



**Pinellas Police Standards Council
Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council
4000 Gateway Centre Boulevard, Suite 100
Pinellas Park, FL
Agenda: Wednesday, October 9, 2019 – 8:30 AM**

1. **Call to Order** – Chairman David Hendry

2. **Approval of PPSC Minutes** – Draft Attached (requires motion and vote)

3. **Guest Speaker** – Chief Luke Williams invited Dr. Julie Mastry (Chief Program Officer) with the Early Learning Coalition to attend a question and answer session regarding notifications relative to school lockdowns and other emergency type situations occurring in our communities.

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 Rick Doyle

 - ❖ Pinellas County Safety & Emergency Services – Director Jim Fogarty

❖ Pinellas County Justice Coordination – Operations Manager Deborah Berry

6. **New Business -**

7. **Old Business -**

8. **Roundtable -**

9. **Adjourn -** (requires motion and vote)

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ATTENDANCE: Sheriff Bob Gualtieri (Pinellas County SO), Chief Deputy Dan Simovich (Pinellas County SO), Assistant Chief Antonio Gilliam (St. Petersburg PD), Chief Robert Vincent (Gulfport PD), Chief Michael Haworth (Pinellas Park PD), Chief Dan Slaughter (Clearwater PD), Deputy Chief Eric Gandy (Clearwater PD), Chief Armand Boudreau (Treasure Island PD), Chief Rick Doyle (Belleair PD), Dean Brian Frank (SPC College of Public Safety Allstate Center), Chief Jeff Undestad (Largo PD), Chief David Hendry (USF Police at St. Petersburg), Senior Supervisory Resident Agent Joe Boland (FBI), Special Agent in Charge Mark Brutnell (FDLE), Chief Probation Officer Melissa Fuller (DJJ), Operations Manager Deborah Berry (PC Justice Coordination), Chief Kevin Riley (Kenneth City PD), Chief Luke Williams (PC Schools Police), Captain Maurice Hensley (FHP), Lieutenant David Gerardo (St. Petersburg PD), Director Mike Dibuo (SPC College of Public Safety Allstate Center), Chief Investigator Rick Hart (SAO), Director Kimberly Swain (Pinellas County Court & Operational Services), Investigator Brian Lightfoot (PASS) and Director Mike Waters (PPSC)

1. **Call to Order** – Chairman David Hendry
2. **Approval of Previous Month PPSC Minutes** -
Chief Michael Haworth introduced a motion to approve the August 14, 2019 PPSC Meeting Minutes and it was seconded by Chief Jeff Undestad. The Council unanimously approved the August PPSC Minutes.
3. **PASS Update** – Director Mike Waters
 - ❖ Director Waters stated PASS remains active with a steady flow of agency sponsored candidates as well as self-sponsored candidates. He advised a comparison of PASS activity for this same time last year shows a slight decrease in PASS applicants while supporting a slight increase of EOT applicants.
 - ❖ Director Waters advised as a follow up to his comments contained within last month's PPSC minutes regarding EOT procedure clarification, he received confirmation FDLE will be providing a technical memorandum (training bulletin) in the near future. Director Waters advised this is welcome news to encourage uniformity of service for those authorized facilities entrusted to perform Florida EOT Verifications.

Director Waters stated he received a request from Pinellas Park High School Assistant Principal Cassandra Bogatz to update their Criminal Justice Practitioner Designation (CJPD) originally approved by the PPSC in 2008. Assistant Principal Bogatz provided the requested CJPD revisions to Director Waters. SPC Dean Brian Frank approved the proposed CJPD revisions and it was sent to the SRC for their review and approval consideration. The SRC approved the proposed CJPD revisions for full PPSC review and approval consideration.

Director Waters provided a handout of the original CJPD along with the proposed revisions submitted by Assistant Principal Cassandra Bogatz. The Council did not have any questions and Chief Robert Vincent offered a motion to approve the revision within the CJPD. Chief Kevin Riley second the motion for approval and the Council unanimously approved this measure (see PPSC Resolution 2019-5).

4. Guest Speakers – N/A

5. Committee Reports –

- ❖ Legislative Committee – Chief Haworth
 - Chief Haworth stated there are several Legislative Committees scheduled within the coming months leading up to the 2020 legislative session. He stated locally, the Pinellas County Legislative Delegation is holding the first meeting September 12, 2019, at the St. Petersburg College Allstate Center.
- ❖ Training – SPC Dean Brian Frank
 - Dean Brian Frank advised SPC Allstate Center still has space available for student attendance of the October Defensive Tactic Update training class.
- ❖ Standards Review Committee – Chief Rob Vincent
 - Chief Vincent advised the SRC has one PASS applicant appeal review that will commence immediately after the PPSC meeting.
- ❖ Finance – Chief Rick Doyle
 - Chief Rick Doyle advised the PPSC and PASS operating budget looks good.
- ❖ Pinellas County Safety & Emergency Services – Director Jim Fogarty
 - N/A
- ❖ Pinellas County Justice Coordination – Operations Manager Deborah Berry
 - Operations Manager Deborah Berry advised they are still waiting for the FY2019/20 JAG approval from the Substance Abuse Advisory Board.

6. New Business -

- ❖ Chief Williams advised of the upcoming planned exercise involving the lockdown of local early childhood centers on October 9, 2019. He stated he will apprise the Council of any potential issues and/or recommendations resulting from this planned exercise.
- ❖ Sheriff Gualtieri advised he will be disseminating the finalized version of the 911 Interlocal Agreement in the coming days for agency leadership signatures. He stated once signed by all agencies his General Counsel Office will forward to FDLE. Sheriff

Gualtieri thanked everyone for their assistance in expeditiously completing this agreement.

- ❖ Sheriff Gualtieri stated he met with Director Rita Newman recently regarding the lab testing of THC to an above or below 1% threshold (outlined within PPSC Resolution 2019-4). Director Newman advised him her laboratory will be performing these specified tests by October 1, 2019. Sheriff Gualtieri stated the tests will be limited to “green leaf material” at first but Director Newman expects to be able to lab test oil, waxes and vape pens by January 2020. Sheriff Gualtieri stated the lab testing of edibles is still an obstacle and favors legislative addressment.

Sheriff Gualtieri stated Pinellas County is the only county in the State of Florida that will be able to test THC levels (described within PPSC Resolution 2019-4) beginning October 1, 2019. He stated this is a credit to the Pinellas County Forensics Laboratory, the PPSC and the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners for recognizing an issue and collectively developing a cost-effective pragmatic response.

- ❖ The Council discussed the aspects of investigating illicit marijuana cases in light of the “State Hemp Program”. SAO Chief Investigator Rick Hart stated the SAO continues to seek prosecution based upon the totality of the investigation. The Council discussed the changing landscape where the mere odor of marijuana is not a sufficient determinate without ancillary elements. The Council collectively affirmed they have instructed their department staff accordingly.
- ❖ Sheriff Gualtieri advised the PCSO will begin a pilot program on October 1, 2019 through the end of the school year where selected deputies (two) will partner with mental health professionals (two social workers) to assist with mental health issues occurring on school property. The pilot program will operate from most likely Sunset Point Road to Tarpon Avenue. The goal of the program is twofold in that members will assist the mobile crisis team while also freeing up SROs to handle other school related matters.

Chief Williams commended Sheriff Gualtieri for this initiative and believes it will benefit the Pinellas County Schools. He stated SROs will still be the first point of contact in the event of an active crisis.

- ❖ Sheriff Gualtieri shared his recent decision to remove all Adams Arms AR15 rifles from the PCSO. He stated there were serious manufacturing and quality control issues with the rifles mandating his recall to ensure officer safety and public safety. Sheriff Gualtieri stated his office is replacing all recalled rifles with new Rock River AR15s.

7. Old Business -

- ❖ N/A

8. Roundtable -

- ❖ Chief Riley advised he had Director Waters disseminate an e-mail he received from Rachel Menger (mental health counselor with Tampa Bay Psychology Associates) regarding support group services for local law enforcement retirees. Chief Riley thought the information was very constructive and encouraged the reading of the e-mail.
- ❖ FBI SSRA Joseph Boland advised the FBI has initiated a “Think Before You Post” campaign that is designed to educate students on the use of social media and how to

avoid making poor choices when posting, texting, or e-mailing thoughts or grievances that could lead to disruptive behavior, including threats. He stressed everyone needs to understand the US Attorney's Office takes this issue very serious and will actively pursue incidents rising to a level of criminal prosecution.

- ❖ Chief Armand Boudreau thanked the Council for support provided to Tim Casey with preparing the Treasure Island Police Department for accreditation.
- ❖ Director Kimberly Swain stated her office is addressing subpoenas arising from a lawsuit filed against Governor DeSantis over Amendment 4. She stated their required compliance is quite extensive involving thousands of pages of sought documents.

9. Adjourn -
Chief Haworth and Chief Riley

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