



**Pinellas Police Standards Council
Pinellas Park High School – Criminal Justice Academy
6305-118th Avenue
Largo, FL
Agenda: Wednesday, February 13, 2019 – 8:30 AM**

1. **Call to Order** – Chairman Kevin Riley

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

3. **Guest Speaker** –
 - ❖ Assistant Principal/Program Coordinator Cassandra Bogatz will provide a brief update regarding the Pinellas Park High School Criminal Justice Academy

4. **PASS Update** – Director Mike Waters

5. **Committee Reports** –
 - ❖ Legislative Committee – Chief Haworth

 - ❖ Training – SPC Dean Brian Frank

 - ❖ Standards Review Committee – Chief Rob Vincent

 - ❖ Finance – Chair 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)

Next Meeting
Wednesday, March 13, 2019 – 8:30 AM
Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council
4000 Gateway Centre Boulevard, Suite 100
Pinellas Park, FL



**Pinellas Police Standards Council
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Wednesday, January 9, 2019 – 8:30 AM**

ATTENDANCE: Chief Anthony Holloway (St. Petersburg PD), Chief Robert Vincent (Gulfport PD), Chief Michael Haworth (Pinellas Park PD), Chief Dan Slaughter (Clearwater PD), Lieutenant Rich Nestor (Treasure Island PD), Chief Jeff Undestad (Largo PD), Chief Deputy Dan Simovich (Pinellas County SO), Chief Investigator Rick Hart (6th Judicial Circuit), Operations Manager Deborah Berry (PC Justice Coordination), Chief Kevin Riley (Kenneth City PD), Chief David Hendry (USF Police at St. Petersburg), Chief Rick Doyle (Town of Belleair), Director Fogarty (Safety and Emergency Services), Chief Luke Williams (Pinellas County Schools Police), Dean Brian Frank (St. Petersburg College), Assistant Supervisory Senior Resident Agent Shannon Muldrow (FBI), Captain Maurice Hensley (FHP), Assistant Chief Probation Officer Joyce Lehman (DJJ), Major Jeff Young (Tarpon Springs PD), Director Mike Dibuono (St. Petersburg College), Lieutenant Dan Villano (FHP), Deputy Chief Eric Gandy (Clearwater PD), Investigator Brian Lightfoot (PASS) and Director Mike Waters (PPSC)

1. **Call to Order** – Chairman Kevin Riley
2. **Approval of Previous Month PPSC Minutes** –
Chief David Hendry introduced a motion to approve the December 12, 2018 PPSC Meeting Minutes and it was seconded by Major Jeff Young. The Council unanimously approved the December 2018 PPSC Minutes.
3. **Speakers** –
 - ❖ 6th Judicial Circuit Court County Judge Joshua Riba gave a brief presentation to clear up possible confusion resulting from the recent closure of the Tyrone Traffic Court. He stated although now residing at the 49th Street Criminal Court Complex, the hearing days have not changed for scheduling (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday depending on officer/deputy last name). Judge Riba stated the only change with the move to 49th Street is the court time scheduling of 1330 hours instead of the previous 0900 hours at Tyrone. He stated some officers/deputies have resorted to placing “Call of the Court” due to the apparent confusion caused by Tyrone closure and this is incorrect.

Chief Kevin Riley stated his department had previously contacted Judge Riba's Office and prepared a document denoting the traffic court clarification presented by Judge Riba. Chief Riley stated he will have PASS distribute this document by e-mail to all agencies once all the information has been verified by the courts.

The Council expressed their sincere appreciation for Judge Riba's time to provide clarification of the traffic court schedule.

- ❖ State Attorney Ranger Jackson gave a brief PowerPoint presentation (e-mailed to Council) with regard to changes/updates to the electronic subpoena requests and court orders. As part of this presentation, each Council Member present was provided a USB drive containing all updated required SAO material. SA Jackson humbly requested all agency leaders ensure the information contained within the USB drives is distributed to all pertinent department personnel.

State Attorney Bernie McCabe reiterated SA Jackson's request for agency leaders to ensure all pertinent department personnel have access to this updated information. He cited a recent homicide case where the search warrant sought incurred delay as the investigative team did not have a previous distributed version of the USB Drive information easily accessible.

4. **PASS Update** – Director Mike Waters

- ❖ Director Waters stated PASS overall activity for the calendar year of 2018 was a statistical tie to the year 2017 with only EOT applications showing a significant increase.
- ❖ Director Waters stated a five-year statistical analysis of PASS POOL Candidates hired showed an average of 53% law enforcement hiring ratio for those candidates completing the PASS process and within the one year of PASS POOL eligibility (attached PASS Activity Sheet). He stated this number is significant when factoring POOL Candidates still have to go through physical assessment/abilities screening, police academy, SOCE, drug screening, psychological screening, and agency oral board/interview prior to potential sworn law enforcement certification. Director Waters stated we can always do better but overall the numbers are very supportive.

State Attorney McCabe asked if all PASS POOL Candidates hired were within Pinellas County law enforcement agencies. Director Waters stated although predominantly confined within Pinellas County, there were law enforcement agency hires outside the county. Further ATMS is used to certify the law enforcement employment status and the exact number and candidates are captured within POBITS.

*As a follow-up to the information provided, Director Waters disseminated (e-mail) a data analysis of the POOL Candidates and Single Agency Hired for each agency from the year 2014 through 2018 to the Council.

5. Committee Reports –

❖ Legislative Committee – Chief Haworth

- Chief Michael Haworth stated there are approximately fifteen law enforcement sensitive bills making their way through for the 2019 Florida Legislative Session. He stated he addressed some of these bills at the previous PPSC meeting but a recap is as follows:
 - A wireless communication bill makes a primary violation to use electronic handheld devices while operating a motor vehicle.
 - A concealed weapons bill would move oversight of concealed weapons carrying permits from the Florida Department of Agriculture to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.
 - Reintroduction/restructure of a Federal Immigration Bill that did not make it through last year's legislative session.
 - Reintroduction/restructure of a bill to carry firearms on college campuses.

State Attorney McCabe stated there would most likely be another legislative push to raise the current felony theft threshold of \$300.00 or more to possibly theft of \$1,500.00 or more. He stated although the final structure of the legislative bill may show a lesser number than \$1,500.00 but make no mistake there is a clear push to raise the current felony \$300.00 or more threshold.

State Attorney McCabe stated agencies should also have vigilance toward the most likely reintroduction/restructure of legislation to change the current provisions for juvenile direct referrals. He stated the hopeful outcome of the legislation is to eliminate or greatly restrict state attorney offices from direct filing juvenile cases. Mr. McCabe stated what the advocates, pushing for this legislation, fail to seemingly grasp is judges already have the ability to send juvenile direct file cases back to the juvenile courts.

State Attorney McCabe stated there is also potential juvenile legislation action that will mandate law enforcement reporting of all criminal offenses occurring on school property. He stated school officials would no longer have the ability to handle minor offenses at the school administrative level without law enforcement interaction.

❖ Training – SPC Dean Brian Frank

- Dean Brian Frank stated to go along with Director Waters' hiring data presented today; SPC recorded a 97% (law enforcement hire rate) for those students successfully completing the SPC Allstate Center Police Academy.
- Dean Frank stated the college has seen a decline in the use of allocated Trust Fund by Pinellas County law enforcement agencies. He encouraged all Pinellas County law enforcement agencies to take advantage of the funds for training.
- Dean Frank stated all training located at the SPC Allstate Center is placed on a single calendar for easy access.

❖ Standards Review Committee – Chief Rob Vincent

- No appeals

- ❖ Finance – Chief Rick Doyle
 - Chief Rick Doyle stated the PPSC FY2018/19 Budget looks good with no issues to report.

- ❖ Pinellas County Safety & Emergency Services – Director Jim Fogarty
 - Director Jim Fogarty stated 911 service center saw a 3% decline in the volume of calls in 2018 (processed 753,641 calls).

 - Director Fogarty stated his office is working with the state fire marshal’s office to develop a countywide ordinance addressing bidirectional amplifiers. He said the City of Clearwater and the City of St. Petersburg have bidirectional amplifiers ordinances in place. Director Fogarty stated there are far too many buildings throughout the county that tend to inhibit radio communication. He said one of the current “work around” has been to place a mobile repeater closed to an incident to enhance the radio signal.

 - Chief Dan Slaughter stated Wi-Fi compatibility has also enhanced the communication ability within buildings. Director Fogarty agreed and stated Wi-Fi compatibility will definitely help with retrofitting existing buildings as part of the county ordinance being constructed. He stated more to come regarding this endeavor.

 - Director Fogarty stated his office is working with the Department of Public Health in Pinellas County for a data sharing/case management system.

- ❖ Pinellas County Justice Coordination – Operations Manager Deborah Berry
 - Manager Debra Berry advised the JAG Grant spoken about at the previous PPSC meeting is still pending. She stated part of the delay may be attributed to the FDLE Grant Manager resignation in November 2018. Manager Berry stated she does not believe a replacement has been named by FDLE.

6. New Business

- ❖ Major Jeff Young thanked the Pinellas County Sheriff’s Office as well as the State Attorney’s Office for their recent assistance during an extensive homicide investigation.

- ❖ Deputy Chief Eric Gandy stated the medical director has emphasized the requirement for law enforcement officers to physically accompany all arrested (handcuffed) subjects medically transported to a medical receiving facility. He stated in the past, due to a variety of circumstances to include staff shortages, officers have sometimes followed the medical transport vehicle. Law enforcement must physically ride in the medical transport vehicle with the handcuffed subject to the medical receiving facility.

- ❖ Assistant Chief Probation Officer Joyce Lehman stated the new (updated) Detention Risk Assessment Instrument (DRAI) will become effective July 1, 2019. She stated DJJ is planning a Tampa training session sometimes in March 2019 to go over the new improvements.

Assistant Chief Probation Officer Lehman stated Governor DeSantis has appointed former Appeals Court Judge Simone Marstiller as the new Secretary of the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice.

- ❖ Captain Maurice Hensley introduced Lieutenant Daniel Villano as the new lieutenant for the FHP's Troop C District. Lieutenant Villano has prior experience with Troop C and looks forward to working with the law enforcement agencies within the Council.

Captain Hensley stated FHP no longer subscribes to the use of business text. He has requested all future interagency communication occur through the use either phone and/or e-mail.

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