

WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF SHERIFFS & POLICE CHIEFS

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Resolution Opposing Initiative 502 Resolution # 2011-01

WHEREAS, the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC) is gathered at their semi-annual conference in Chelan, Washington on November 15-17, 2011, and

WHEREAS, WASPC convened a Drug Policy Committee to review the Association's position on Initiative 502, Marijuana Legalization, and

WHEREAS, WASPC believes that marijuana is inherently a harmful drug which causes physical and psychological damage, and

WHEREAS, WASPC believes that the legalization of marijuana will increase the perception that marijuana is harmless, particularly among youth, leading to an increase in use, dependence and its consequences, and

WHEREAS, WASPC believes that the legalization of marijuana will lead to an increased incidence of impaired driving while under the influence of marijuana resulting in additional highway injuries and deaths, and

WHEREAS, WASPC believes that the revenues that are proposed to be generated by legalization will not be realized and that the public health costs associated with increased usage will far exceed the revenue generated, and

WHEREAS, WASPC believes the proposed fiscal savings within the criminal justice system are highly exaggerated,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that WASPC opposes I-502 and urges its rejection.

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Medical Cannabis Resolution # 2011-02

WHEREAS, the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC) are gathered at their semi-annual conference in Chelan, Washington on November 15-17, 2011, and

WHEREAS, WASPC convened a Drug Policy Committee to review the Association's position on proposed changes to the state's Medical Cannabis Law, and

WHEREAS, the Drug Policy Committee reviewed the proposed changes and discussed the position of the Association regarding those changes, and

WHEREAS, WASPC believes the use of cannabis for medical purposes, the issuance of authorizations to use cannabis and the delivery of cannabis to authorized patients should occur in a medical context utilizing physicians, pharmaceutical companies, and pharmacies, and

WHEREAS, WASPC believes that voters passed the Medical Marijuana Initiative expecting a narrow usage of cannabis for strictly medical purposes, and

WHEREAS, the development of a fully and exclusively medical method is impossible due to federal regulation, and

WHEREAS, the current law allows largely unregulated access to cannabis for those who are not legitimate patients,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT BE RESOLVED that WASPC supports legislation that further defines and clarifies how community gardens are allowed to operate and clarifies local government regulatory authority over the location and density of community gardens, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that WASPC encourages changes to the current state law that would establish a user registry based upon a sound medical diagnosis, and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that WASPC encourages the federal government to study the efficacy of cannabis for medical purposes and reschedule if appropriate, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that WASPC opposes any changes to the current law that would make it easier for illegitimate users of cannabis to obtain it under the provisions of the Medical Cannabis Act.

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MODEL POLICY REGARDING OFFICER INVOLVED CRITICAL INCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS



Resolution #2011-03

WHEREAS, The members of the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs are assembled for the annual Fall Conference at the Campbell's Resort in Chelan, Washington, November 16, 2011; and

WHEREAS, It is the goal of WASPC to provide guidance for chief law enforcement executives on how to structure criminal investigations into officer involved critical incidents that are transparent and fair, and instill the public's confidence; and

WHEREAS, Maintaining the public's confidence in the investigation processes of officer-involved critical incidents is important for the long-term relationships of an agency and its community; and

WHEREAS, WASPC acknowledges there are two investigative formats, the criminal investigation and the administrative investigation or review, this model policy addresses the criminal investigation only, and should be used to establish which entity or persons shall conduct the criminal investigation; and

WHEREAS, WASPC has engaged its membership and legal advisors in the policy development process for the purpose of assisting WASPC members and their agencies in performing the best investigations possible; and

WHEREAS, WASPC recognizes there are other appropriate investigative models, (i.e. civilian monitoring) that help provide investigative transparency that are not detailed in this first version of this model policy; and

WHEREAS, the WASPC Model Policy Committee has developed and recommended the model policy regarding officer involved critical incident investigations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the membership of the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs supports and adopts the following model policy: Officer Involved Critical Incident Investigations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that WASPC will continue to review investigative procedures and amend the model policy as warranted.

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STATEWIDE INTEGRATED INTELLIGENCE SYSTEM

Resolution #2011-04

WHEREAS, The members of the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs are assembled for the annual Fall Conference at the Campbell's Resort in Chelan, Washington, November 16, 2011; and

WHEREAS, The Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chief's recognizes the importance of regional intelligence system; and

WHEREAS, The goal of the intelligence analytical process is to prevent crime, including terrorist acts, and to facilitate the complete and successful investigation of crime if it occurs. Strengthening the intelligence and analytical process will strengthen law enforcement's ability to prevent crime and ensure a more efficient use of limited law enforcement resources; and

WHEREAS, A wide variety of criminal activity may precede a terrorist act. The discovery and interruption of this activity can prevent or disrupt a terrorist event. Therefore, the intelligence and analytical process must take an "all crimes approach" to terrorism prevention. Similarly, a wide variety of criminal activity is associated with conspiratorial, organized and gang criminal activity, necessitating the same "all crimes" approach; and

WHEREAS, The establishment of an integrated intelligence collection, analytical capacity, and a reporting and threat warning system must be a high priority for all local, state and federal law enforcement agencies operating within the state of Washington. This system must be cooperative in its development, must benefit all participants, and must respect and protect the civil liberties of all people and groups; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chief's support in principle the concept of a state-wide integrated intelligence system, as presented by the intelligence committee of the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chief's, the Homeland Security Committee of the Emergency Management Council, the Washington State Patrol, and Seattle field office of the FBI, and approved by the Executive Board of the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chief's.

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