

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

Thursday, January 28, 2021 – 9:30 a.m.

Meeting was held online via Zoom

Members Present

Chief Sean Brammer, Chairman, Florida Atlantic University Police Department
Chief Clint Shannon, Vice Chairman, Palm Beach Gardens Police Department
Chief Richard Jenkins, North Palm Beach Police Department
Chief Frank Kitzerow, Palm Beach County School District Police Department (Represented by Deputy Chief Dan Alexander)
Chief Michele Miuccio, Boca Raton Police Department
Chief Javaro Sims, Delray Beach Police Department
Chief Ed Allen, Gulf Stream Police Department
Chief Craig Hartmann, Highland Beach Police Department
Chief Brian Smith, Juno Beach Police Department
Chief Sean Scheller, Lantana Police Department
Chief Carmen Mattox, Manalapan Police Department
Chief Hal Hutchins, Ocean Ridge Police Department
Chief Nicholas Caristo, Palm Beach Police Department
Chief Thomas A. Ceccarelli, Palm Springs Public Safety Department
Chief Nathan Osgood, Riviera Beach Police Department
Chief Gus Medina, Tequesta Police Department
Sheriff Ric Bradshaw, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office (Represented by Chief Frank DeMario, Commander Law Enforcement Operations)
Troy Walker, Special Agent in Charge, Florida Department of Law Enforcement
Eric Jester, Resident Agent in Charge, Florida Department of Law Enforcement
Bill Fraser, Chief Investigator, State Attorney's Office 15th Judicial Circuit
Captain Frank Briganti, Bureau of Insurance Fraud
Eric Chan, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
Pete Garcia, Federal Security Director, Transportation Security Administration
Chief Robert Crawford, VA Health Administration

Members Absent

Chief Robert Mangold, Atlantis Police Department
Chief Michael Gregory, Boynton Beach Police Department
Chief Dan Kerr, Jupiter Police Department
Chief John Pruitt, Jupiter Inlet Colony Police Department
Chief Wes Smith, Lake Clarke Shores Police Department
Chief Frank Adderley, West Palm Beach Police Department
Major Robert Chandler, Florida Highway Patrol
Major Fred Rondeau, Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission
Captain Juan Torres, Florida Division of Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco
Thomas Jones, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Sheldon Burkett, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Drug Enforcement Administration

Christopher Orcinolo, Resident Agent in Charge, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives
Assistant Chief Deputy Dan Torchia, U.S. Marshals Service
Timothy Donohue, Resident Agent in Charge, U.S. Secret Service
David Brant, Supervisory Special Agent, Internal Revenue Service
Angel Belen, Patrol Agent in Charge, U.S. Border Patrol

Advisory Members Present

Director Joseph Tata, Criminal Justice Institute of Palm Beach State College
Dr. Wendolyn Sneed, Palm Beach County Chief Medical Examiner (Represented by Paul Petrino, Manager of Medical Examiner Operations)
Anthony LaCosta, Managing Assistant United States Attorney, U.S. Attorney's Office
Sivashree Sundaram, Chief: Narcotics and Violent Crimes, U.S. Attorney's Office
Hon. Dave Aronberg, State Attorney, 15th Judicial Circuit
Shawn Fagan, CJSTC Field Services Specialist, Florida Department of Law Enforcement
Gregory Starling, Chief Probation Officer, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice
Stephanie Tew, Chief Assistant, Attorney General's Office of Statewide Prosecution
Michelle Johns, Circuit Administrator, Florida Department of Corrections

Advisory Members Absent

None

Guests

Captain Keith Clark, Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission
Captain John Crane-Baker, Delray Beach Police Department
Michelle Cruz, Director of Case Management, Court Administration
Michael B. Edmondson, Executive Assistant, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Palm Beach County
Captain Randy Foley, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
Ted Gonzales, Executive Director, Palm Beach County Association of Chiefs' of Police and LEX
Robin Griffin-Kitzerow, Deputy Chief, Florida Atlantic University Police Department
Latronda Hayes, Manager Court Services, Public Safety
Captain Darrell Hunter, Delray Beach Police Department
Greg Kridos, Chief of Intake, State Attorney's Office
Kevin Lashells, Lieutenant, Division of Investigative & Forensic Services, Bureau of Insurance Fraud
Assistant Chief Russ Mager, Delray Beach Police Department
Judge James Martz, Circuit Court Judge
Captain Michael Moschette, Delray Beach Police Department
Danielle Ouellette, LCSW, Behavioral Services Division, PBC Sheriff's Office
Assistant Chief Dominick Pape, Palm Beach Gardens Police Department
Scott Penney, Chief Investigator of the Public Defender's Office
Paul Petrino, Manager of Medical Examiner Operations, PBC Medical Examiners Office
Angelique Pickett, Intelligence Led Policing Manager, Boca Raton Police Department
Lieutenant Will Rothrock, Palm Beach Police Department
Dr. Gena Rowlands, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
Major Spencer L. Rozier, Riviera Beach Police Department
Assistant Chief Gene Sapino, Delray Beach Police Department
Lyliah Skinner, Marjory Stoneman Douglas Alumnae
Dr. Precious Skinner-Osei, Florida Atlantic University
Louis Tomeo, Director - Court Operations, Criminal Court Services
Eddie Thompson, Section Manager, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, Palm Beach Regional Fusion Center
Wendy Unger, Assistant Chief of Investigations, Office of Inspector General
Daniel Villacci, Department of Children and Families
Craig Williams, Chief Assistant State Attorney, State Attorney's Office

Richard Withers, Supervisory Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Border Patrol

CJC Staff Present

Regenia Herring, Executive Director

Katherine Shover, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst

Allison Orr, Administrative Assistant

I. Opening comments by Chief Sean Brammer, Chairman.

- a. Chairman Brammer asked agencies to please sign in by chat. He congratulated Sheriff Ric Bradshaw on being re-elected and thanked him for his contributions to Palm Beach County. He also congratulated Chief Daniel Kerr, Jupiter Police Department on his upcoming retirement.

II. Roll Call

III. Introduction of Guests

IV. The Agenda/Minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

- V. PBC School & Community Violence Prevention Grant: Dr. Gena Rowlands, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, advised that her primary role is identifying and managing federal grants that support unfunded projects or fortify existing programs. Most often she searches for funding based upon an interest or need that has been expressed by command staff. A phone call and subsequent conversations with Dr. Skinner-Osei inspired Dr. Rowlands to learn as much as she could about mass violence incidents and related potential grant funding opportunities. She provided an overview of the PBC School & Community Violence Prevention Grant that was awarded by the Department of Justice in October 2018 and implemented at the end of 2019 after a long planning phase. The project goal is to prevent future acts of mass violence in PBC. Key elements of the grant include collaboration, implementing evidenced based strategies, and a robust public awareness campaign.

Captain Randy Foley, Behavioral Services Division, PBSO, reviewed some of the goals that the team has accomplished. He mentioned that instead of creating another task force they joined the Criminal Justice Commission's PBC School & Community Safety Initiative Behavioral Health Track Team. The group is working on identifying gaps in the mental health system and proactive measures to protect the community. PBSO partnered with Florida Atlantic University as a third party evaluator to make data driven decisions. They are doing real time project evaluation to look at how they are working with the community. In addition, they partnered with their local mental health facilities to provide on-scene crisis intervention and assessment. He noted that extensive research was conducted to determine the best evidence-based risk assessment to fit the needs of

the community. He also discussed working with the CJC on the public awareness campaign that will include a website, billboards, and public service announcements.

Dr. Rowlands introduced Dr. Precious Skinner-Osei and Lyliah Skinner who attended the meeting to describe their firsthand experience as victims and survivors of this very preventable tragedy. Dr. Skinner-Osei recounted the events that occurred the day of the Parkland tragedy. She was relieved to hear that Lyliah was okay. Even though she was less than a mile away, it felt like she was in another country. Dr. Skinner-Osei mentioned the struggles she has experienced as a mother, as well as the concern about Lyliah going away to college. Although she has been an educator for 21 years, she never imagined an incident would happen so close to her. She also shared how the tragedy impacted her sense of safety at work and the trauma to the community.

Lyliah Skinner shared her story noting that the day was fairly normal with a fire drill earlier in the day. A second fire alarm went off which was confusing, because they don't normally have two drills in the same day. They started hearing loud bangs and weren't sure what to do. She decided to go to a neighboring building to hide with friends. They were in denial because they couldn't see what was happening, but could hear the incident. It wasn't until they used someone's laptop in the classroom that they realized that an active shooter was on the campus. Around five o'clock they were allowed to leave. After the incident, she felt numb as it was difficult to process all the emotions. Even though it has been about three years, she still struggles with feeling safe at college.

Chairman Brammer thanked Dr. Skinner-Osei and Lyliah Skinner for sharing their stories. He mentioned the importance of the grant that was discussed by Dr. Rowlands and Captain Foley to prevent future tragedies. He recognized Chief Kitzerow and Deputy Chief Alexander for their work on the Active Shooter Hostile Event Response protocol. He noted that not only law enforcement, but also fire departments have been working on a coordinated response to incidents. In addition, he recognized Judge Martz who is the Chair of the PBC School & Community Safety Initiative. Chairman Brammer noted that these projects are a testament to their commitment to ensure the safety of students in PBC. Deputy Chief Alexander also mentioned that Chief Kitzerow has put together a robust prevention, intervention, and diversion program. They welcomed anyone to reach out to them if they have questions about school safety.

- VI. Issue with Driver License Suspensions: Louis Tomeo, Director - Court Operations, Criminal Court Services advised that some customers are reporting that driver licenses that were reinstated after the citation and late fees were paid are showing as suspended again. They also noticed that driver license clearances that they reported to the DMV are not being entered timely in their system. So some licenses are showing as suspended in the system even after the fine was paid. A memo from the DMV was sent out the LEPC detailing issues that they have been having since the DMV implemented their new system in December. The Clerk's Office is advising customers to keep their receipts and

certificates of compliance with them in case they need to provide proof of payment or compliance. Officers concerned about the status of a case can check the ECaseView System.

VII. New Business

- a. Elections – Chief Sean Brammer was unanimously elected as Chairman. Chief Hal Hutchins and Director Herring thanked Chief Brammer for accepting the nomination to serve a second term. In accordance to the LEPC Bylaws, Chief Hutchins will be the new Vice Chairman.

VIII. Liaison Updates

- a. **Data Sharing:** No report.
- b. **Community Engagement Team:** Chief Sims mentioned that the third policing forum for the Glades area was very successful. He thanked the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office and the Criminal Justice Commission for their participation in the event. He mentioned that the forums have been a positive tool to promote transparency between law enforcement and the community. Chief Sims encouraged participation from other agencies. Director Herring noted that the format has changed since the first forum with just law enforcement addressing questions from the community. She feels like the forums are a great opportunity for law enforcement to connect in a broader respect with the community as they had about 100 people online. The next one is scheduled for February 10th in Lake Worth then a forum will be held in Royal Palm. Director Herring recognized Chief Sims, Barbara Cheives and law enforcement for their participation in these events. Chairman Brammer asked that Katherine Shover send out a reminder prior to future forums.
- c. **Criminal Justice Institute:** Director Tata advised that advanced training is in full force. They are offering a lot of instructor and specialty courses. They currently have four academies in session.
- d. **SART:** Report was included in the packet. Please let Chairman Brammer know if you are interested in volunteering as the liaison for this committee.
- e. **Communications/Interoperability:** Nothing new to report.
- f. **State Attorney's Office:** Greg Kridos noted an issue regarding field testing for marijuana. A report was received from the DEA and Virginia Department of Forensic Science about a company that produced a 4AP field test. He noted that these results don't provide probable cause for arrest or the ability to file a case. They only give a presumptive result saying whether it is a high or low level of THC so they will still need a lab test from PBSO. Craig Williams mentioned that

the body worn camera issue with juveniles seems to be resolved. He also advised that STAC has an unlimited capacity to take videos. Officers may encounter a bandwidth issue when they try to submit videos from their vehicles. He recommended that they submit them from the station. In addition, they are starting to send all of their subpoenas to PBSO through email to the liaison. It seems to be working so they will start doing this with all departments.

- g. **School Safety:** Chairman Brammer thanked Judge Martz for his commitment to the organization. He recommended anyone that is interested to attend one of the School Safety meetings to learn more. Judge Martz recognized the dedication of committee members and highlighted their accomplishments. The group continues to work on updating the website to make it more user friendly. He also mentioned that there was a good discussion about adding the video component to 911 at a recent PSAP Manager's meeting.
- h. **Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office:** No updates.
- i. **Palm Beach County School District Police Department:** Deputy Chief Alexander mentioned that they are working on a significant reunification project that might impact local jurisdictions. They will make sure to keep them apprised of this project.
- j. **State and Federal Updates** – No updates.

IX. Next meeting – February 25, 2021

X. Attachments

- a. SART Update
- b. LEPC Meeting Schedule
- c. Motorist Modernization Phase 1 Implementation Update