

The CJC was created by a Palm Beach County Ordinance in 1988. It has 18 public sector members representing local, state, and federal criminal justice and governmental agencies and 17 private sector members to include 10 business leaders selected by the Economic Council of Palm Beach County, 1 representative of the Black Chamber of Commerce, 1 representative of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, 1 clergy member nominated by a variety of clergy associations in the county, 1 returning citizen, 1 crime survivor, 1 student between the ages of 17 and 22, and 1 community member at-large.

The CJC believes in a well-rounded and comprehensive approach to addressing crime, incorporating nearly every branch of government in collaboration with the private sector and local citizens. CJC members take their role seriously and dedicate much of their own time and effort toward making the criminal justice system of Palm Beach County 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 successfully created partnerships among criminal justice, government, businesses, and community agencies throughout the County. By 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 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:

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



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

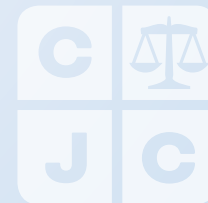
Encourage and enrich practices, policies, and program development impacting the local criminal justice system by serving as a catalyst to foster partnership between criminal justice and related agencies and community stakeholders.

OBJECTIVES

To ensure the coordination of law enforcement and crime prevention efforts in Palm Beach County.

To ensure an efficient, just, and cost effective criminal justice system in Palm Beach County.

To effect the reduction of crime in Palm Beach County on a permanent basis.



CJC CORE VALUES

An **efficient, just, and cost effective 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 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 developing solutions.

Expertise and experience of local professionals and community members is an invaluable edge base to draw upon.

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

Courage to seek bold, innovative approaches produces remarkable results.



CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

MEMBERSHIP

18 PUBLIC SECTOR MEMBERS

Member, Board of County Commissioners
Palm Beach County Sheriff
State Attorney, 15th Judicial Circuit
Public Defender, 15th Judicial Circuit
Clerk of Palm Beach County Circuit Court
Chief Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit
Administrative Judge, Juvenile Division, 15th Judicial Circuit
Member, Palm Beach County School Board
Member, Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation
Member, Palm Beach County League of Cities
Juvenile Justice Manager, Florida Dept. of Juvenile Justice
Representative, Association of Chiefs of Police
Chief, West Palm Beach Police Department
Circuit Administrator, FL Department of Corrections
President, Crime Prevention Officers' Association,
U.S. Attorney, Southern District of Florida
Member, Palm Beach Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

17 PRIVATE SECTOR MEMBERS

10 Members nominated by the
Palm Beach County Economic Council
To include a Representative of CareerSource and
Representative of Health Care District of Palm Beach County
Representative, Black Chamber of Commerce
Representative, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Local Clergy
Returning Citizen
Crime Survivor
Student between 17 & 22 years of age
Community Member At-Large



Palm Beach County
Board of County Commissioners



The Palm Beach County CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION



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