Dear Palm Beach County Resident:

It is an honor to have the Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission featured in PBC TV- Channel 20, March 2021 Edition.

The Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) was established by ordinance in 1988 and 2021 marks its 33rd year as an advisory board to the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners. Its purpose is to study all aspects of the crime prevention and criminal justice systems within the federal, state, county, municipal, and private agencies within the county. It also includes studying the health and human services, education, and other systems as they pertain to crime prevention and criminal justice.

Last year, shortly after the death of George Floyd, the Board of County Commissioners directed County Administration to work in collaboration with Black Elected Officials of PBC (BEO) and the CJC to examine policing in Palm Beach County. This project began with a survey of the 23 local law enforcement agencies in Palm Beach County asking about their policies and procedures relating to chokeholds/neck restraints, officer training and accountability, body cameras and community policing to name a few. We learned that a large majority of these agencies had policies and procedure in place that would minimize such an occurrence here in Palm Beach County.

We have learned there is still a need and desire for deeper conversations and collaborative actions with community residents and law enforcement, the courts, corrections and other system stakeholders. Therefore, the CJC, through its Community Engagement Task Force, launched the first of these conversations by hosting its first Community Forums on Policing in July 2020. As of this writing, seven (7) forums will have been held with the most recent taking place on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at the Hagen Ranch Library in Delray Beach.

Our next steps will be to move from forums to community-based dialogues into sustainable actions. Community Partnerships of South Florida will partner with the CJC and take the lead in organizing this work; ensuring community participation reflects the diversity throughout our communities. Beginning in June 2021, the community dialogues will be led in the communities representing the nine forums and will be facilitated by trained local facilitators over a six-week period. As a result of these dialogues, sometime in September or early October 2021, it is hopeful that these nine sites will formulate agreed upon action steps that will roll-up into a comprehensive community action plan that will move us into an era that produces systemic, livable, equitable, and sustainable change beyond this project.

If you would like more information about the Criminal Justice Commission and its work, please contact Regenia Herring, Executive Director at (561) 355-4943.
## MARCH 2021

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### Capitol Update

The annual gathering of State Lawmakers this month is drawing attention to Tallahassee. Find out how the 2021 Florida Legislative Session will impact Palm Beach County and your community. Tune in weeknights and watch "Capitol Update" on PBC TV for nightly coverage of the legislative session!

**Airs Monday thru Friday at 10:00pm, Saturdays and Sundays at 4:00pm**

### PBC TV Presents

It’s been a busy few weeks for PBC TV cameras capturing the dedication of new and improved facilities across the county. Palm Tran recently generated excitement with the Grand Opening of its new Delray Beach Headquarters. Also Lake Villages at the Glades was the focus of attention. Tune in for a tour along with and see other happenings around the county!

**Airs Weekdays at 11:30am, 4:30pm and 10:30pm and Sundays 11:30am**

### Behind The Star

This month the Palm Beach County Sheri’s Office gives you critica information on how to avoid becoming a victim of phone scammers. Witness how you can put a stop to the next con artist that calls. Also see how PBSO is honoring some of its own stars for their outstanding work serving and protecting Palm Beach County.

**Airs Mondays at 8:00pm, Tuesdays at 7:30pm, Wednesdays at 6:00pm, Thursdays and Fridays at 9:00am, Saturdays at 2:30pm and Sundays at 1:30pm**
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**Safety Matters**

Palm Beach County Fire Rescue’s community education program has some valuable spring time safety tips for the entire family. This episode focuses on avoiding fire hazards in the kitchen, bathroom and other areas around home. Plus, you’ll get information on the proper installation of child car safety seats.

Airs Mondays and Wednesdays at 9:00 a, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:00pm, Fridays at 3:30pm and Saturdays at 11:00a

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**Beyond The Book**

We are turning the page and introducing you to what makes your Palm Beach County Library a special place to visit. You’ll also find out all the library services you can access without leaving home. Watch the latest edition of “Beyond The Book” to see what’s free for you at the library.

Airs Mondays at 10:30am, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 2:30pm, Thursdays at 9:30am, Fridays at 10:30am, Saturdays at 1:30pm and Sundays at 8:30am

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PBC Board of County Commissioners Meetings are presented live on 1st & 3rd Tuesdays.

PBC Planning Commission Meetings are presented live on the 2nd Fridays, preempting regular programming on those days.

PBC Zoning Meetings are presented live on the 1st and 4th Thursdays, preempting regular programming on those days.

PBC Commission on Ethics Meetings are presented live on 1st Thursdays, preempting regular programming on those days.

PBC School District Board Meetings and Workshops are presented live on Wednesdays, preempting regular programming.
Word Search

Palm Beach County
Natural Areas Week
MARCH 17TH - MARCH 24TH

JOIN US FOR A FREE ADVENTURE!
Kayaking, trail running, swamp tromps, bike ride, hikes, fire walk, astronomy, bird watching and more...

MORE INFO AT WWW.PBCERM.COM
REGISTER AT PBCERM.EVENTBRITE.COM
Join us for the 7th in a series of forums for an insightful, open dialogue that will allow the public an opportunity to ask questions of representatives of law enforcement regarding policing in Palm Beach County.

A Forum on Policing in Palm Beach County
~ West Delray & West Boynton~

Wednesday, March 10, 2021
6:00 - 7:30 PM
Hagen Ranch Road Library
14350 Hagen Ranch Road
Delray Beach, FL 33446

Questions
Advance questions can be submitted with your RSVP or live during the event.

RSVP Now!
In-person attendance limited to 60, all others can participate via Webex.

Scan QR code to RSVP or visit:
pbegov.com/criminaljustice
for all event information.

MODERATOR:
Captain Shawn Eastman
District Commander: District 6 - West Boynton Beach

Major Christopher Keane
Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office
South Regional Bureau

MODERATOR:
Barbara Cheives
President, Converge and Associates

Ted White
Public Information Manager, Delray Beach Police Department

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SOUND THE ALARM!

FREE VIRTUAL CLASSES!

Hands Only CPR
General Fire Safety
Fire Safety in the Workplace
Fire Extinguishers
Fall Prevention
Car Seat Installations
Stop the Bleed
Babysitting 101
Home Fire Safety
Hurricane Safety

https://discover.pbcgov.org/pbcfr/CRRD/Pages/Community-Education.aspx
Criminal Justice Commission

Membership

21 Public Sector Members

State Attorney, 15th Judicial Circuit
Public Defender, 15th Judicial Circuit
Palm Beach County Sheriff
Palm Beach County Clerk of Court
Chief Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit
Administrative Juvenile Division Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit
Chief, West Palm Beach Police Department
Member, Board of County Commissioners
Member, Chiefs of Police Association
Member, Criminal Defense Lawyers Association
Member, League of Cities
Member, Legislative Delegation
Member, School Board
President, Crime Prevention Officers Association
Chief Probation Officer
Florida Department of Juvenile Justice
Circuit Administrator
Florida Department of Corrections
Special Agent Supervisor
Florida Dept of Law Enforcement
Resident Agent in Charge
Drug Enforcement Administration
Resident Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Assistant U.S. Attorney
U.S. Attorney’s Office
Resident Agent in Charge
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives

10 Private Sector Members

Economic Council of Palm Beach County

1 Private Sector Member

Clergy Representative

Core Values

An efficient, effective, and timely criminal justice system is vital for the health, safety, and welfare of the County.

Crime is best addressed through cooperative efforts that involve both public and private sectors.

Neutral leadership is the best foundation for examining issues in a fair and independent process (not directed by any single criminal justice agency).

Decisions made by a consensus of all interested parties is fundamental to unity.

An open forum for the discussion of issues is imperative for genuine and candid debate.

Success is more certain when all interested parties have a voice in crafting solutions.

Expertise and experience of local professionals is an invaluable knowledge base to draw upon.

Successful model programs and national/international trends can benefit local communities.

Courage to seek bold, innovative approaches produces remarkable results.
The CJC was created by a Palm Beach County Ordinance in 1988. It has 21 public sector members representing local, state, and federal criminal justice and governmental agencies, 10 private sector business leaders representing the Economic Council of Palm Beach County, and 1 clergy member nominated by a variety of clergy associations in the county.

The CJC believes in a holistic approach to addressing crime, involving practically every branch of government in collaboration with the private sector and citizens. CJC members take their role seriously and dedicate much of their own time and effort toward making the system more effective. Residents of Palm Beach County can be proud that their local officials and private sector come together on a regular basis to make the local system of justice the best it can be.

The CJC has succeeded in creating partnerships among criminal justice, government, businesses, and community agencies in the County. Uniting public and private forces, the CJC has created community programs, developed and implemented plans for a more efficient criminal justice system, and succeeded in finding over $20 million in new sources of program funds. Through the partnerships it has created, the CJC strives to achieve its ultimate goal – strengthening the criminal justice system in Palm Beach County.

Below is a sampling of these initiatives:

- Palm Beach County Pretrial Services
- Palm Beach County Adult Drug Court
- Gang Resistance Education & Training (GREAT) Program
- Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Program
- Youth Empowerment Centers
- Reentry Program
- Law Enforcement Exchange (LEX)
- Law Enforcement Planning Council
- MacArthur Foundation Safety and Justice Challenge Core Site
- Community Engagement Events to Build Trust
- Body Worn Camera Clearinghouse
- Criminal Justice Data Dashboard

MISSION

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VISION

Cultivate and enrich local criminal justice practice, policy, and program development by serving as a catalyst to bring together criminal justice and related agencies in partnerships.

OBJECTIVES

To provide overall coordination to law enforcement and crime prevention efforts in the county.

To provide an efficient, cost-effective and timely criminal justice system in the county.

To effect the reduction of crime in the county on a permanent basis.
If you feel you have not been treated fairly:

I hope that this information will give you an understanding of police procedures and let you know what to do if stopped.

If you are frustrated or dissatisfied with your interaction, or feel you were not treated fairly, ask the officer questions to clarify the situation but do not argue the issue.

If you don’t want to speak to the officer, you can call the local law enforcement agency to report the incident to a supervisor.

WE WANT YOU TO HAVE A SAFE ENCOUNTER

Most people realize that law enforcement is a difficult and dangerous profession. Every year in the United States, more than a hundred officers are killed in the line of duty. For this reason, officers place a great deal of emphasis on officer safety and survival. They have families and friends who expect to see them at the end of their workday, just like you.

Certain safety practices are instilled in officers from the first day of their careers. Although these procedures maximize officer safety, they may seem impolite or offensive to law-abiding people who may not consider such precautions necessary. Although people may have no intention of doing harm, officers usually maintain a defensive posture until they feel there is no risk of confrontation or injury.

Following the tips in this brochure will ensure that your encounter with an officer is routine.

Remember to be courteous and cooperative in any stop by law enforcement. If you are courteous and cooperative, they will respond in kind.

WHAT TO DO WHEN STOPPED BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

by the Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission Community Engagement Task Force

Know Your RIGHTS and RESPONSIBILITIES
This information is intended to help you have safe and positive experiences with law enforcement officers. Remember that, each year, officers are killed or seriously injured while making routine stops. The safety of you and the officers is important to us. With this in mind, there are things that you can do to help lessen the unease of this experience.

A Message from Us

When an officer stops you in your car

As far as officers are concerned, there is no such thing as a “routine” traffic stop. Every stop has the potential for danger. Following these guidelines will result in a safe experience:

- Keep your hands visible to the officer at all times.
- Safely pull over as soon as you can to a safe place when the officer activates their emergency lights.
- Remain calm.
- If it is dark, turn on the interior light.
- Do not get out of your car unless asked to do so. This is for safety reasons.
- Keep your hands on the steering wheel so the officer can see them.
- Avoid any sudden movements.
- Tell the officer if you have any weapons in your car and their location.
- If asked, give the officer your driver’s license, proof of insurance, and vehicle registration. Florida law requires that you carry these with you. You should keep these documents together.
- If your documents are out of reach, tell the officer where they are before you reach for them.
- Tell the officer before you reach for something.
- If asked to sign a citation, do so. It is not an admission of guilt, but means that you will comply with the instructions on the ticket. In some instances, failure to sign could result in your arrest.

Why do officers stop people?

There are many reasons why you might be stopped by a law enforcement officer. Whatever the reason, the officer needs your cooperation.

- You may have committed a traffic violation.
- You may fit the description of a suspect.
- Your vehicle may match the description of one used in a crime.
- The officer might think you are in trouble and need help.
- You may have witnessed a crime.

If an officer stops you on the street

The officer does not wish to detain you any longer than necessary. If the officer hasn’t told you why you have been stopped, you may inquire.

Remember:

- Be courteous.
- Follow all lawful instructions by the officer.
- Keep your hands visible to the officer.
- Don’t run. It makes you look guilty of something and you could fall and injure yourself.
- Don’t get in the way of an officer taking someone you are with into custody. You could be arrested for interfering.
The Citizen’s Criminal Justice Academy was created in 1998 by the Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission to provide an opportunity for citizens to learn more about how the criminal justice system functions in Palm Beach County.

The course outline was developed jointly by the Criminal Justice Commission and the Palm Beach State College.

The Citizen’s Academy features speakers from the local, state and federal criminal justice system and provides a unique insight into how the system functions and how the different court, corrections and law enforcement agencies interact.
Introduction to Criminal Justice System
- Local & State Law Enforcement
- Federal Law Enforcement Agencies
- Criminal Court Case Process
- State & Federal Defense & Prosecution
- Juvenile Justice
- State & Local Corrections
- Special Service Programs
- Graduation

The Criminal Justice Commission sponsors academies several times per year. Each class size is limited to 50 per session. A class has been added for the western communities.

The Academy is free and registration must be made in advance by calling the Criminal Justice Commission at (561) 355-4943.

An informational packet will be mailed that includes a course description and a registration form.

Applications are also available on the CJC website: www.pbcgov.com/criminaljustice

Click on the “Programs” link.

Speakers Include Representatives From:
- Judiciary
- State Attorney
- Public Defender
- Private Defense Counsel
- Local and State Corrections
- Palm Beach County’s Sheriff’s Office
- Florida Department of Law Enforcement
- Florida Department of Juvenile Justice
- United States Attorney’s Office
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Drug Enforcement Administration
- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Explosives & Firearms

The speakers discuss the role their agencies play in the criminal justice system and the size and mission of their agencies.

Important Information:
- No fee involved
- Twelve evenings
- 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Location of the Academy
Four Academy nights are held mainly at the West Palm Beach Police Department.
The remaining classes are held at the Main County Courthouse and the Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office Main headquarters in West Palm Beach. The sessions also involve tours to:
- Sheriff’s Office 9-1-1 Communications Center
- Sheriff’s Office Main Detention Center
- Medical Examiner’s Office

The last night features graduation with a keynote speaker, followed by individual and class photographs.

All participants receive a Certificate of Recognition.
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1. Are you aware the Criminal Justice Commission was established as an advisory board to the Board of County Commissioners in 1988?  ❑ Yes  ❑ No

2. Are you aware that the CJC offers a 12-week Citizen’s Criminal Justice Academy for adults and high-school aged youth?  ❑ Yes  ❑ No

3. Are you aware that you can register for the Citizen’s Criminal Justice Academy online at, https://discover.pbcgov.org/criminaljustice/Pages/default.aspx?  ❑ Yes  ❑ No

4. Are you aware, CJC is hosting Policing Forums throughout Palm Beach County that are presented live on PBC TV Ch20?  ❑ Yes  ❑ No

5. Did you know all Policing Forums are available online for on demand viewing on the CJC website?  ❑ Yes  ❑ No

6. If you answered “Yes” to any of the above questions, how did you learned about the Criminal Justice Commission?  ❑ TV  ❑ PBC TV Channel 20  ❑ Monthly Program Guide  ❑ Radio  ❑ Newspaper  ❑ Online  ❑ Facebook  ❑ YouTube  ❑ Family/Friend/Neighbor  ❑ Other

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