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

Law Enforcement Services Plan for FY 2021

***"EVER STRIVING TO MAKE WELLINGTON THE SAFEIST PLACE IT CAN BE"***

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# **PBSO District 8 Wellington FY 2021: 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.

The Village and the PBSO LESA contract was auto-renewed for FY (Fiscal Year) 2020 and are in the second year of the current five year contract. Typically, both renew LESA every five years<sup>1</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 2021.

For FY 2021, The District proposed an increase to its current staffing levels with the addition of an Analyst in the Real Time Crime Center (RTCC).

## ***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 reporting and interactions with the Village Council have resulted in the exchange of ideas that have yielded fruitful results- the acquisition of the LPR System, with all of its successes, being chief among them. These meetings and presentations will continue as an integral part of our LESP in 2021.

As in years past, 2020 has continued to demonstrate that the Village enjoys a low crime rate, a high *clearance rate*, a low traffic crash rate, as well as infrequent incidents of violent crime. Consequently, as with past LESP's, the reduction of property crimes and traffic crash mitigation, will be 2021's primary focus. The use of statistical data to identify crime trends and crash patterns, along with investigative methods should assist in keeping the low rate in both categories. A continuous review of the data will allow enforcement to be deployed in the areas with the highest demand of resources. Should ancillary resources or equipment outside of the district be necessary, specialty units shall be deployed to assist and support the District 8 Deputies.

## ***Juvenile Crime***

The Village, as in previous years, continues to enjoy low but persistent juvenile crime issues, property crimes, and traffic related problems. Juveniles continue to be responsible for a significant portion of the property crimes in the Village, albeit this ratio continues to trend downward (*See Next Graph Below*). Another persistent challenge, is the fact that residents leave their cars unsecured, which contributes to the higher incidents of vehicle thefts and 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 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%
CY 2019	62,373	480	0.8%	427	89%	53	11%

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

Please note that *juvenile related robberies* are defined as incidents where either the victim, or the suspect, or both, are juveniles. In the Village, robberies decreased from 19 in FY 2018 to 13 in FY 2019. Of those, *juvenile related robberies* decreased from 6 in FY 2018 to 4 in FY 2019. Of the 13 robbery cases in FY 2018, District 8 has achieved a **remarkable clearance rate of 76.9%** -3 arrests, 7 refusals to prosecute. The *juvenile related robberies* are shown in the graph below highlighted in blue.

FY 2019 Village of Wellington Robbery Cases *						
Cases (13): Adult (9), Juvenile (4)						
Committed by Strangers: Yes (8), No (5)						
Month	Case Number	Juvenile Related	Type Case	Description	Strangers	Cleared
2018 Oct	18129162	Y	Person	By force - backpack	N	Refused to Pros
2018 Oct	18132521	N	Person	By gun - phone	Y	By Arrest
2018 Nov	18146295	N	Person	By snatching - cash	Y	Refused to Pros
2018 Nov	18148504	N	Person	By gun - tried to get cash	Y	Inactive
2018 Dec	18152530	Y	Person	By knife - electronic cigarette	N	Refused to Pros
2018 Dec	18156337	Y	Person	By gun - phone	N	By Arrest
2018 Dec	18158987	N	Person	By threat - wallet	Y	Refused to Pros
2019 Jan	19021262	N	Person	By force - medications, phone	Y	Refused to Pros
2019 Jan	19021936	N	Carjacking	By gun - cash, vehicle	Y	Inactive
2019 Mar	19050735	Y	Person	By force - scooter	Y	Refused to Pros
2019 Apr	19057105	N	Person	By force - wallet, cash, ID	Y	Inactive
2019 Apr	19065034	N	Business	By gun - cash	N	By Arrest
2019 Aug	19105894	N	Person	By gun - cash	N	Refused to Pros

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

To address all juvenile related crime issues, District 8 will continue to utilize the Juvenile Arrest and Monitoring (JAM) deputy to 1) educate the District's deputies in keeping them informed about juveniles on probation, and 2) to ensure those juveniles are frequently monitored. Any juveniles found violating their probation are arrested and



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returned to the Juvenile Assessment Center (JAC). Additionally, we will work with the State Attorney's Office to address particularly troublesome juvenile cases.

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. However, most activities have been impacted by the Coronavirus and we will closely monitor for when *normal* activity levels resume.

In addition to our enforcement strategies, the District's Community Policing Unit will proactively look to identify families that have *juvenile-related* problems and work with the Village to support these families with programs. For example, the *Bicycle Refurbishing Program*, in whereby bicycles from PBSO property that are considered "abandoned" are released and brought to VOW for storage. When a deserving family/ juvenile is identified for a hardship, achievements, or any program goals that are set by PBSO are achieved, the bicycle gets refurbished by Wheels of Wellington and provided to the family/ juvenile free of charge as a reward and incentive to stay out of trouble.

Another program example is *Activities Friday* where Village advocates and CP deputies go into the different CP sites on a rotating schedule to engage with juveniles and play different sports. This not only allows for interact in a group setting but also helps build a rapport and identify at youth risk.

### *Property Crime*

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 2015 through FY 2019 shows that the Property Crime Rate (PCR) has been trending downward with a dramatic 15.46% decrease in FY 2019 as compared to FY 2018. The District continues to focus heavily on the Village's PCR, as it is the principal crime occurring in the Village, the downward trend notwithstanding.

**Vehicle burglaries** remain a challenge to the Village (and surrounding jurisdictions), even though there was a 19.68% decrease in reported cases during FY 2019 than during FY 2018 (see graph below). **Construction burglaries** decreased 50% (from 4 to 2), **Business burglaries** increased 300% (from 3 to 9) and **Residential burglaries** increased 4.76% (from 42 to 44).<sup>ii</sup>

The District does continue to monitor vehicle burglaries and in its FY 2021 plan, will dedicate Community Policing resources to educate the public on how to mitigate the risk of being victimized, and combat the problem with overt and strategic covert operations including the License Plate Reader (LPR) system.

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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	Construct	Res.	Vehicle					Per 100 Residents	Increase / Decrease
FY 2015	11	2	114	335	181	28	671	59,860	1.121	N/A
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%
FY 2019	12	2	44	257	84	3	402	62,373	0.645	-15.46%
(5) Year Total	65	15	392	1,528	610	76	2,686			
(5) Year Avg.	13	3	78	306	122	15	537	61,324	0.878	-12.41%

\* Source: PBSO Crime View Database (Property Crime Cases) and  
FDLE UCR Arrest Data - Total Arrest by Jurisdiction (Population)

### Crashes

A review of crash cases during a 60-month period- FY 2015 through FY 2019- reveals that crashes in the Village **trended downward 10.37%** (from 1,504 to 1,348 cases). During this 60-month period, The Village's Crash Rate (CR) averaged 2.319 crashes per 100 residents. During FY 2019, total crashes however, increased 1.51% vis-e-vis FY 2018, slightly increasing the CR to 2.161 from 2.119 (see graph below).

The District is committed to traffic safety and pro-active traffic enforcement. During FY 2021 the District will continue to deploy traffic enforcement staff to high priority areas to help minimize traffic related crashes.

In this FY, the District will incorporate another initiative similar to prior year's Wild Stallion Operations at the beginning of equestrian season to combat underage drinking and driving in this community. However, most traffic crash activities have been impacted by the Coronavirus and we will closely monitor for when *normal* activity levels resume.



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Village of Wellington Fiscal Year (FY) Crash Statistics *				
Year	Annual Population	Total Crashes	Monthly Average	Crash Rate Per 100 Residents
FY 2015	59,860	1,504	125	2.513
FY 2016	60,308	1,491	124	2.472
FY 2017	61,775	1,440	120	2.331
FY 2018	62,304	1,320	110	2.119
FY 2019	62,373	1,348	112	2.161
(5) Year Total		7,103		
(5) Year Average	61,324	1,452	118	2.319

\* 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 2019, the District's CMV deputies stopped 956 trucks and placed 123 vehicles and 24 drivers out of service (see graph below). During FY 2021 the CMV deputies will be utilized for targeted traffic interventions as well as manage expected growth in commercial traffic.

District-8 Village of Wellington													
Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) Report: FY 2019													
Vehicles			Vehicle Type				Out-of-Service		Warnings		Citations		Arrest
Stopped	Inspected	Post Crash Inspection	Weight Case	Other	HazMat	Manure	Driver	Vehicle	Verbal	Written	DOT	State	
956	956	1		827	61	68	24	123	514	2,204	25	60	4

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

### Conclusion

Juvenile crime, vehicle burglaries and traffic crashes may increase proportionally with anticipated population growth; we will strategically shift our plan to address these concerns should they arise. The Street Team, Community Policing and Traffic Units will remain an active component of our LESP. The following action plans are proposed for FY 2021: 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

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neighborhood cleanups, landlord/tenant communication, 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 2021 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***

#### **Discussion:**

Juvenile crime issues (property crimes and juvenile related robberies) are an ongoing problem and account for at least 11% of all crime arrests in The Village (source: FDLE 2019 Total Arrest by Jurisdiction). A percentage of these juveniles are not Wellington residence. 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.
- Use current Village of Wellington programs to redirect the juveniles.

#### **Inputs:**

- The District will continue to use JAM monitoring and enforcement Deputies.
- 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 2021.
- Reduce juvenile related robberies by 5% in FY 2021.
- Reduce Juvenile related crimes.

### ***Plan II- Property Crime***

#### **Discussion:**

The District remains focused on the crime rate and will target vehicle burglaries, robberies and thefts. The information below will be instrumental to curtail crime in the village.

#### **Goal:**

- Maintain a low crime rate.
- Educate the citizens to protecting their property.

#### **Inputs:**

- Combined effort of Road Patrol, Street Team, Community Policing and Detectives.

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- Use GPS technology.
- Use covert surveillance techniques and equipment.
- Utilize the LPR 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 2021, maintain the robberies to 12 or less in The Village.
- During FY 2021, property crimes to remain less than 800 cases.
- During FY 2021, 10% of burglaries to be cleared by arrest.

### ***Plan III- Crashes***

### **Discussion:**

The Village vehicle traffic complaints and crashes are consistently the most common residential complaints. The District is committed to traffic safety and pro-active traffic enforcement. During FY 2021, its traffic enforcement staff will be deployed in targeted locations which were identified as hazards.

### **Goal:**

- To reduce traffic crashes and minimize traffic fatalities.
- Reduce CMV complaints and illegal dumping.
- Target enforcement of seatbelts and texting while driving.

### **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 2021.
- Maintain the Village's Crash Rate at 2.45 or below.

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## District 8 Staffing Allocation: FY 2020 versus FY 2021<sup>iii</sup>

District 8 Staffing Allocation: Current FY 2020 Versus Proposed FY 2021				
Position	Current FY 2020		Proposed FY 2021	
	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 K9 Deputy Sheriff	3	1	3	1
CMV Deputy Sheriff	2		2	
Motors Deputy Sheriff	2		2	
Traffic Deputy Sheriff Community Service Aide	3		3	
Crime Prevention Deputy Sheriff	1		1	
Administrative Secretaries	2		2	
Law Enforcement Aide	1		1	
Clerical Specialist	1		1	
Real Time Crime Center (RTCC) Analyst	0		1	
Criminal Justice Planner	1		1	
Total Paid by Wellington	73		74	
Total Provided by PBSO		2		2
Total Staff	73	2	74	2

<sup>i</sup>The current five year agreement runs from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2025. FY 2021 is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Addendum (or second year of the five-year agreement).

<sup>ii</sup> These three crime categories- Construction, Business, and Residential Burglaries are either the same, or down, so far YTD in 2020.

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

# Appendix



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