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WASPC GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING 2015 FALL TRAINING CONFERENCE CAMPBELL'S RESORT | CHELAN, WA WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2015 | 8:00 A.M.



CALL TO ORDER:

President Salisbury called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Andrew Finley from Cops for Hire announced that his company is conducting a survey and anyone completing it will be entered into a drawing to win \$500 for their agency.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 21, 2015:

Ken Hohenberg moved to approve the May 21, 2015 General Business Meeting minutes as written. Ken Thomas seconded the motion. The motion to approve carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

There were no resolutions presented.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS (Approval Required)

Boating Safety – Reported by Sheriff Bill Benedict

Chair: : Sheriff Bill Benedict

Co-Chair:: Chief Steve Crown

Date of Report:: Nov 18, 2015

Date of Last Charter Review::

Brief outline of recent activities::

Committee met at 10:00 on November 17th during WASPC fall conference (Chelan, WA). Agenda items included presentation by Hoyle Hodges (Marine Law Enforcement Coordinator WA State parks) covering recent Marine Law Enforcement Training Conference, recent NASBLA (National Association of State Boating Law Enforcement Administrators) certification and accreditation to WA State Parks for both BMLE and advanced training. Hoyle discussed training and certification plan for 2016.

President CASEY SALISBURY <i>Sheriff – Mason County</i>	President Elect KEN HOHENBERG <i>Chief – Kennewick</i>	Vice President BRIAN BURNETT <i>Sheriff – Chelan County Executive Board</i>	Past President ED HOLMES <i>Chief – Mercer Island</i>	Treasurer KEN THOMAS <i>Chief – Kent</i>
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Wade Alonzo, Boating Law Coordinator for WA State Parks discussed Legislative agenda for 2017 session. Committee supports 2017 agenda but wants more discussion on financial participation of Paddlesports Community. Other 2017 legislative items include providing vessel impound authority to marine law enforcement officers, giving State Parks more flexibility in spending revenue derived from Mandatory Boating Education cards, including outboard motor serial numbers with Vessel Registration documents, and recovering \$5.00 registration surcharges that presently go to the Capitol Vessel Account (state ferry construction).

Brief outline of upcoming activities::

WA State Parks will be hosting the 2016 NASBLA Annual Conference in Seattle next summer (September 11-14). Annual state Marine Law Enforcement Training Conference will be held at the same location the week prior.

Recommendations and/or action to be taken::

None

Rory Gilliland moved to approve the committee report. Ed Holmes seconded. The motion to approve carried.

Building Public Trust Committee – Reported by Sheriff Gary Simpson

The committee will be meeting during the conference to discuss the committee's future direction. The chairs expect to receive a lot of good ideas that they are hopeful will bring some consensus to move forward with.

Ken Hohenberg moved to approve the report. Ken Thomas seconded. The motion to approve carried.

Corrections/Jail Managers – Reported by Ned Newlin

The committee met on Tuesday and was well attended. There was an update from Commander Rick Bowen from CJTC on the Corrections Officer Academy. If there is enough demand for the training in the future, there will be more opportunities provided.

Jamie Yoder from WASPC provided an update on JBRS and SAVIN.

There were extensive discussions with partners from the state Department of Corrections (DOC) on contracts with DOC for their offender population in the community and wanted to make sure everyone knew the new contract language will be coming out soon. There was also discussion about how to cooperate on health care for inmates when they move back and forth between the local jails and state facilities and how we take advantage of the expanded Medicaid services for

inmates. Work has been on-going with DOC and the Health Care Authority on this issue. A work group is being formed so that all parties can work together effectively between institutions.

Mike Painter gave an update on jail standards. Ned anticipates that by spring, the Corrections/Jail Managers Committee will be working with those standards and making a recommendation to the Professional Services Committee and then the Executive Board for further approval. The committee also talked briefly about the new FCC rules on inmate calling services.

John Turner moved to approve the committee report. Ken Hohenberg seconded. The motion to approve carried.

The Executive Board had directed Mitch Barker, WASPC Executive Director, to look at bringing on another staff person to be the Jail Services Liaison Manager when budget permitted. Mitch said with some streamlining and cost savings, the budget now permitted making that hire. He was pleased to announce to the membership that WASPC has hired Ned Newlin, Chief Corrections Deputy from the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office to fill that position effective February 1, 2016. Ned will have an active email address effective January 1, 2016 (ned@waspc.org).

Finance and Personnel Committee – Reported by Ken Thomas

Chief Thomas gave a brief overview of the budget. WASPC is in very good condition financially due to the great work of Mitch Barker, and especially Chief of Staff Kim Goodman. Short-term investments include a Morgan Stanley account which has \$381,000 and money markets for \$19,000. There has been a slight loss in the Morgan Stanley account over the past few months.

The WASPC building in Lacey has a mortgage balance of \$414,000. Staff are about ready to make a \$250,000 payment by the end of this calendar year and by the spring 2016 conference, we anticipate it will be paid off.

The building is now 14 years old and is starting to experience the need for a few repairs. Staff spent \$10k to repair an air conditioning unit this past spring. There was a miscellaneous expense of \$10k that was provided to the FBINAA for their conference which was held in Seattle this past summer.

WASPC also used to lease space to the Criminal Justice Training Commission (CJTC) but due to some consolidation on their part, they moved out last year and the space has been sitting vacant. Staff has been looking to find another suitable tenant. The E-Board has approved staff entering into an agreement with the Liquor & Cannabis Board to lease out that space for about \$43k annually which will help to fill that gap.

The Finance and Personnel Committee also reviewed the proposed WASPC 2016 general fund budget in detail which was approved by the E-Board on 11/17/2015.

Rory Gilliland moved to approve the committee report. Ronnie Roberts seconded. The motion to approve carried.

Grants Committee – No Report.Homeland Security/Intelligence Committee – Reported by Ken Thomas

The committee met on Tuesday, 11/17/2015 during the conference. The committee received an excellent presentation from the Fusion Center Board on terrorist threat activities not only throughout the world and recently in France, but in Washington State. While there are currently no credible threats in our state, there are many issues to be aware of and vigilant about.

There was also an update on the WA Gang database. Chief Thomas noted that Mitch Barker and James McMahan are doing a great job working with the legislature to support more funding for populating the database. *Chief Thomas asked all Chiefs and Sheriffs to support their Crime Analysts in populating the database.*

Sheriff Knezovich gave a presentation on the Regional Intelligence Group (RIG9) in Spokane and how the Spokane County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) is assisting other jurisdictions throughout the region to get their intelligence centers up and running. This effort is being primarily funded by the SCSO.

They are also working with the Southern Intelligence Police Institute (SPI) and have redone the curriculum on intelligence-led policing to help police departments with different strategies for dealing with crime in their jurisdictions.

John Turner moved to approve the committee report. Ed Holmes seconded. The motion to approve carried.

Indian Country Law Enforcement – Reported by Rory Gilliland

The committee met on 11/17/2015 with 31 members and guests present.

There was brief discussion about on-going issues with “sovereign immunity”. Chief Wyman gave an update on the current status of those meetings.

Mike Gaffney (WSU) gave a report on Washington One Net, a broadband system for First Responders.

WSP & Traffic Safety gave a presentation on “Sector-on-line” traffic data collection system.

Sheriff Brian Winter (Yakima County SO) and United States Attorney Mike Ormsby (Eastern District) gave a report on the ongoing retrocession of the Yakama Tribe. There was good discussion about the issues and solutions that will come out of this. It is scheduled to be final in April of 2016.

Ken Thomas moved to approve the committee report. Ken Hohenberg seconded. The motion to approve carried.

Law Enforcement and Education Committee – Reported by Ozzie Knezovich

The committee has had two meetings this month. There was a meeting in Thurston County to discuss strategy on what direction to take the committee. There was a good turn-out for the meeting on 11/17/2015. Sheriff Knezovich said that for those who would still like to be part of the committee, please either send him a business card or an email with contact information.

The Law Enforcement and Education Committee is also working with the Building Public Trust Committee as training provided to officers must dovetail with the public's perception of law enforcement.

Ed Holmes moved to approve the committee report. Mark Couey seconded. The motion to approve carried.

Legislative Committee

A legislative report was presented on Tuesday during the conference and for purposes of committee reporting, will serve as its conference report.

Ken Hohenberg moved to approve as noted. Ken Thomas seconded. The motion to approve carried.

Membership Committee – Reported by Chuck Spoor

The Membership Committee met on 11/16/2015 and was lightly attended. The committee hosted a New Member/First Time Attendee dinner on Monday evening. There are currently 233 Active members; 53 Affiliates; 457 Associates and 99 Life members. Chief Spoor encouraged Chiefs and Sheriffs to include their command staff for membership as much as possible.

Ken Thomas moved to approve the committee report. Rob Snaza seconded. The motion to approve carried.

Model Policy Committee – Reported by Bob Metzger

The committee met on 11/16/2015. Members discussed sexual assault reporting and those instances where a victim reports the incident in one jurisdiction but the occurrence happened elsewhere. This topic will be discussed a lot more in committee meetings but Chief Metzger noted that the topic needs to be discussed among agencies because as a service to the communities we serve, reports must be taken and shared with the respective jurisdictions.

The committee also talked about how to get information out to membership about how to designate best practices.

Tom Jones moved to approve the report. Ken Hohenberg seconded. The motion to approve carried.

NIBRS Advisory Committee – Written Report Provided by Joan Smith, WASPC Staff Status of Summary to NIBRS Conversion:

- 234 of 238 reporting agencies certified - 98% of agencies; 86% of population
- 4 Agencies on extension:

County		% Population
17	King SO*	8%
32	Spokane SO	2%
32	Spokane PD	3%
32	Spokane Valley PD	1%

*Includes ten (10) contract city agencies.

- The Snohomish County regional records management system “went live” on October 27, 2015; all agencies in Snohomish County submitting NIBRS data as of November 1, 2015.
- Note: There are 26 tribal police departments in Washington; 2 report NIBRS via WASPC.

NIBRS Repository Replacement Project

- The CJIS Department applied for and received a Bureau of Justice Statistics National Crime Statistics Exchange (NCS-X) grant award to replace the aging state NIBRS repository.
- The funds will become available in January 2016; a Request for Proposals (RFP) is planned for March.

Crime in Washington 2015 Annual Report

- CJIS staff members have started the year-end data quality review on the repository; in December, agencies with missing data or data validation errors will be contacted.
- The deadline for submitting missing reports or correcting data will be February 15, 2016; a snapshot of the database for report extraction will be taken in March 2016.
- The final year we send Summary data to both the FBI and the State Treasurer is 2015; the 2016 Summary data will be sent to the FBI only.

FBI Updates

- New Offenses as of January 2016:

Offense	UCR Code	
Animal Cruelty	720	Agencies notified in April 2015
Identity Theft	26F	FBI has not released technical specifications
Hacking/Computer Invasion	26G	FBI has not released technical specifications

- National Advisory Policy Board (APB) topics of discussion for the December 2015 meeting in Atlanta, GA:
 - Use of Force Data Collection: A phased approach for the expanded collection and reporting of use of force by law enforcement officers.
 - Transition of FBI UCR Program from the Summary Reporting System to NIBRS only by January 1, 2021 (sunset of Summary in five years).
 - The APB is recommending no change in reporting Domestic Violence (DV) to the FBI (currently, DV is a Washington state mandate but it is retained at the state repository only).

Tabled Washington NIBRS Issue(s):

- *Mandatory domestic violence (DV) reporting to WASPC (RCW 10.99.030[12]) on all related offenses*
 - Includes the Part 1 Summary offenses and violations of protection orders and no contact orders “until that time as comparable or more detailed information about domestic violence incidents is available through the Washington state incident based reporting system”
 - Agencies should be submitting DV for all relevant offenses; however, the change wasn’t made when agencies began converting to NIBRS in 2007.
 - At this point, it would make better statistical sense to wait until the state is 100% NIBRS and it would be easier for agencies to have clear language in the RCW when it is time to “mandate” a change with their records management system vendors.
 - If a change is mandated by statute or by the state repository, it is a maintenance issue and vendors will not charge agencies.
 - On the advice of James McMahan, WASPC Policy Director, WASPC will not propose a change to RCW 10.99.030 until the state is 100% NIBRS; however, if there is another bill with a proposed change to the statute, we will attempt to add a change to make the language clearer and up-to-date.

- *Should the incident location, either specific address or latitude/longitude coordinates, be changed from optional to mandatory reporting?*
 - Needs more consideration by committee members. (May 2013)

- *Should the repository crime statistics be made available to the private sector (media, researchers, citizens) through a data mining program, standard report function, Excel spreadsheets, or other method?*
 - No, not until the state is 100% NIBRS and that data can be made available through a data mining program for individuals to create their own on-line reports. (May 2013)

Professional Services Committee – Reported by Tom Jones

The committee met on 11/16/2015 with 50 in attendance. The major topic for discussion was the revision of jail standards for accreditation. In November, a work group of Chiefs and Sheriffs took the current standards being used for accreditation and reduced some of the bulleted standards. The group will meet again prior to the spring conference.

Five agencies receiving accreditation or re-accreditation plaques at the Wednesday banquet as follows:

- Anacortes PD
- Kent PD
- Mountlake Terrace PD
- Port Angeles PD
- Spokane Valley PD

Mark Nelson moved to approve the committee report. Rob Snaza seconded. The motion carried.

Sex Offender Notification and Registration Committee – Reported by Kendle Allen

The Washington State Legislature allocated \$10 million dollars over the 2015-2017 biennium for the Registered Sex Offender Address Verification Program. This year, local agencies will receive \$4.91 million dollars to conduct face-to-face address verifications for registered sex and kidnapping offenders as directed by RCW 9A.44.130. Quarterly grant reports were due to WASPC by October 10th. Staff would like to thank all of the RSO Coordinators for submitting those reports in a very timely fashion.

The 2015 RSO Coordinator Conference was held October 5-7 in Wenatchee. There were over 139 individuals participating in the event. The focus for the conference this year was social media and cyber investigations. A preliminary review of conference evaluations indicate that the conference was good/excellent.

The WASPC RSO Registration and Community Notification Model Policy has been updated to reflect changes to sex offender laws. The updated policy is posted to the RSO Resource Center on the WASPC website. Changes resulting from the passage of SSB 5154 went into effect on 7/24/15. WASPC Membership will be voting to officially adopt the changes at today's meeting. The policy was updated/posted in advance of the official approval changes to the law went into effect between conferences.

Per SSB 5154, the Sex Offender Policy Board was assigned to review and make recommendations in a couple of areas: public disclosure of offender information; the ability for offenders to petition for review of assigned risk level classification; and improving access to the WASPC RSO Model Policy. The Board is to report their findings and recommendations to the legislature by December 1st. James McMahan and Jamie Yoder are working with the Sex Offender Policy Board as it relates to these assignments. The Board has met a handful of times in the last couple of months.

Ken Hohenberg moved to approve the committee report. Paul Pastor seconded. The motion to approve carried.

Small Agency Committee – Reported by Bonnie Bowers

The committee met on 10/26/2015 and reviewed the charter.

The committee also met on 11/16/2015 and hosted a training session that was very well received. The committee has committed to using the 90 minutes it is allocated at each conference to serve small agencies with any training or informational need they might have.

Harvey Gjesdal moved to approve the committee report. Bill Dickinson seconded. The motion to approve carried.

Technology Committee – Reported by Bill Drake

- The committee met on 11/16/2015 and was attended by approximately 28 people.

- Korthuis Smith from WSP presented on WSP's aerial speed enforcement.
- Chief Chris Skinner discussed impacts and future of cloud computing for LE agencies, including CJIS compliance.
- Chief Skinner discussed body cameras, including recent legislation enacted in Oregon which may be worth looking at for providing a basis for moving forward.
- Chief Skinner asked whether or not there is a value in the Technology Committee establishing recommended IT standards/protocols, etc. This will be an agenda item for the spring meeting.
- The committee charter review will be done in the spring.
- Chief Skinner discussed the LERN agreement. Chief Metzger moved to adopt the LERN agreement as presented. Chief Jenkins seconded, PROVIDED that those in attendance are afforded 30 days to review the agreement and raise an objection. Absent any objection within 30 days, the agreement stands as approved. The motion carried unanimously. Chief Skinner also discussed the Fairchild AFB request to access LERN. Chief Metzger moved to approve that request. Chief Jenkins seconded. The motion to approve carried.

Stacie Brown moved to approve the committee report. Kendle Allen seconded. The motion to approve carried.

Traffic Safety Committee – Reported by Bill Drake

The committee met on 11/17/2015 and was attended by approximately 25 individuals. An update to the 24/7 Sobriety Program and Intoximeters was given by Jamie Yoder, WASPC staff.

Information concerning starting one of these programs is available from Jamie at jyoder@waspc.org.

The committee received a briefing from Glenn Kramer at NHTSA concerning self-driving vehicles and some of the data collected so far. The data is still very limited as the self-driving vehicle miles driven is 1.2 million vs. approximately 3 trillion miles for conventional vehicles in the U. S. Potential benefits include decreased traffic congestion and reduced travel times along with improved traffic safety for all participants.

Issues arising from the continued decrease of nationwide traffic stops was highlighted. This is of particular interest, because the majority of the law abiding public's experience with law enforcement is via traffic stops.

Lt. Rob Sharpe of WSP briefed the committee on the BAC machine known as the "Dragger" deployment, which is proceeding, but some issues have arisen via the software. It does not affect certification, but is being addressed to ensure the best possible software is being delivered to the users. He also stated ARIDE and DRE training schedules are being finalized for next year and the next DRE training will be from February 22 through March 4, 2016 in Snoqualmie, WA. Funding is available for those applying for callout of their DRE's for the overtime spent by the department.

Also of note, is the new interlock ignition devices which include not only cameras for image capture of those using the devices, but include GPS data as well. Lt. Sharpe also reminded the committee that the Impaired Driving van is available for community functions.

Darin Grondel of WTSC spoke about the automated vs. autonomous driven vehicle and some of the research being done on these vehicles.

Committee Co-Chair Rob Snaza spoke to the committee concerning the County Road Administration Board and funding issues for traffic safety for Sheriff Departments.

It was also decided by the committee to vote to add traffic safety “data collection” speed monitoring devices known as “speed indicator” signs to the grant list available for WASPC traffic safety grant funding.

Future activities of the committee include a review of the committee’s charter and grant request award meeting.

John Turner moved to approve the committee report. Ed Holmes seconded. The motion to approve carried.

University Policing Committee– Reported by Ed Sorger

The committee met on 11/17/2015. Universities and colleges are under White House directive with regard to Title IX to improve MOUs. The issue will be approached by some of the universities and private colleges about enhancing the MOUS and seeking cooperation in doing so.

The committee would like a block of time, perhaps a training slot, at a future conference to discuss federal reporting requirements.

The committee is also discussing developing a strategic plan, as well as a policy to address violence against women to make sure that there is a mechanism to address those types of incidents.

Chief Sorger is retiring next year from the Evergreen State College Police department after a 36 year career in law enforcement. He thanked everyone for their friendship and support over the years and expects to somehow stay involved.

Mark Nelson moved to approve the committee report. Rick Scott seconded. The motion to approve carried.

LIAISON REPORTS (No Approval Required)

Washington Law Enforcement Advisors (WLEEA) – Captain Dusty Breen Submitted a Written Report

Chair: : Dusty Breen, Captain, Lewis County Sheriff's Office

Date of Report:: Nov 12, 2016

Brief outline of recent activities:: During August 9th-15th the Summer Explorer Academy was hosted at the Yakima Firing Center. Involved were 216 explorers and 57 Staff in attendance.

Academy Command Staff was:
 Commander: Lieutenant Beard, Redmond Police
 Assistant Commander: Officer Rob Stephens, Pacific Police
 Medic: Chief Burbridge, Mason County Fire
 Inspector: Deputy Myers, Kitsap County Sheriff's Office
 Firearms: Officer George, Redmond Police assisted by Officer Uria, Lacey Police
 Food Services: Mrs. Christian [affiliated with King County Sheriff's Office]
 Selection Coordinator: Officer Smith, Olympia Police
 Advanced Coordinator: Mr. Gardner, Evergreen Public Schools / Clark County Sheriff's Office
 Basic Coordinator: Deputy Davy, King County Sheriff's Office

The academy operated well with only a few minor issues occurring during the week.

Brief outline of upcoming activities: WLEEA is preparing for the 2015 Winter Explorer Academy from 12/26/15-12/31/15.

Recommendations and/or action to be taken: I received feedback on areas of improvement regarding practices by explorer advisors during the summer academy. I am addressing these areas at the next WLEEA meeting, and will make recommendations if appropriate.

For a copy of this report, please provide your email address: Dustin.Breen@lewiscountywa.gov

Law Enforcement Torch Run – Reported by Rex Caldwell

The LE Torch Run board has been revamped. Rex will be providing a presentation during Wednesday's luncheon. There will be a speaker from the Kennewick PD. Washington State has raised over \$575,000 just last year for the Special Olympics. Nationally, law enforcement raised \$52 million in 2014 for torch runs around the world. We've come a long way since 1981, the first event, which raised only \$300. Rex gave a big thank you to all who are involved in this very worthwhile cause.

LEIRA – Reported by Jeannie Johnson Jacobs from Everett PD

LEIRA had its 30th anniversary conference in Pasco at the end of October. Agenda items included a property room track, a public records track, a performance evaluation, and management and supervision track. The conference was well attended. There were a number of sworn officers also in attendance.

LEIRA conducted four regional training conferences this year and have already received submissions for requests in 2016. Jeannie noted that many agencies cannot afford to come long distances to conferences so LEIRA is doing their best to bring conferences to them.

LEIRA has a great board and thanked the Chiefs and Sheriffs for allowing their staff to participate on the board. They are moving forward with a budget and things are looking much better financially.

LinX – No Report

Legal Advisors – Reported by Virginia Gleason of Seattle PD

The Legal Advisors group has 30-40 active members dispersed across the state. Virginia asked the Chiefs and Sheriffs that if they have a legal advisor who is an Assistant City Attorney or from their respective Prosecuting Attorney’s office, please send her their information and she will get them added to the email distribution list. They meet every month in person and have an email group that passes questions back and forth three to four times per week.

If Chiefs and Sheriffs have issues they would like to bring to the statewide legal advisors group of interest to the membership, the group will find one of their members who could give some information or help track down others who could help with issues.

Past Presidents – Reported by Ed Holmes

Chair: Ed Holmes (Immediate Past President)

Co-Chair:

Brief outline of recent activities:: Past President Colleen Wilson reached out to all the Past Presidents and asked if we would be willing to reach out to new Chiefs / Sheriffs to welcome them, and to ensure they feel connected and supported. The overwhelming response was favorable, so this committee will become more active.

Brief outline of upcoming activities: This committee will need to connect with the Membership committee to find the best way to work together in a supportive fashion. We will need the contact information for the new Chiefs / Sheriffs, and will need to decide which Past President will be best to reach out to the new Chief / Sheriff.

**Recommendations
and/or action to be
taken:**

The committee has some coordination work to do with the Membership committee and with our own members. Past President Wilson will work with the Immediate Past President to get this work started.

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report, please provide
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BUSINESS**2015-17 Strategic Intentions (approval required)**

Annually, the E-Board meets in retreat to review its strategic intentions. These are good guideline for staff to have benchmarks to measure against. Mitch Barker went through each of the changes many of which are housekeeping in nature and then asked the membership for approval.

Ed Holmes moved to approve the changes as submitted. Ken Hohenberg seconded. The motion to approve the 2015-17 Strategic Intentions carried.

Sex Offender Community Notification Model Policy (approval required)

James McMahan discussed the 2015 legislation that changed the sex offender statutes. Once the effective date for the changes approached, WASPC expedited the Model Policy process and did an update to the policy so that it accurately reflected the newly revised statute. WASPC received approval from both the SORNA Committee and Model Policy Committee on these changes, which now requires approval from the membership. The changes make the document consistent with the changes in the statute.

Mark Brown moved to approve the Model Policy as revised. Mark Couey seconded. The motion to approve the revised Model Policy as written to reflect changes in the statute carried.

President Salisbury extended a special thank you to James for all of the work that he does for the membership.

DNA

Mitch Barker discussed the issue of unsubmitted sexual assault kits and the emphasis being placed on this not only in Washington State, but nationwide. It is of great concern to law enforcement agencies all across the country. WASPC is working with legislators to find funding to process the kits.

Mitch asked the Chiefs and Sheriffs to maintain the untested kits unless they are already already reinvestigating the old kits or have a mechanism in place to process them. Mitch believes there is help coming in the form of additional funding in the 2016 session. There was a survey done on this last year. We may need to do it again. If WASPC asks you to complete the survey again, please designate one individual as the respondent. In some instances, more than one individual

per agency responded and the answers didn't always sync. The closer we can get to accurate numbers, the more beneficial it will be for us. WASPC is working with legislators to put together a five-year funding plan for testing. WASPC is also looking for private foundation funding.

The State Patrol received an additional \$7 million in funding to hire additional scientists in their lab to help with DNA analysis. It will take some time to get the staff up-to-speed. The FBI can also test kits at no cost to your local agency. Mitch recommended that for smaller agencies regionally, they look to combine up to 30 kits at a time and send them free of charge to the FBI for testing. This is another good way to reduce the backlog.

K-9 Certification

Sue Rahr, Executive Director of the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission provided some background on how the K-9 certification process came about. Currently, it's not a certification process at all which she brought to the attention of the Chiefs and Sheriffs. The certification provides no liability protection agencies. There were a number of bad dog bite issues some years ago so the WSCJTC created a WAC essentially saying that it would certify K-9 teams. It was well-intentioned but the process that was put into place was problematic.

There are a number of K-9 Associations in the state and they were doing the evaluations and sign-offs on the teams. They would send a form to WSCJTC and WSCJTC's Certification Manager would sign off. It was also routine that the information on the forms was not always accurate. Sue stated that agencies need to know that if they have the certificate, there is nothing behind it. She recommends that agencies go directly to those K-9 Associations for evaluation and sign off. WSCJTC has no liability and can continue to sign off on the certificates, if desired, but no protection is behind it.

The WSCJTC will be holding a hearing in December to abolish the WAC as described by Sue. Sheriff John Turner, who is a member of the Commission, advocates that a work group be formed to determine what the issues are and develop a plan going forward for certification of K-9 teams. The Commission is hoping to streamline what stakeholders want and from that, determine what the Commission will be able to provide.

Sam Hovenden from the Redmond Police Department expressed his concern. He said there is a group already formed that is making some headway. He does not want to see the basic standard abolished as being proposed by the Commission. He would like to see the Chiefs and Sheriffs support the on-going efforts of the work group to come up with guidelines and standards. There being no further business to discuss, President Salisbury reminded everyone to attend the training sessions. **Ed Holmes moved to adjourn the general business meeting. Ken Thomas seconded. The motion to adjourn the meeting carried.**

ADJOURN:

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Gregory
Executive Assistant