

**PALM BEACH COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION  
LAW ENFORCEMENT PLANNING COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**Thursday, October 24, 2019 - 9:30 a.m.**

Palm Springs Village Hall  
226 Cypress Lane  
Palm Springs, FL

**Members Present**

Chief Thomas A. Ceccarelli, Chairman, Palm Springs Public Safety Department  
Chief Sean Brammer, Vice Chairman, Florida Atlantic University Police Department  
Chief Richard Jenkins, North Palm Beach Police Department  
Chief Frank Kitzerow, Palm Beach County School District Police Department (Representative)  
Chief Dan Alexander, Boca Raton Police Department (Representative)  
Chief Brian Smith, Juno Beach Police Department  
Chief Dan Kerr, Jupiter Police Department (Representative)  
Chief Sean Scheller, Lantana Police Department  
Chief Carmen Mattox, Manalapan Police Department (Representative)  
Chief Hal Hutchins, Ocean Ridge Police Department (Representative)  
Chief Nicholas Caristo, Palm Beach Police Department  
Chief Clint Shannon, Palm Beach Gardens Police Department (Representative)  
Sheriff Ric Bradshaw, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office (Representative)  
Frank Mercurio, Resident Agent Supervisor, Florida Department of Law Enforcement  
Major Fred Rondeau, Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission  
Captain Frank Briganti, Bureau of Insurance Fraud  
Justin Fleck, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation (Representative)  
Sheldon Burkett, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Drug Enforcement Administration  
Eric Chan, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement  
Timothy Donohue, Resident Agent in Charge, U.S. Secret Service (Representative)  
Acting Chief Robert Crawford, VA Health Administration

**Members Absent**

Chief Robert Mangold, Atlantis Police Department  
Chief Michael Gregory, Boynton Beach Police Department  
Chief Javaro Sims, Delray Beach Police Department  
Chief Ed Allen, Gulf Stream Police Department  
Chief Craig Hartmann, Highland Beach Police Department  
Chief John Pruitt, Jupiter Inlet Colony Police Department  
Chief Wes Smith, Lake Clarke Shores Police Department  
Interim Chief Spencer Rozier, Riviera Beach Police Department  
Chief Gus Medina, Tequesta Police Department  
Chief Frank Adderley, West Palm Beach Police Department  
Major Robert Chandler, Florida Highway Patrol  
Troy Walker, Special Agent in Charge, Florida Department of Law Enforcement  
Bill Fraser, Chief Investigator, State Attorney's Office 15th Judicial Circuit  
Captain Juan Torres, Florida Division of Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco  
Robert Shirley, Resident Agent in Charge, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives  
Glen Wilner, Assistant Chief, U.S. Marshals Service  
David Brant, Supervisory Special Agent, Internal Revenue Service  
Pete Garcia, Federal Security Director, Transportation Security Administration  
Clay Crawford, Acting Patrol Agent in Charge, U.S. Border Patrol  
Acting Chief Robert Crawford, VA Health Administration

**Advisory Members Present**

Director Rick Rocco, Criminal Justice Institute of Palm Beach State College

Dr. Wendolyn Sneed, Palm Beach County Chief Medical Examiner  
Ellen Cohen, Assistant US Attorney, U.S. Attorney's Office  
Hon. Dave Aronberg, State Attorney, 15th Judicial Circuit  
Shawn Fagan, CJSTC Field Services Specialist, Florida Department of Law Enforcement  
Michelle Johns, Circuit Administrator, Florida Department of Corrections  
Gregory Starling, Chief Probation Officer, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice  
Stephanie Tew, Chief Assistant, Attorney General's Office of Statewide Prosecution

## **Advisory Members Absent**

None

## **Guests**

Major Adam Hirsch, Jupiter Police Department  
Assistant Chief Patrick McCutcheon, Palm Beach County School District Police Department  
Keith Clark, Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission  
Lieutenant Richard Jones, Ocean Ridge Police Department  
Angelique Pickett, Intelligence Led Policing Manager, Boca Raton Police Department  
Anton Tripolskii, JD, Training & Technical Assistance Specialist, Battered Women's Justice Project  
Susan Carlini, Victim Services Program Coordinator, Public Safety Department  
Rachel Saunders, Delray Beach Police Department  
Commander Tom Mitchell, Lantana Police Department  
Detective Larry Menniti, Palm Beach Police Department  
Tate Yeatman, Crime Laboratory Director  
Captain Steven Strivelli, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office  
Lieutenant Sean Bozdech, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office  
Daniel Villacci, Department of Children and Families  
Hampton Peterson, Legal Counsel & Ethics Officer, Clerk & Comptroller Palm Beach County  
Bill Johnson, Director Emergency Management, Public Safety  
Deputy Chief Michele Miuccio, Boca Raton Police Department  
Brian Fernandes, Public Corruption Prosecutor, State Attorney's Office  
Stewart Saalfeld, Court Analyst, Court Administration  
Assistant Chief Marty Bechtel, Palm Beach Gardens Police Department  
Major Mark Alexander, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office  
Robert Karl, U.S. Secret Service  
Assistant Chief Vanessa Snow, Boynton Beach Police Department  
Megan Legall, Crime Analyst, Atlantis Police Department  
Ralph Saccone, PBC Medical Examiner's Office  
Stuart Robinson, PBC Office of Inspector General  
Latronda Hayes, Manager Court Services, Public Safety  
Assistant Director Dennis Weiner, Palm Beach County School District Police Department  
Mike Edmondson, PBC State Attorney's Office  
Al Johnson, PBC State Attorney's Office  
Scott Penney, Chief Investigator of the Public Defender's Office  
Craig Williams, Chief Assistant State Attorney, State Attorney's Office  
Ted Gonzales, Director of Business Development, LEX  
SSA Rickey Dickerson, FBI  
Sergeant Bruce Hoffman, Atlantis Police Department  
Captain Tom Melnichok, Palm Beach Police Department  
Tina Heysler, Palm Springs Police Department  
Dr. Seth Bernstein, United Way of Palm Beach County  
Assistant Chief Dominick Pape, Palm Beach Gardens Police Department  
Andrea Rocha, Manager- Court Operations, Circuit Criminal

## **CJC Staff Present**

Katherine Shover, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst  
Jonathan Hackley, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst  
Brad Allen, Criminal Justice Analyst

- I. Opening comments by Chief Tom Ceccarelli, Chairman.
- II. Roll Call

III. Introduction of Guests

IV. The agenda and minutes were approved by a motion from Chief Richard Jenkins and second by Chief Brian Smith.

V. Presentations/Update

- a. Anton Tripolskii, JD, Training & Technical Assistance Specialist with the Battered Women's Justice Project provided an overview of the 3-year project to improve criminal justice responses to Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) in Palm Beach County. The three major components of the project are: 1) identifying and filling gaps in IPV training; 2) strengthening Palm Beach County's coordinated community response; and 3) continuously assessing agency and systemic responses to IPV. A detailed report was included in the meeting packet.
- b. Lt. Sean Bozdech, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office presented an update about the PBC Human Trafficking Task Force. He advised that the Task Force is federally funded and started January 1, 2017. He noted that Palm Beach County ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> in Florida for the number of suspected HT cases. Some of the additional stats that he covered included that the majority of victims are US citizens or permanent residents. Over a third of all sex trafficking cases involve minor victims and the average age of entry into prostitution is 12-14 years old. He also noted that they have received/investigated 144 cases since the inception of the Task Force. They have identified and offered services to 101 victims (24 were under the age of 18). Currently they have 50 active investigations and 6 proactive operations. He also noted that 48 suspects have been arrested and 27 found guilty/pled guilty to HT related crimes. Please let him know if you need additional information about participating in the Task Force.

VI. Business

- a. The 2020 LEPC meeting schedule was approved.
- b. Chief Sean Brammer and Chief Clint Shannon were unanimously elected Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively.
- c. Kristina Henson, Executive Director, Criminal Justice Commission provided information related to the financial troubles of the Jerome Golden Center (JGC). She noted that the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) is working closely with all involved to ensure the impact is as minimal as possible to the clients served by the Center and to law enforcement operations. An update was provided to the BCC on Tuesday from the Southeast Florida Behavioral Network (SEFBHN). SEFBHN is the managing entity empowered by the Florida Legislature to distribute state funds through DCF for various mental

health agencies throughout the county, and is leading the efforts to establish and maintain services for former JGC clients. In addition, SEFBN is working to relocate JGC staff. She recommended that if agencies have any comments or suggestions to reach out to the BCC.

VII. Liaison Updates

- a. **Data Sharing:** No report.
- b. **Recruitment and Retention:** Chief Smith noted that the report was included in the packet.
- c. **Community Engagement Team:** No report.
- d. **Criminal Justice Institute:** No report.
- e. **SART:** Report was included in the packet.
- f. **School Safety:** Kristina Henson advised that the committee is on hold for a couple months to complete a review of the PBSO Work Release program.
- g. **State Attorney's Office:** Craig Williams will address a couple law enforcement sensitive matters after the meeting.

VIII. Member/Guest Comments

- a. Chief Smith recognized Chief Ceccarelli for his outstanding service as Chairman to the Law Enforcement Planning Council.

IX. Attachments

- a. SART Update
- b. BWJP Presentation and Progress Report
- c. Human Trafficking Presentation
- d. Meeting Schedule
- e. Staffing Survey

X. Next Meeting: January 23, 2020 Palm Springs Village Hall