



**Pinellas Police Standards Council  
Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council  
4000 Gateway Centre Boulevard, Suite 100  
Pinellas Park, FL  
Agenda: Wednesday, April 10, 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** –  
Director Jim Fogarty invited Pinellas County Emergency Management Director Cathy Perkins to give a brief presentation.

Director Kim Swain will update the Council with regard to last month's discussion on recent FDLE audits.

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, May 8, 2019 – 8:30 AM**  
**Pinellas County Sheriff's Office**  
**Administration Building**  
**10750 Ulmerton Road**  
**Largo, FL 33779**



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Wednesday, March 13, 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), Chief Armand Boudreau (Treasure Island PD), State Attorney Bernie McCabe (6<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit), Deputy Chief Mike Loux (Largo PD), Chief Deputy Dan Simovich (Pinellas County SO), Chief Investigator Rick Hart (6<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit), Chief Kevin Riley (Kenneth City PD), Chief David Hendry (USF Police at St. Petersburg), Chief Rick Doyle (Town of Belleair), Dean Brian Frank (St. Petersburg College), Supervisory Senior Resident Agent Joe Boland (FBI), Captain Maurice Hensley (FHP), Chief Probation Officer Melissa Fuller (DJJ), Major Jeff Young (Tarpon Springs PD), Deputy Chief Eric Gandy (Clearwater PD), Director Jim Fogarty (Pinellas County Emergency Services), Operations Manager Deborah Berry (Pinellas County Justice & Consumer Services), Director Kim Swain (Clerk of the Court), Compliance Officer Alan Hebdon 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 February 13, 2019 PPSC Meeting Minutes and it was seconded by Deputy Chief Dan Simovich. The Council unanimously approved the February 2019 PPSC Minutes.
3. **Speakers** –
  - ❖ Chief Riley invited Director Kim Swain and Compliance Officer Alan Hebdon of the Pinellas County Clerk of the Court to attend today’s meeting to discuss potential issues resulting from recent FDLE audits of several Pinellas County law enforcement agencies. Chief Riley opened the dialogue by stating an FDLE auditor expressed concern regarding the use of interoffice mail (courier service) between the Courts and the Pinellas County law enforcement agencies. He stated the FDLE auditor instructions were if the courier was carrying level II information than that courier should have level II authorization.

Discussion commenced among the Council where it was learned agencies were provided different directions, depending upon the FDLE auditor, on how to handle the courier

service with level II information. Some agencies were informed in the same manner as Chief Riley while others were told a separate “sealed” envelope will suffice for FDLE audit conformity. Director Kim Swain stated she will seek confirmation with the FDLE on how best to address this issue. She advised her office could foreseeably comply with having couriers have level II authorization. However, having a sealed envelope for compliance is without question fiscally preferable. Director Swain stated she will respond to the Council when she has an answer to inquiry.

The Council discussed the additional aspects of archiving and shredding level II information, specifically at offsite locations, that also appear subject to different FDLE auditor interpretations. Chief Dan Slaughter stated it may require a letter either from the Council or perhaps both the Florida Police Chiefs Association (FPCA) and the Florida Sheriffs Association (FSA) to gain clarity compliance from the FDLE Commissioner. The Council agreed with pursuing the matter with the FPCA and the FSA.

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

- ❖ Director Waters presented PPSC Resolution 2019-1 (PASS transferring administration of the Basic Abilities Test “BAT” to SPC) for Council review and approval consideration (see attached). Chief Robert Vincent voiced a motion to approve PPSC Resolution 2019-1 that was seconded by Chief Richard Doyle. The Council unanimously voted to approve and Chief Riley (Chairman) signed PPSC Resolution 2019-1.
- ❖ Director Waters stated PASS activity continues to be fluid with comparable numbers, both from a fiscal and operational standpoint, as this same time period last year.
- ❖ Director Waters stated a comparison of the PASS POOL ethnicity percentage to the 2017 Pinellas County Ethnicity (provided by SPC Public Policy and Administration) showed the PASS POOL with a higher overall minority (compared to Caucasian) percentage by 6% (see PASS Activity Report).

**5. Committee Reports –**

- ❖ Legislative Committee – Chief Haworth
  - Chief Michael Haworth stated there has been over 3300 bills filed for this year’s Florida Legislative Session. He provided a brief summation of some of the bills having law enforcement implications to include:
    - Senate Bill 182 “Smoking Marijuana for Medical Use” – Overwhelmingly passed the Senate and the House is expected to vote favorably as well.
    - House Bill 45 “Use of Wireless Communications Devices While Driving” is navigating through several committees.
    - Senate Bill 406 “Theft” – continues to have a lot of discussion on the exact threshold to be raised. There appears to be some consensus on making theft of \$500 to \$1000 a 1<sup>st</sup> degree misdemeanor. State Attorney Bernie McCabe stated the retail industry is very vocal in that they do not want the threshold raised above \$700.

- Senate Bill 204 “Detention Facilities” – Chief Haworth stated there is a lot of discussion predicated upon “if you have a covered (within statute) offense you have to video tape”.
- Senate Bill 642 “Criminal Justice”, SB 400 “Mandatory Sentencing” (companion House Bills) – Chief Haworth stated the goal of both bills is to reduce the overall prison inmate population.
- Senate Bill 704 “General Savings Provision” – Chief Haworth stated the bill is intended to make any reenactment or repeal of a criminal violation retroactive to those already serving time or convicted. Chief Haworth stated this bill would have tremendous impact if carried with SB 642 and SB 400. State Attorney Bernie McCabe stated Senator Tom Lee has introduced SB 1656 to counteract SB 704 making any reenactment or repeal of a criminal violation not retroactive.
- Chief Anthony Holloway stated the SPPD legal office is attentively following Senate Bill 1496 “Contraband Forfeiture”. The act prohibits “transfer of possession of property seized under state law to the Federal Government for the purpose of the property’s forfeiture under federal law under certain circumstances; providing guidelines relating to state participation in joint task forces which results in property seizures, etc.”
- Director Jim Fogarty stated two bills impacting Pinellas EMS are Senate Bill 308 and Senate Bill 536. He stated SB 308 “Nonemergency Medical Transportation Services” acts to open “non-emergency” transportation to qualified vendors. Director Fogarty stated SB 536 “911 Services” requires a plan for implement and receive text to 911. He stated Pinellas County is already in compliance with this act.
- ❖ Training – SPC Dean Brian Frank
  - N/A
- ❖ Standards Review Committee – Chief Rob Vincent
  - Chief Vincent advised there are two appeals to be heard by the SRC today.
- ❖ 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 Fogarty stated Cathy Perkins, Director at Pinellas County Emergency Management, would like to stop by an upcoming Council meeting. Arrangements were made to have Director Perkins attend the April 10, 2019 PPSC Meeting.
  - Director Fogarty stated there is a Hurricane Exercise planned for the week of May 6<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> 2019. He asked the Council if there have been any issues with finding callers located along the actual beachside. He stated, for example, they use the combination of GPS and lifeguard tower numbers along Clearwater Beach to locate

callers. The Council stated they were not aware of any issues creating a delay in locating callers along the actual beachside.

- Director Fogarty spoke about the Pinellas County Fusion Group and the Executive Summary detailing the accounts of overdoses in Pinellas County. The Council spoke about the impact Fentanyl is having both from a first responder exposure perspective to the overdose victims. State Attorney McCabe stated a recent three-month review of drug overdose deaths involving Fentanyl or a mixture containing Fentanyl is alarming.
- ❖ Pinellas County Justice Coordination – Operations Manager Deborah Berry
  - Manager Deborah Berry stated Pinellas County Forensic Laboratory Director Rita Newman would like to attend an upcoming Council meeting to provide an annual update of her office. Arrangements were made to have Director Newman attend the June 12, 2019 PPSC Meeting.
  - Manager Berry provided the Council with a handout showing grant opportunities through Pinellas County’s Human Services and Justice Coordination (see attached).

## 6. New Business

- ❖ Deputy Chief Eric Gandy stated the Mobil Crisis Response Team (MCRT) is steadily moving along and a legal review of the draft MOU is the next step to be completed. He’s still working through some issues with Pinellas County Schools but hopefully a resolution can be reached.

Chief Haworth commended Deputy Chief Gandy stating he has done an extraordinary job with the MCRT initiative. The Council shared in their commendation of Deputy Chief Gandy.

- ❖ Chief Slaughter asked if the Council had interest toward engaging in strategic planning for the acquisition and/or integrating CAD and possibly other technology to connect all of Pinellas County’s emergency services. He stated he fully realizes agencies are at all ends of the spectrum right now with either looking for, recently purchased or at a midpoint of their CAD system but consideration should be given toward a five to ten year Pinellas County interoperability plan. Chief Slaughter stated he would gladly facilitate the discussion.

The Council fully supported Chief Slaughter’s comments. Chief Vincent stated the Council should look at what other localities are doing to improve interoperability between agencies. He offered the possibility of even a regional CAD system. The Council agreed the initiative is ripe for discussion especially in the wake of the findings by the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission Report chaired by Sheriff Gualtieri.

- ❖ Chief David Hendry stated he received an inquire from the USF Police Department Tampa if they could utilize the service of PASS to promote the uniformity of law

enforcement employment background investigations between departments. He advised USF Police Department Tampa hires approximately five to ten officers a year.

The Council took up discussion and agreed to have PASS perform the background screening of USF Tampa law enforcement personnel (police, dispatch, etc...) at the same cost as a self-sponsored applicant (\$250.00). State Attorney McCabe voiced a motion to approve and it was seconded by Chief Slaughter. The Council unanimously approved Resolution 2019-2 (see attached).

**7. Old Business**

❖ N/A

**8. Roundtable**

❖ Chief Holloway stated that all Council members should have received their invitations to the St. Petersburg Police Department Grand Opening Event on Friday, March 22, 2019. He advised the ribbon cutting ceremony is at 11:00 a.m. followed by an open house from 12:00p.m. to 4:00p.m. Chief Holloway highly recommends attendees wishing a complete tour to be in uniform as some areas will have restricted access.

**9. Adjourn**

Captain Maurice Hensley and Chief Riley

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