

MINUTES

Tuesday, May 29, 2018 – 12:00 p.m.

**PALM BEACH COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION
LAW ENFORCEMENT PLANNING COUNCIL
SCHOOL SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE**

CJC Conference Room
10th Floor, 301 N. Olive Avenue
West Palm Beach



Members Present:

Chairman Judge James Martz, Administrative Juvenile Division Judge
Barry Krischer, CJC Vice Chairman
Chief Larry Leon, Palm Beach County School District Police Department
Frank Mercurio, Resident Agent in Charge, Florida Department of Law Enforcement
Lynn Powell, Chief of the Juvenile Division, State Attorney's Office
Greg Starling, Chief Probation Officer, Department of Juvenile Justice

Guests Present:

Amity Schuyler, Chief of Staff, Palm Beach County School District
Wanda Paul, Chief Operating Officer, Palm Beach County School District
Holly DiBenedetto, Victim Services Program Manager, Public Safety

CJC Staff Present:

Kristina Henson, Executive Director of the Criminal Justice Commission
Katherine Shover, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst, Criminal Justice Commission

- I. Welcome and Opening Comments – *Chairman Martz*
- II. Introductions
- III. The agenda and minutes were approved.
- IV. Business
 - a. **Catalog of Efforts** – Chairman Martz noted that he will be meeting with Superintendent Fennoy to discuss the role of the subcommittee. To assist with our role he suggested that staff start a catalog of efforts going on in the

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County so we can track what is being done and by whom. A general discussion about recent legislation and efforts was then held. Mr. Krischer recommended that if an event occurs there should be a single voice. He also inquired about whether CIT training is sufficient in addressing these situations. Director Henson mentioned that PERF is reviewing best practice policies for the report they are preparing for PBSO. Chief Leon noted that an incident command center would be established by his agency if a significant event were to occur on school grounds. Ms. Powell provided an update on the Grand Jury that finished last Wednesday. She advised that anyone named in the report has 15 days to challenge the findings. Ms. Schuyler mentioned that they are working on a system to navigate mental health services. Ms. DiBenedetto commented that they are working with the County's Emergency Operations Center, Youth Services, and Victim Services to establish plans for after a significant event to include the establishment of a family reception center to reunite victims with family members and provide on-site counseling.

- b. **Symposium for Lead Law Enforcement Trainers** – Chairman Martz suggested that one area this Subcommittee could add value is holding a full-day training symposium. This would include only the heads of the local law enforcement training departments. The purpose would be to share how they are training their officers to respond to active attack situations. This would highlight areas where policies are shared or differences. Discussion could then be considered for next steps.
- c. **Feedback and thoughts from members** – Ms. Schuyler inquired if law enforcement is proactive in reviewing high risk cases. Mr. Krischer suggested using LEX. Chief Leon noted that a red flag can now be entered into FCIC. Mr. Mercurio mentioned the need to review the PERF and Grand Jury reports. Ms. Paul discussed how they plan to navigate adding an officer to each school. She noted that they intend to keep the police department intact and expand over time. Mr. Starling mentioned that kids touch a lot of other agencies and navigation is difficult for parents.

Next meeting will be held on June 18 at 12:30 PM.