



**Pinellas Police Standards Council  
Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council  
4000 Gateway Centre Boulevard, Suite 100  
Pinellas Park, FL  
Agenda: Wednesday, August 9, 2017 – 8:30 AM**

1. **Call to Order** – Chairman Armand Boudreau
  
2. **Approval of PPSC Minutes** – Draft Attached
  
3. **Guest Speakers** –
  - ❖ Family Resources Youth Shelters Director Nicole Leslie will provide a brief introduction as well as an update to the activities of Youth Shelters.
  
  - ❖ Pinellas County Emergency Management Operations Manager Joe Borries will provide a brief presentation of “Everbridge: Unified Critical Communication Suite”
  
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 Jim Fogarty
- ❖ Pinellas County Justice Coordination – Operations Manager Deborah Berry

**6. New Business**

- ❖ SSRA James Castano’s e-mail, dated August 2, 2017, to the Tampa Bay law enforcement community seeking possible interest in establishing a Complex Financial Crimes (CFC) Task Force.

**7. Old Business**

**8. Roundtable**

**9. Adjourn**

**Next Meeting**  
**Wednesday, September 13, 2017 – 8:30 AM**  
**Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council**  
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**Pinellas Police Standards Council**  
**Wednesday, July 19, 2017 – 8:30 AM**  
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**Pinellas Park, FL**

**ATTENDANCE:** Chief Bill Sohl (Belleair PD), Chief Probation Officer Melissa Fuller (DJJ), Chief Kevin Riley (Kenneth City PD), Chief Anthony Holloway (St. Petersburg PD), Chief Jeff Undestad (Largo PD), Chief Rob Vincent (Gulfport PD), Manager Deborah Berry (PC Justice Coordination), State Attorney Bernie McCabe (6<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit), Dean Brian Frank (SPC College of Public Safety Allstate Center), Director Michael Dibuno (SPC College of Public Safety Allstate Center), Sheriff Bob Gualtieri (Pinellas County SO), Director Jim Fogarty (PC Safety and Emergency Services), Chief Michael Haworth (Pinellas Park PD), Chief Dan Slaughter (Clearwater PD), Senior Supervisory Resident Agent James Castano (FBI), Chief Rick Stelljes (PC Schools Police), Field Representative Scott Ballard (FDLE), Chief Terry Hughes (Indian Shores PD), Chief Boudreau (Treasure Island PD), Director Jackie Weinreich (PC Radio Technology), Lieutenant Rich Nestor (Treasure Island PD), and Chief Investigator Rick Hart

1. **Call to Order** – Chairman Armand Boudreau
2. **Approval of Previous Month PPSC Minutes** –  
Motion to approve by Chief Undestad and second by Chief Stelljes – The Council unanimously approved the June 14, 2017 PPSC Minutes.
3. **Guest Speaker** -  
N/A
4. **PASS Update** – Director Waters
  - ❖ Director Waters stated PASS activity has remained steady with a slight increase within EOT applications. He advised the Council received a deposit from the special revenue fund (traffic assessments) along with receipt of annual membership contributions that have elevated funding to a comparable level of last year and within FY2016/17 budget projections.
  - ❖ Director Waters advised that a traceable outcome of performing polygraph exams within the initial background investigation might be showing its effect when comparing the number of PASS POOL entries (to date) between FY 2015/16 and FY 2016/17. He advised that while FY2015/16 recorded more PASS applications (11 more), FY2016/17 recorded more PASS POOL entries (8 more). Director Waters is hopeful that this is an

indicator of a positive return for the increased monetary expenditure of performing polygraph exams at this new juncture.

- ❖ Director Waters advised that as a follow up to the PPSC discussion last month of keeping fees to a minimum for self-sponsored applicants, PASS incorporated “grounds for disqualification” issues (require a specific issue(s) polygraph exam paid as an additional cost to the applicant) within the PASS funded “general” polygraph exam. The deletion of the specific issue polygraph exam required some minor changes within the processing procedures but did not diminish the structural integrity standards imposed by the PPSC.

Director Waters provided the Council with the new Applicant Information Package (AIP) reflecting the above stipulated change (see attached).

## 5. **Committee Reports –**

- ❖ Legislative Committee – Chief Haworth
  - ❖ N/A

- ❖ Training – SPC Dean Brian Frank

- ❖ Dean Frank advised that Law Enforcement Academy PR 206 recently started as well as a two week EOT class.

Director Waters added that PASS has experienced interest from several EOT students about the PASS Process and general law enforcement employment opportunities within Pinellas County.

- ❖ Dean Frank, along with Director Dibuono, gave a brief follow up to their previous presentation (June 14, 2017) concerning the initiation of a Telecommunications Academy. Dean Frank advised that they have continued to have discussions with Council representatives regarding the framework of a SPC sponsored Telecommunication Academy and are hoping to implement the program by the end of 2017. Director Dibuono advised of the continued necessity to perform an initial student background investigation due to the State of Florida minimum qualifications and also because the program contains 80 hours of the onsite training (shadowing) at area law enforcement communications centers.

The Council, along with valued input from Directors Weinreich and Fogarty, discussed plausible background screening procedures that would address the minimum qualification requirement while trying to keep costs to a minimum for telecommunication students. Director Waters provided a brief overview of the costs and background screening procedures of other Tampa Bay area academies that sponsor telecommunications programs. He advised that the standard PASS background investigation appears to far exceed those screening requirements for telecommunication students.

The Council concluded that a background screening limited to a criminal history check (meeting Florida State qualification requirements) will be sufficient for their purpose of allowing telecommunication students for onsite training/shadowing. Dean Frank and Director Dibuono advised that the criminal history check would also suffice for their telecommunication academy student entrance. Director Waters advised that PASS could perform the criminal history inquiry for telecommunication students in the same manner currently being

performed for law enforcement and corrections academy students. He advised that PASS could provide this service at no cost to the telecommunication student.

Chief Holloway made a motion to approve PASS performing a criminal history inquiry of students applying for the SPC Telecommunication Academy in the same manner currently performed toward SPC law enforcement and corrections academy student applications. Chief Holloway's motion was seconded by Sheriff Gualtieri and the Council unanimously approved the motion.

On a side note, the Council emphasized that the approved motion today does not restrict or hinder agencies from performing their own background and/or additional screening procedures prior to allowing telecommunications students access within their facility.

- ❖ Standards Review Committee – Chief Rob Vincent
  - ❖ Chief Vincent advised that there are three appeals to be heard directly after the PPSC meeting.
  - ❖ Chief Vincent stated that he attended a recent FPC meeting where the makeup of hearing boards was discussed. He advised that the recommendation was to have a minimum and maximum of a three-member panel for reviewing and making decisions. Chief Vincent stated the minimum requirement for the SRC is three members but often the SRC has sought to have five board members in attendance. He advised that the FPC meeting information is worthy of consideration as the SRC has struggled sometimes to get five members due to busy schedules.
- ❖ Finance – Chief Bill Sohl
  - ❖ N/A
- ❖ Pinellas County Safety & Emergency Services – Director Jim Fogarty
  - ❖ Radio and Technology Director Jackie Weinreich attended the Council meeting and provided an update on the radio tower installations. She advised the new 300-foot-tall Category 5 tower is being constructed in St. Petersburg and the existing tower is being relocated. Director Weinreich advised the transfer to the new site is expected in September 2017. She stated that there were many permitting hurdles constructing the new tower and she personal thanked Chief Holloway for his tremendous support.
  - ❖ Director Weinreich advised that Radio & Technology is conducting a GPS pilot study with the PCSO. She advised that appropriate flash and code plug upgrades have been made to 14 portable radios (Environmental and K-9). She advised battery tests have also been conducted at a 30 second cadence (13-hour battery performance). Director Weinreich advised that the next step of the study is within the PCSO CAD interface and for Radio & Technology to monitor the impact to the system.
  - ❖ Director Weinreich advised that they are addressing a “code plug” issue that was causing intermittent radio transmission problems for the PCSO helicopters. She advised the issue should be resolved by July 24, 2017.

- ❖ Director Weinreich the WAVE application, demonstrated at a previous PPSC meeting, is 100 percent functional and “letters of agreement” are being processed as agencies request access.
- ❖ Safety & Emergency Services Director Fogarty advised that his office is researching ways in which public safety services can share known dangerous addresses with one another in a more effective way without disclosing possible sensitive criminal intelligence information.
- ❖ Director Fogarty thanked the Pinellas County law enforcement agencies for their support during the recent July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. He advised his office is making plans to conduct a more proactive approach (advance compliance education as well as onsite inspections) for checking firework vendor permits next year. Director Fogarty stated his office came across several “large tent” vendors this year where, although posting valid tent permits, firework sale authorization/posting were often missing.
- ❖ Director Fogarty advised that on August 3, 2017, Hillsborough County will host an area wide meeting to review and share asset information concerning water rescue services. He advised this should be a very informative meeting toward acknowledging area water rescue capabilities as well as the sharing of resources.
- ❖ Director Fogarty advised the county is promoting the use of a unified critical communications system called “Everbridge”. The system purportedly “gains the ability to quickly and reliably reach residents, staff and emergency personnel, over any device, during both public safety threats and more routine community events”.

Sheriff Gualtieri added Everbridge is similar to “Code Red” (reverse 911) that his office currently uses but is a “much more powerful” system. He stated another incentive is that Everbridge is free (no cost) compared to Code Red. Sheriff Gualtieri stated his office is transferring to Everbridge.

Director Fogarty advised he should be able to coordinate a demonstration of Everbridge with the Council. He advised that he will correspond directly with Director Waters for confirmation of an Everbridge representative guest speaker at the August 9, 2017 PPSC meeting.

- ❖ Pinellas County Justice Coordination – Operations Manager Deborah Berry
  - ❖ N/A

**6. New Business**

- ❖ N/A

**7. Old Business**

- ❖ N/A

**8. Roundtable**

- ❖ FDLE Field Representative Ballard advised that the rollout of the new ATMS program appears to be going smoothly. He advised that there have been very little issues (mostly navigational/new format inquires) and a majority of the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.
- ❖ Chief Stelljes advised that the new public school year for Pinellas County begins in three weeks.
- ❖ FBI Senior Resident Supervisor Castano advised that his office will be going through an operational review in the near future and the assigned review team may wish to reach out to the area law enforcement agencies. The Council advised they welcome the review team outreach. The Council expressed their appreciation of the FBI's long standing support within the Tampa Bay law enforcement community and their continued participation within the PPSC.
- ❖ Chief Probation Officer Fuller advised that Family Resources has appointed Nicole Leslie as the new Youth Shelters Director. Ms. Fuller asked if the Council would allow Director Leslie to give a brief introduction at the August 9, 2017 PPSC and the Council was in full support of Director Leslie's guest speaker attendance.
- ❖ Sheriff Gualtieri advised that he is scheduled to provide an update to the Adult Pre-Arrest Diversion (APAD) Program on August 3, 2017. He stated that the preliminary figures look favorable and the program has been operating smoothly.
- ❖ Chief Boudreau introduced Treasure Island Police Lieutenant Richard Nestor to the Council. He advised that Lt. Nestor is a retired Clearwater Police Sergeant and was employed with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office prior to his appointment with the City of Treasure Island.

The Council welcomed Lt. Nestor and wished him much success in his new role.

- ❖ Chief Boudreau asked if anyone had any input concerning the application/usage and costs associated with drone technology for law enforcement purposes? Chief Holloway advised that he has worked with Mr. McCabe's Office to develop procedures for the extremely limited use of drones. He advised he would forward this information to Chief Boudreau and that the cost of purchasing drones is expensive. Chief Vincent stated he has also looked into the possible application of drones and agreed that it's an expensive acquisition.

Dean Frank advised that SPC is developing a course on drones that will cover FAA regulations as well as "hands on" application.

- ❖ Chief Holloway advised that the City of St. Petersburg has seen a rise in foster homes. He advised that these foster homes can house up to nine children and his department has seen an increase number of complaints stemming from foster children activity.

Several Council members echoed the same observations noted by Chief Holloway.

## 9. Adjourn

Chief Stelljes and Chief Sohl

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