

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

The Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) was established by County Ordinance in 1988 to study all aspects of the criminal justice and crime prevention systems within the federal, state, county, municipal and private agencies within the county. This purpose shall include the study of the health and human services and educational systems, among others, as they pertain to criminal justice or crime prevention.

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.

