manner in which students, faculty and law enforcement interact together within the public school system of Pinellas County. He advised it would extremely curtail law enforcement options dealing with student incidents and has the potential to exacerbate detrimental student consequences. Chief Holloway echoed Chief Stelljes’ comments stating the insertion of the word “shall” within the civil

citation language vacates all law enforcement discretion and has the likelihood of creating more harm than any intended good.

The Council was resolute in their conviction that the law enforcement community, especially the FSA and FPC, have to be actively involved and remain ever vigilant to all aspects of this year's legislative session.

❖ **Training – SPC Dean Brian Frank**

Dean Frank discussed the aspects of HB37 “Law Enforcement Certification” that mandates psychological evaluations for all law enforcement officers. He stated the proposed bill “requires law enforcement & correctional officers to pass job-related psychological evaluation performed by mental health professional before initial employment or appointment & every 4 years as condition of continued employment or appointment; requires all criminal justice training schools to receive specified national accreditation by certain date”. Dean Frank stated that while not projecting a likelihood of legislative survival, the bill does provide due consideration toward where some institutional thought is trending.

❖ **Standards Review Committee – Chief Rob Vincent**

- No candidate appeals scheduled

❖ **Finance – Chief Bill Sohl**

- N/A

❖ **Pinellas County Safety & Emergency Services – Director Jackie Weinreich**

- N/A

❖ **Pinellas County Justice Coordination – Operations Manager Deborah Berry**

- N/A

6. New Business

- ❖ Chief Holloway asked if there was Council interest in amending the current 21 day PC provision within VIPER to allow for potential delays in obtaining court ordered warrants. After a brief overview and discussion, the Council agreed to table further discussion until possibly next month to allow for full membership attendance consideration.

7. Old Business

- ❖ N/A

8. Roundtable

- ❖ Chief Riley thanked Chief Haworth and the Pinellas Park Police Department for their recent donation of out of service plastic firearms (handguns and long guns) for use by the Kenneth City Police Department for in service training. Chief Riley asked if other agencies had any extra or surplus plastic firearms that they could possibly donate to his department's training section it would be much appreciated.
- ❖ Chief Stelljes provided a brief analysis of the ongoing work being performed by the SROs. He advised there were 33 arrests from December 2016 to current date compared to the same timeframe of 2015 where there were 41 arrests. There has been an overall 35%

decrease of arrests since the inception of the collaborative agreement three years ago. Chief Stelljes stated there is still a huge push for restorative practices within the school system. He advised the superintendent of Pinellas County Schools is very impressed with the teen court program instituted at Countryside High School and would like to implement identical or closely aligned programs throughout all age appropriate public schools within Pinellas County.

- ❖ Chief Hendry advised that he along with the other College Police Chiefs are closely monitoring the firearms on campus legislation and the impact of such legislation would have to college law enforcement operations.
- ❖ Captain Caulk gave a brief update of some of the enhanced commitment efforts he has established within Pinellas County. He advised that as of this weekend, FHP will have achieved 100% patrol allocation to Pinellas County. He advised FHP has placed a large emphasis on hiring and recruiting and he's glad to see it paying off in Pinellas County. Captain Caulk stated that he has made a collaborative effort between FHP and Pinellas County law enforcement a top priority for FHP deployment initiatives.

Captain Caulk reiterated his pledge to work closely and provide support, especially as it relates to traffic issues, to the Pinellas County law enforcement. The support includes but is not limited to the use of FHP DRE trained personnel to either work with and/or train local law enforcement in this specific field, use of FHP motorcycle unit, DUI traffic teams and high visibility/impact traffic teams. Captain Caulk also offered the opportunity for Pinellas County law enforcement to take advantage of Traffic Homicide training classes (basic and advanced) and any "in the field (mirroring)" training or assistance involving traffic homicide investigations. He said that he has received partnership interest calls from Council agencies and looks forward to building upon these long established relationships.

9. Adjourn

Chief Stelljes and Chief Riley

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