

MINUTES

Monday, June 18, 2018 – 12:30 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 Frank Kitzerow, Jupiter Police Department

Frank DeMario, Chief of Law Enforcement, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
(Represented by Major Sean Murray)

Lynn Powell, Chief of the Juvenile Division, State Attorney's Office

Holly DiBenedetto, Victim Services Program Manager, Public Safety

Greg Starling, Chief Probation Officer, Department of Juvenile Justice

Guests Present:

Gerald Richman, CJC Chairman

CJC Staff Present:

Kristina Henson, Executive Director of the Criminal Justice Commission

Katherine Shover, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst, Criminal Justice Commission

Aleita Kinman, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst, Criminal Justice Commission

I. Welcome and Opening Comments – *Chairman Martz*

Chairman Martz congratulated Chief Kitzerow on his selection as the next Chief of Police for the School District of Palm Beach County. He also mentioned that the Grand Jury report hasn't been released yet.

II. Introductions

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III. The agenda and minutes were approved.

IV. Business

- a. **DCF Regional Director's Meeting** – Director Henson provided background information about the meeting that will be held on July 17, 2018. She also reviewed the Executive Order included in the meeting packet. Chief Kitzerow mentioned that a meeting will be held in late July with the Florida Police Chiefs Association. He asked to let him know if anyone has any legislative requests.
- b. **Risk Protection Orders (RPOs)** – There was a general discussion about RPOs. Director Henson advised that an Administrative Order (AO) was recently signed by the Chief Judge. The AO was presented at the last Law Enforcement Planning Council meeting by the General Counsel from Court Administration and the Clerk and Comptroller's Office. Chairman Martz expressed some concerns about the procedure of addressing these cases including the fast pace of juvenile processing and he thought that they should be addressed by a juvenile judge who may have prior knowledge of the individuals.
- c. **PERF's Report on PBSO Active Attack Response and Preparedness** – Major Murray reviewed the PERF report and its recommendations. He said his agency is working through some policy amendments per these recommendations and pointed out that they have always trained staff to enter a building without waiting for backup when active shooting is heard at a scene. He also mentioned that they are purchasing additional ballistic shields and may purchase rifle protected vests. Mr. Krischer commended Sheriff Bradshaw for bringing in PERF to examine their policies. He also recommended inviting Palm Beach County Fire Rescue to participate in this Subcommittee as they are referenced in the report. All agreed.

There was a general discussion about the report. Major Murray advised that they are currently doing active shooter training with the schools. Chief Kitzerow mentioned some of the benefits of the new LEX platform including the emergency notification component and the ability to upload blueprints into the system. He also noted that they do a walk-through of the schools every year to review what went well. There was a discussion about the need for marking buildings and issues with self-deployment at these incidents. The committee also discussed single point of entry and metal detectors. Chief Kitzerow recommended two points of entry. He also noted that metal detectors are very labor intensive.

- d. **Review of local requirements from the school safety legislation SB 7026** – Director Henson reviewed the summary requirements. A handout was also included in the packet.

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- e. **Feedback and thoughts from members** – Chairman Martz mentioned that he asked Lisa Williams from Children Services Council to attend the next meeting. Chief Kitzerow recommended creating a national model like the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children. He stated that it is a basic right for children to have education in a safe environment. The committee thought that was a great idea. Chairman Martz noted he will attend the next LEPC meeting to discuss the training symposium. Director Henson advised that staff is still compiling studies to help develop best practices.

Next meeting will be held on July 16 at 12:10 PM