



**Pinellas Police Standards Council
Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council
4000 Gateway Centre Boulevard, Suite 100
Pinellas Park, FL
Agenda: Wednesday, August 14, 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** –

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

Mr. Ken Burke (Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller) attendance to continue dialogue of the interagency agreement discussed at the June 12, 2019 PPSC Meeting.

8. Roundtable

9. Adjourn (requires motion and vote)

Next Meeting
Wednesday, September 11, 2019 – 8:30 AM
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**Pinellas Police Standards Council
Pinellas County Sheriff's Office
Administration Building
10750 Ulmerton Road
Largo, FL 33779
Wednesday, July 10, 2019 – 8:30 AM**

ATTENDANCE: Chief Anthony Holloway (St. Petersburg PD), Sheriff Bob Gualtieri (Pinellas County SO) Chief Michael Haworth (Pinellas Park PD), Captain Brian Unmisig (Pinellas Park PD), Chief Dan Slaughter (Clearwater PD), Chief Armand Boudreau (Treasure Island PD), State Attorney Bernie McCabe (State Attorney 6th Judicial Circuit), Chief Rick Doyle (Belleair PD), Major Joshua Stone (Gulfport PD), Dean Brian Frank (SPC College of Public Safety Allstate Center), Chief Jeff Undestad (Largo PD), Chief Deputy Dan Simovich (Pinellas County SO), Chief David Hendry (USF Police at St. Petersburg), Captain Maurice Hensley (FHP), Senior Supervisory Resident Agent Joe Boland (FBI), Operations Manager Deborah Berry (PC Justice Coordination), Director Jim Fogarty (PC Safety and Emergency Services), Major Jeff Young (Tarpon Springs PD), Chief Kevin Riley (Kenneth City PD), Chief Probation Officer Melissa Fuller (DJJ), SAC Mark Brutnell (FDLE Tampa), Chief Luke Williams (PC Schools Police), Clerk Ken Burke (Pinellas County Clerk of the Court), Lourdes Benedine (Pinellas County Assistant County AG), Assistant Laboratory Director Mike Gilbert (PC Forensic Lab), Chief Clinical Officer Mandy Hines (PEMHS), Chief Operating Officer Maxine Booker (PEMHS), Investigator Brian Lightfoot (PASS) and Director Mike Waters (PPSC)

1. **Call to Order** – Chairman David Hendry
2. **Approval of Previous Month PPSC Minutes** –
Chief Kevin Riley introduced a motion to approve the June 12, 2019 PPSC Meeting Minutes and it was seconded by Chief Luke Williams. The Council unanimously approved the June 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.
 - ❖ Director Waters advised the scheduled transfer of administering the Basic Ability Test (BAT) from PASS to the SPC Allstate Center is in place to occur August 15, 2019. He

stated the PASS website denotes the change as well as listing all remaining PASS testing dates and the contact information for SPC BAT to begin August 15, 2019.

- ❖ Director Waters advised he will post the PASS Background Investigator Position Opening in advance of Ken Blessings retirement at the end of 2019. The position announcement will run from August 1, 2019 through September 20, 2019 with an anticipated start date for the position of December 2, 2019.

4. **Guest Speakers –**

- ❖ PEMHS Chief Operating Officer Maxine Booker and Chief Clinical Officer Mandy Hines gave a brief presentation regarding their current Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT) which resulted from passage of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Safety Act. Ms. Hines stated the goal of MCRT is to reduce (where possible) the number of Baker Act resulting incidents by providing alternative medical services adeptly focused at addressing immediate as well as long term needs of individuals in crisis. She provided a PowerPoint (handout given to attendees) and touched upon many MCRT aspects to include the following:
 - MCRT will provide services for Pinellas County residents age 25 and younger
 - 24/7 immediate crisis response with a goal of less than 60-minute response anywhere within Pinellas County
 - On-site screening, assessment, crisis intervention counseling
 - Baker Act Diversion
 - In-home services utilizing evidence-based practices
 - Transition to community based services
 - Community responses may include but are not limited to in homes, schools and emergency room facilities
 - MCRT serves as art of a “No Wrong Door” model because the team will travel to the crisis in order to provide assessment and crisis intervention service in the least restrictive setting
 - The framework provides a “No One Size Fits All” approach to meet the needs of the community

Ms. Booker stated the key to MCRT is effective communication between all entities (law enforcement, medical, family, school, etc...) to achieve a “whole picture” approach to individuals in crisis. She stated in this way both the individual in crisis as well as the community is served.

The Council thanked Ms. Hines and Ms. Booker for their presentation and a discussion ensued toward the practical application of MCRT. Sheriff Gualtieri led the discussion advising although MCRT (as outlined) is commendable and extremely well intended, it is seemingly impractical to believe their current structure of seven team members can withstand the vigor of providing 24/7 coverage to all of Pinellas County. He said this is especially true when factoring the proposed sixty-minute response time goal.

Sheriff Gualtieri stated time is a factor when law enforcement is on scene and has to make an educated decision as to whether the person in crisis meets the criteria of a Baker Act. He stated there are clear cases where a person in crisis clearly meets or does not meet a Baker Act. The MCRT is there to help out in those in between instances where determining factors are not so clear. He stated the issue has been and still is where law enforcement cannot wait around, due to a

myriad of factors, and sides on caution with a Baker Act for the immediate safety of the individual and the community.

Sheriff Gualtieri stressed the importance of MCRT receiving a proper evaluation for its outreach potential. He stated it would be a disservice, based on the current MCRT staffing, to have the team responsible for all of Pinellas County 24/7. Deputy Chief Eric Gandy agreed with the comments of Sheriff Gualtieri and said he would work with Ms. Booker to define a measurable area within Pinellas County to perform a pilot test. The Council was in full agreement with this approach rather than full implementation within Pinellas County. Ms. Booker and Ms. Hines concurred with the recommendation provided and were very appreciative of the Council support.

Chief Luke Williams stated the MCRT has met with school officials and although the school administration has adequate staffing to address students in crisis while on school grounds, the MCRT imitative offers great reach out opportunities to the home environment of the students determined in crisis. He stated the school administration welcomes the opportunity to work with the MCRT for assisting students as well as creating an environment for a safer community.

The Council again thanked Deputy Chief Gandy, Ms. Booker and the entire MCRT staff for their preliminary achievements and commitment toward this endeavor.

5. **Committee Reports –**

- ❖ Legislative Committee – Chief Haworth
 - No topics for discussion.
- ❖ Training – SPC Dean Brian Frank
 - Dean Brian Frank advised SPC will be offering an active shooter response course for telecommunications in the near future. He stated he will provide Director Waters with the information (once available) for e-mail dissemination.
- ❖ Standards Review Committee – Chief Rob Vincent
 - Chief Hendry advised there is one appeal scheduled for today 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
 - Director Jim Fogarty stated firework related calls for service calls were not significant during this past 4th of July. He advised the lack of significant FD calls was most likely attributed to the numerous thunderstorms.
 - Director Fogarty stated they are in the process of selecting a new Regional 911 Director and anticipate interviews to begin shortly.
- ❖ Pinellas County Justice Coordination – Operations Manager Deborah Berry
 - Operations Manager Deborah Berry advised the JAG grant application for this year has been extended to July 31, 2019.

6. **New Business**

- ❖ Chief Williams stated the combined SRO and School Safety Officer training session will be held on August 8, 2019 from 0800 hours to 1600 hours at the SPC Allstate Center.

Chief Williams advised his office is updating all building assessments and they will be provided electronically to each agency. He stated he will still have hardcopy building assessments available for those agency wishing to have hardcopies.

Chief Williams advised the Early Learning Coalition has expressed a desire to be involved the ongoing school safety and enhancement measure due to their often close proximity to public schools. Sheriff Gualtieri advised he has been in contact with Dr. Michael Grego and this issue has been placed on the agenda for Pinellas County Commission discussion.

- ❖ Sheriff Gualtieri spoke about HB441 (requires a countywide agreement whereby any agency, having a communications center, can access another agency's communication center to transmit emergency call information over their primary dispatch/communications channel). He stated the law requires each sheriff, in collaboration with all first responder agency heads in their county, to develop and execute a written agreement outlining the protocols to be followed. The act stipulates every county sheriff shall provide their interlocal agreements to FDLE by January 1, 2020.

Sheriff Gualtieri stated his office will be setting a meeting within the coming weeks to address this issue. He stressed an importance to not only establish protocols for active shooter communications but also for other incidents crossing jurisdictional boundaries. The Council agreed commenting as a group that seconds matter in many incidents handled by law enforcement. State Attorney Bernie McCabe stated in remembrance of the tragic shooting death of Belleair Police Officer Jeffery Tackett, he is extremely heartened to hear the promises created within this act.

Chief Dan Slaughter stated he introduced, at an earlier PPSC meeting this year, Council consideration of possible collaborative interest toward replacement purchase of CAD and/or RMS equipment. He stated while understanding each department may have a different replacement date (3-5-10 year plan) anticipated for the purchase/replacement of CAD and RMS, a collaborative long term approach may better serve the goal of HB441. Chief Slaughter stated the Clearwater Police Department is hosting a CAD vendor on August 1, 2019 and the Council is invited. He stated he will send out notification of this vendor presentation.

Director Jim Fogarty stated 911 technologies is trending toward utilization of a common CAD system. He stated there has been many advancements within 911 technologies to include getting video feed from door bell electronics such as the Ring.

7. **Old Business**

- ❖ Sheriff Gualtieri stated his desire to continue discussion started by Director Rita Newman at last month's PPSC meeting concerning SB 1020 (State Hemp Program). He stated without question the new law (as written) is problematic for the law enforcement. Sheriff Gualtieri went over the many aspects presented by Director Newman and concentrated heavily upon the legalization of Hemp plant material containing less than .3% THC. He cited many case examples exposing the new difficulty law enforcement will have

separating illegal actions from lawful actions. Sheriff Gualtieri stated there is a window of opportunity to explore options, not necessarily solutions, as the Florida Department of Agriculture has to establish rules and regulations for the new law first. He stated these rules and regulations have to be approved by the federal government which will most likely delay actual law implementation until within the year 2020.

Sheriff Gualtieri stated Director Newman performed some additional research toward laboratory testing of THC percentages and came up with two potential measuring solutions. He stated option one offered a less costly approach to determining THC percentages (to an above or below 1.0% threshold) and could be implemented in relatively short order. Sheriff Gualtieri stated option two offered an exact level of determining THC percentages but was far costlier than option one and also required a lengthier implementation time.

The Council considered the two options provided by Director Newman through Sheriff Gualtieri and unanimously concurred option one was the correct path forward at this time. State Attorney McCabe verbally introduced a motion to create a PPSC Resolution signifying Council support for option one and urges the Pinellas County Forensic Laboratory and the Pinellas County Medical Examiner's Office to seek funding from the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners to purchase equipment and employ staffing to accommodate the quantitative testing of Hemp THC to an above or below 1.0 percent threshold. Chief Anthony Holloway seconded the motion by State Attorney McCabe and the Council unanimously approved the PPSC Resolution 2019-4 (see attached).

8. Roundtable

- ❖ Chief Rick Doyle thanked Chief Deputy Dan Simovich and the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office for the assistance provided during a recent illicit drug arrest in the Town of Belleair.

Chief Doyle thanked the PASS Staff for their continued professional service as it related to assistance provided during a recent EOT application/employment matter.

- ❖ FBI SSRA Joe Boland advised Michael McPherson was named Special Agent in Charge of the Tampa Field Office by FBI Director Christopher Wray on July 1, 2019.

9. Adjourn

Chief Doyle and Dean Brian Frank

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