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## **Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Village of Wellington**

**Law Enforcement Services Plan for FY 2020**

***"TO MAKE WELLINGTON A SAFER PLACE TO LIVE"***

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# **PBSO District 8 Wellington FY 2020: Law Enforcement Services Plan**

## ***Introduction***

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office (PBSO) provides law enforcement services to the Village of Wellington (The Village) and functions as its' *police department*. PBSO has provided law enforcement services to The Village since incorporation in 1996, and throughout the years, has made modifications to the Law Enforcement Services Agreement (LESA) based upon the needs of The Village. This ongoing assessment considers factors like population growth, annexations, commercial expansion and special interest concerns.<sup>i</sup>

The Village and the PBSO LESA contract was auto-renewed for FY (Fiscal Year) 2020 and are in the first year of their current five year LESA contract. Typically, both renew LESA every five years.<sup>ii</sup> A key element of the current agreement is the requirement for the PBSO to submit an annual Law Enforcement Services Plan (LESP) wherein law enforcement accomplishments, challenges and future goals are presented. This report is the LESP for FY 2020.

For FY 2020, The Village proposed an increase to the District's current staffing levels with the addition of one Deputy and one Community Service Aide (CSA).

## ***Accomplishments***

Annually, law enforcement needs are recognized, addressed and directed as a result of regular meetings between the District Commander and Village Manager. In addition, ongoing presentations to the Village Council have resulted in the successful exchange of information and ideas. These meetings and presentations will continue to be an integral part of our LESP going forward.

As in years past, the Village continues to enjoy a low crime rate, a high clearance rate, a low traffic crash rate, and infrequent occurrences of violent crime.<sup>iii</sup> Past LESP's have focused on property crimes and traffic concerns, and this year's LESP is no different.<sup>iv</sup> To reduce both, investigative methods and traffic enforcement patterns have been and are continually adjusted according to need. Should ancillary support or equipment be needed, specialty units from PBSO are deployed to assist with security, surveillance and investigations.<sup>v</sup>

## ***Challenges***

The Village is challenged with low but persistent juvenile crime issues, with the impact of new development, and with commercial and residential traffic issues. Juveniles are responsible for many of the property crimes in The Village. Also challenging are the number of crimes whereby the victims leave their cars unsecured, leading to high incidents of vehicle burglaries.

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Village of Wellington Calendar Year (CY) Arrest Data *							
CY	Pop. *	Total		Adult		Juvenile	
		Arrests	% of Pop.	Arrests	% of Total Arrests	Arrests	% of Total Arrests
CY 2014	59,136	843	1.4%	707	84%	136	16%
CY 2015	59,860	774	1.3%	620	80%	154	20%
CY 2016	60,308	651	1.1%	554	85%	97	15%
CY 2017	61,775	812	1.3%	688	85%	144	18%
CY 2018	62,304	545	0.9%	455	83%	90	17%

\* Source: FDLE UCR Arrest Data - Total Arrest by Jurisdiction

Juveniles most often commit retail thefts and burglaries but have been involved in juvenile related robberies. Juvenile related robberies are defined as incidents where either the victim, or the suspect, or both, are juveniles. In The Village, robberies increased from 12 in FY 2017 to 19 in FY 2018. Of those, juvenile related robberies increased from 5 in FY 2017 to 6 in FY 2018. The 19 FY 2018 robbery cases, with a clearance rate of 52.6%, are shown with juvenile incidents highlighted in blue (see graph below).

FY 2018 Village of Wellington Robbery Cases *						
Cases (19): Adult (13), Juvenile (6) Cleared: (10)						
Committed by Strangers: Yes (15), No (4)						
Month	Case Number	Juvenile Related	Type Case	Description	Strangers	Cleared
2017 Oct	17141021	No	Business	By gun - cash, tobacco	Yes	Inactive
2017 Oct	17142003	No	Business	By gun - cash	Yes	Inactive
2017 Oct	17142011	No	Business	By gun - cash	Yes	Inactive
2017 Oct	17142387	No	Carjacking	By gun - cash	Yes	by Arrest
2017 Oct	17145600	Yes	Person	By threat - pizza	Yes	Inactive
2017 Nov	17147542	No	Carjacking	By force - attempt	Yes	Inactive
2017 Nov	17148644	No	Business	By gun - cash drawer	Yes	Inactive
2017 Nov	17148665	No	Business	By knife - cash	Yes	by Arrest
2017 Dec	17162123	Yes	Person	By force - purse	Yes	by Arrest
2018 Jan	18023409	No	Person	By force - phone	Yes	Exceptionally
2018 Jan	18028979	No	Person	By gun - attempt	Yes	Inactive
2018 Jan	18030209	Yes	Person	By force - phone	No	by Arrest
2018 Feb	18042626	Yes	Person	By gun - cash and pizza	Yes	by Arrest
2018 Mar	18046604	No	Person	By force - phone	No	Inactive
2018 Apr	18067835	Yes	Business	By threat - cash	No	by Arrest
2018 May	18073418	No	Person	By knife - cash	Yes	Exceptionally
2018 Jul	18092285	No	Business	By force - merchandise	Yes	by Arrest
2018 Aug	18110462	No	Person	By force - cash	Yes	Inactive
2018 Sep	18125717	Yes	Person	By knife - cash	No	by Arrest

\* Source: PBSO Crime View Database (Robbery Cases)



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To reverse this trend and to mitigate juvenile crime issues, the District continues to use the Juvenile Arrest and Monitoring (JAM) deputy to educate the District's deputies, to keep them informed about juveniles on probation, and to ensure those juveniles are frequently monitored. Should any be found violating their probation they are arrested and returned to the Juvenile Assessment Center (JAC).

The Mall at Wellington Green (The Mall) continues to attract juveniles from surrounding communities, not just to shop, but to meet, gather and "hang out." As in past years, entertainment and eatery expansion attracted crowds of juveniles and related traffic congestion. Expansion related problems were handled by increased patrolling, traffic enforcement and partnering with The Mall's management and security staff. The District will continue working with both to devise strategic plans to mitigate risks associated with the changing mall dynamic.

Property crimes consist of all burglaries (business, construction site, residential, vehicle) and incidents of graffiti and vandalism. Traditionally, as population increases, so do property crimes. However, a review of FY 2014 through FY 2018 shows that the Property Crime Rate (PCR) has been trending downward with a dramatic 19.9% decrease in FY 2018 as compared to FY 2017. The District continues to focus on The Village's PCR.

Vehicle burglaries remain a constant challenge to PBSO, the District and The Village even though there was an 11.8% decrease in reported cases during FY 2018 than during FY 2017 (see graph below). Most other categories showed significant decreases as well; business burglaries down 86.9%, residential burglaries down 47.5%, vandalism down 7.4% and graffiti down 40%.

The District remains concerned about vehicle burglaries and during FY 2020 will dedicate resources to push education on how to mitigate the risk of being victimized, and to combat the problem with strategic covert operations including our new License Plate Reader (LPR) system.

Village of Wellington										
Fiscal Year (FY) Property Crime Rates *										
(Burglary, Graffiti and Vandalism Incidents)										
Year	Burglaries				Vandalism	Graffiti	Total Property Crime	Population	Property Crime Rate	
	Business	Construc.	Res.	Vehicle					Per 100 Residents	Increase / Decrease
FY 2014	28	9	195	260	140	26	658	59,136	1.113	N/A
FY 2015	11	2	114	335	181	28	671	59,860	1.121	0.74%
FY 2016	16	3	112	253	137	29	550	60,308	0.912	-18.64%
FY 2017	23	4	80	363	108	10	588	61,775	0.952	4.37%
FY 2018	3	4	42	320	100	6	475	62,304	0.762	-19.90%
(5) Year Total	81	22	543	1,531	666	99	2,942			
(5) Year Avg.	16	4	109	306	133	20	588	60,677	0.972	-8.36%

\* Source: PBSO Crime View Database (Property Crime Cases)

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In The Village, traffic concerns are consistently the most common “complaints” of residents. A review of crash cases during the 60 month period, FY 2014 through FY 2018, shows that crashes trended downward 4.23% (from 1,418 to 1,358 cases). During this 60 month period, The Village’s Crash Rate (CR) averaged 2.416 crashes per 100 residents. During FY 2018, total crashes decreased by 6.85% when compared to FY 2017, and reduced the FY 2018 CR to 2.18 from 2.398 (see graph below).

The District is committed to traffic safety and pro-active traffic enforcement. During FY 2020 the District will continue to deploy traffic enforcement staff to high priority areas to help minimize traffic related crashes.

This year, the District will incorporate another initiative similar to Wild Stallion and Wild Stallion II at the beginning of equestrian season to combat underage drinking and driving in this community.

Village of Wellington Fiscal Year (FY) Crash Statistics *				
Year	Annual Population	Total Crashes	Monthly Average	Crash Rate Per 100 Residents
FY 2014	59,136	1,418	118	2.398
FY 2015	59,136	1,522	127	2.574
FY 2016	59,860	1,503	125	2.511
FY 2017	60,308	1,458	122	2.418
FY 2018	62,304	1,358	113	2.180
(5) Year Total		7,259		
(5) Year Average	60,149	1,452	121	2.416

\* Source: PBSO Crime View Database (Crash Statistics)

Over time, traffic activity damages roadway infrastructure. So to prolong the useful life of the roadway system, The Village restricts Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) traffic through its borders. Vehicles with more than six wheels are prohibited by section 54 of The Village’s Code of Ordinances with certain exceptions. However, the use of village roads as a “cut through” for CMV operators is strictly prohibited, with dump trucks the most often offenders.

Additional challenges are presented by illegal waste disposal on local roads and fields. During FY 2018, the District’s CMV deputies stopped 782 trucks and placed 95 vehicles and 16 drivers out of service (see graph below). During FY 2020 the CMV deputies will be utilized for targeted traffic interventions as well as manage expected growth in commercial traffic.

Village of Wellington Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) Report: FY 2018													
Vehicles				Vehicle Type			Out-of-Service		Warnings		Citations		Arrests
Stopped	Inspected	Post Crash Inspection	Weight Case	Other	HazMat	Manure	Driver	Vehicle	Verbal	Written	DOT	State	
782	781	3	5	644	59	78	16	95	453	1799	21	49	1

\* Source: District-8 - Monthly CMV Unit Statistics

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### ***Conclusion***

Juvenile crime, vehicle burglaries and traffic crashes will likely increase with population growth. These increases will impact available law enforcement resources and we will strategically shift our plan to address these concerns. The Street Team, Community Policing and Traffic Units will remain an active and necessary component of our LESP. These challenges/opportunities will be addressed through the action plans proposed for FY 2020, and they include: Juvenile Crime Issues, Vehicle Burglaries and Traffic Safety.

Additionally, the District will continue to work with Wellington Community Services to improve conditions in Outreach Program Areas. Initiatives such as neighborhood cleanups, landlord/tenant meetings, neighborhood meetings, walk and talks and code enforcement operations will remain a key part of our strategy.

The Village remains one of the safest municipalities in Palm Beach County and enjoys a low cost for its law enforcement services. Looking ahead to FY 2020 and beyond, the District will continue to provide excellent law enforcement services striving to reduce property crime, increase traffic safety, reduce juvenile issues, and address equestrian concerns. The District looks forward to working with the Village to keep Wellington a “Great Hometown.”



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## **Action Plans, Goals & Objectives**

### ***Plan I- Juvenile Crime Issues***

#### **Discussion:**

Juvenile crime issues (property crimes and juvenile related robberies) are an ongoing problem and account for at least 17% of all crime arrests in The Village (source: FDLE 2018 Total Arrest by Jurisdiction). Effective supervision of, and intervention with, juvenile offenders provides opportunities to reduce property crimes, to reduce juvenile related robberies and to direct juveniles towards non-criminal lifestyles.

#### **Goal:**

- Reduce crime through effective supervision of juvenile offenders.

#### **Inputs:**

- The District will continue to deploy its JAM Deputy.
- Aggressively enforce juveniles on probation and visit each at least monthly.
- JAM trained deputies to assist and train Road Patrol deputies on juvenile probation and enforcement.

#### **Anticipated Outcome/Outputs:**

- Reduce juvenile probation re-entry by 5% in FY 2020.
- Reduce juvenile related robberies by 5% in FY 2020.



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## ***Plan II- Crime Rate***

### **Discussion:**

Focus should be vehicle burglaries, robberies and thefts. The District remains concerned with the crime rate and will implement the practices below to curtail crime in the village.

### **Goal:**

- Maintain a low crime rate.

### **Inputs:**

- Combined effort of Road Patrol, Street Team, Community Policing and Detectives.
- Use GPS technology.
- Use covert surveillance techniques and equipment.
- Utilize the tag-reader camera system.
- Utilize crime mapping and trends to focus efforts on neighborhoods, businesses, etc. where crimes have occurred or complaints have been received.
- Utilize Walk and Talk, Public Service Announcements (PSA) and CEPTD Surveys (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) of businesses and shopping centers to aid crime prevention and getting the word out "not to be an easy victim."

### **Anticipated Outcome / Outputs:**

- During FY 2020, maintain the robberies to 12 or less in The Village.
- During FY 2020, property crimes to remain less than 800 cases.
- During FY 2020, 10% of burglaries to be cleared by arrest.

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## ***Plan III- Traffic Safety***

### **Discussion:**

In The Village, traffic concerns are consistently the most common complaints of residents. The District is committed to traffic safety and pro-active traffic enforcement. During FY 2020, its traffic enforcement staff will be deployed in selectively targeted traffic interventions.

### **Goal:**

- To reduce traffic crashes and minimize traffic fatalities.
- Reduce CMV complaints and illegal dumping.

### **Inputs:**

- Ensure District Motor and Traffic Units receive all required training
- Ensure Motor and Traffic units have all necessary equipment.
- Deploy Motor and Traffic Units pursuant to traffic crash patterns and citizen initiated traffic complaints.
- Pay special attention to CMV related challenges.

### **Anticipated Outcome/Outputs:**

- At least 10,000 traffic stops in FY 2020.
- Maintain the Village's Crash Rate at 2.45 or below.

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## District 8 Staffing Allocation: FY 2019 versus FY 2020 <sup>vi</sup>

District 8 Staffing Allocation: Current FY 2019 Versus Proposed FY 2020				
Position	Current FY 2019		Proposed FY 2020	
	Allocation Funded by Contract	Allocation Provided by PBSO	Allocation Funded by Contract	Allocation Provided by PBSO
Captain	1		1	
Lieutenant	1		1	
Sergeants	7		7	
Road Patrol Deputy Sheriff	39		39	
Lobby Deputy Deputy Sheriff	1		1	
Detective Bureau Detective Detective (TDY from PBSO)	3	1	3	1
Community Policing Deputy Sheriff	4		4	
JAM Unit Deputy Sheriff	1		1	
Street Team Deputy Sheriff (includes a K9 Deputy Sheriff)	4		5	
CMV Deputy Sheriff	2		2	
Motors Deputy Sheriff	2		2	
Traffic Deputy Sheriff Community Service Aide	2		3	
Administrative Secretaries	2		2	
Law Enforcement Aide	1		1	
Clerical Specialist	1		1	
Criminal Justice Planner	1		1	
Total Paid by Wellington	72		74	
Total Provided by PBSO		1		1
Total Staff	72	1	74	1

<sup>i</sup> (Equestrian interests, *Safe Neighborhoods*, and other evolving trends.)

<sup>ii</sup> The current five year agreement runs from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2025. FY 2020 is the 1<sup>st</sup> Addendum (or first year of the five year agreement).

<sup>iii</sup> The *annual report* that will be presented to The Village will illuminate the statistics and facts behind this assertion.

<sup>iv</sup> These are the two areas that continue to be most problematic.

<sup>v</sup> Such assets include: Aviation, Robbery/Homicide, Narcotics Bureau, K-9, Crime Scene, and SWAT.

<sup>vi</sup> Annually, the Village provides funding for 73 School Crossing Guards.

# Appendix



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