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WASPC GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING 2019 SPRING EXPO & TRAINING CONFERENCE SPOKANE CONVENTION CENTER THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2019 | 10:15 AM



CALL TO ORDER:

President Ken Thomas called the meeting to order at 10:24 a.m. and asked for a motion to approve the November 14, 2018 meeting minutes.

Motion: Chief Ken Hohenberg moved to approve. Sheriff John Snaza seconded. The motion carried.

President Thomas called upon CJTC Executive Director Sue Rahr to make a couple of announcements.

Executive Director Rahr provided a flyer on the top 10 terms regarding I-940, with the first being it is no longer being referred to as I-940. That reference is being retired now that the initiative has become law. The new title is the *Law Enforcement Training and Community Safety Act*. The first body of work is adopting rules for training and secondly, defining independent investigations. There have been many public hearings gathering input. As a result, draft rules for training have been developed and will be discussed at a public hearing at 1:00 p.m. in Room 205 of the Spokane Convention Center today. There will not be a vote today but an opportunity for public comment. On June 6, 2019, the CJTC will complete the public input process and will be adopting the final set of rules.

The Basic Law Enforcement Academy training will not be expanded. It will remain at 720 hours. In-service training will likely be approximately 40 hours, but it will not be in one big block of time. As the rules stand now, the in-service training has to be completed by 2028. The reason for this deadline is to establish a timeframe for training 10,000 officers across the state. It is likely the training will be completed sooner than that.

The second body of work deals with independent investigations. The background work on this has been under way for about the last year. CJTC staff have been reaching out across the country looking at best practices. Instead of trying to reinvent rules and procedures, we want to take the best of the best and utilize those in our development of rules. The public input for this component of the rulemaking will kick off late summer/early fall. CJTC will be reaching out to organizations asking if they would like to host the public meetings for outreach.

Sue urged the Chiefs and Sheriffs to be sure their officers received the two-hour on-line CIT training. If not, they will receive a letter from her stating that the training hasn't been completed.

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Elections

President Thomas appointed Chief Ed Holmes of Mercer Island PD to serve as the Nominating Committee Chair as the Chair of the Membership Committee is running for the open Chief at-large position. The Nominating Committee met to review the slate of officers for the following open Executive Board positions:

- Vice President (Sheriff opening)
- Sheriff at-large
- Chief at-large

Chief Holmes encouraged everyone to think about running for a Board position. If not this year, then at some point in the future. It is an exciting career enhancement opportunity and provides a wider view of the WASPC organization and its membership.

Vice President

- Sheriff Rick Scott, Grays Harbor County

Chief at-large:

- Chief Chuck Spoor, Raymond PD
- Chief Rod Covey, Port of Seattle PD
- Chief Joe Harris, Mattawa PD
- Chief Lou D'Amelio, Swinomish Tribal PD
- Chief Greg Cobb, Union Gap PD

Sheriff at-large:

- Sheriff Mitzi Johanknecht, King County Sheriff's Office

Chief Holmes asked if there were any additional nominations from the floor for any of these three positions. He made the request three times. Hearing none, nominations closed.

Motion: Chief Mike Lasnier moved to accept the nominations as presented. Sheriff Paul Pastor seconded. The motion carried.

Each candidate was provided an opportunity to address the membership on why they would like a seat on the WASPC Executive Board. Following candidate comments, Active and Life members were asked to step out to the voting area to cast their vote.

Resolutions

There were no resolutions for consideration.

Committee Reports (Approval Required)

Boating Safety-Sheriff Ty Trenary and Chief Lou D'Amelio

- Approximately 20 attendees were present from various county, city and tribal agencies.
- Committee Co-Chairs Sheriff Ty Trenary and Chief Lou D'Amelio were both present.

- Two staff members of the Washington State Parks Boating Program were present and were introduced:
 - Hoyle Hodges, Coordinator for Washington State Parks Marine Law Enforcement Training and,
 - Rob Sendak, Washington State Parks Boating Law Administrator
- Hoyle Hodges presented an update to the committee concerning the Washington State Parks Marine Law Enforcement Program. Highlights of the update include:
 - LE training offerings this year have been limited to Basic Marine Law Enforcement (BMLE) and Boating Under the Influence (BUI) classes due to curtailments caused by the state budgeting issues last year. Hoyle is confident that a more robust training schedule will be offered in 2020.
 - There are plans to conduct at least one Marine Search and Rescue class next year.
 - Washington State Parks has worked closely with Eastern Washington University as well as other educational institutions to develop the only BUI training curriculum in the country that currently includes evaluating boat operators for marijuana intoxication.
 - The BUI training curriculum will soon introduce a computer application named DRUID, which officers can utilize on a tablet-style computer to assist in evaluating boaters who may be intoxicated.
 - State Parks is working closely with tribal agencies to provide training and to determine how tribal boating program patrol hours might be counted under the USCG Grant funding formula for the state, which would result in additional funding.
- Rob Sendak followed Hoyle's update with a presentation regarding his background and goals for the State Parks Boating Program. Rob has only been in this position for 6 months and this was his first WASPC conference. Of note:
 - Rob was formerly with REI and most recently the External Affairs Manager with the Washington Wildlife & Recreation Coalition before coming to his present position of Boating Law Administrator for Washington Parks.
 - Rob noted his vision of priorities for the program include increasing the percentage of boaters wearing Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) and increasing the education of human-powered craft operators (paddlers and kayakers).
 - Kittitas Undersheriff Clay Myers raised an issue concerning the 60-day grace period given to new boat owners before they must possess a Washington State Boater Education Card in order to operate a vessel with more than 15 horsepower. This issue has been discussed at prior meetings. Further discussion led to the committee's decision to forward this idea for consideration of the WASPC Legislative committee on June 5th.
 - There was also a discussion regarding the need for greater reporting accuracy when State Parks is gathering data to accurately reflect state boating accidents with injuries and fatalities. Several suggestions were made, which State Parks staff agreed to evaluate.

- It was pointed out that the first 1.1 million of collected Vessel Registration Fees (VRF) is earmarked for the General Fund, rather than the State Parks Boating Program. It was agreed that if this funding could be routed directly to State Parks Boating (as it reportedly used to be) then a much greater range of training and support could be offered to state boating programs. The committee agreed that this idea should be forwarded to the WASPC Legislative Committee, if not on June 5th, then certainly in September.
- Sheriff Trenary pointed out that the reporting requirements that were contemplated two years ago by State Parks (which initially caused very active discussion and resistance amongst boating program coordinators) have now gone in to effect without objection after a reexamination and reintroduction of the requirements by State Parks' staff.

Corrections/Jail Managers-Sheriff Rick Scott

1. CJTC Updates – Rex Caldwell, CJTC
 - a. Corrections Certification Program – fell short in legislature
 - b. Equivalency Academy - Discussion on length – is 3 days enough?
 - c. COA Extension – 4 weeks to 6 weeks – fell short in legislature (avg is 12 weeks)
 - d. Current State of COA – funding issues – 7 academies for 2020 – 6 academies for 2021
 - e. Advanced Training Opportunities: Blue Courage, Crisis Intervention, Combating Manipulation.
 - f. WASPC Law & Justice Day – June 5 1000-1400
2. Shannon Czecko – United Health Care
 - a. Discussed assisting inmates needing medical care who are being released to the community and keeping them linked to services that have shown to positively impact recidivism rates.
3. Jamie Weimer – WASPC Projects/Programs Coordinator
 - a. Vine/ JBRS update
4. Group Discussion -
 - a. Use of Body Scanners – group discussion about the pros and cons to implementing a body scanner system to combat the introduction of drugs and contraband to facilities.
5. John McGrath – WASPC Jail Services Liaison
 - a. Legislative Update

Finance & Personnel Committee-Chief Brett Vance

All statements are presented through March 31, 2019. Overall, YTD expenses are in line with YTD revenues. No concerns.

Grants Committee-Sheriff Mark Howie

Sheriff Jim Raymond advised that due to lack of a quorum present for the meeting, no new business was reported.

Homeland Security/Intelligence-Chief Ken Thomas

The committee received a briefing from the Fusion Center on cyber security and WSIN provided the current status on the WAGangs database.

Indian Country Law Enforcement-Chief Mike Lasnier

The committee met on Tuesday, 5/21/2019 with 16 members present. Washington State Parks has approached the Tribes about working together to get more funding. There will be a meeting with them to discuss ways in which they can better collaborate on mutual issues.

CJTC provided an update on the Tribal agreements they have for training. It was agreed that whenever a new Chief comes on board, CJTC will do a new agreement each time. There was also some discussion about CJTC adding some Tribal training to their curriculum. The Tribes will develop some ideas about this to discuss with CJTC.

The extradition bill was pulled for the second year in a row. Chief Lasnier reported that the Tribes are working on getting all of their organizations into alignment on this issue so they can be better prepared for the 2020 legislative session.

Law Enforcement Training & Education Committee-Chief Rod Covey

The committee met with a very well attended session. They were briefed on a number of issues. Sue Rahr from CJTC updated them on the 21st Century Leadership course being developed with emphasis on emotional intelligence. There will be more information provided as this rolls out.

The National Command College, which is an on-line based curriculum, was discussed. There is a lot of good information contained on their website with training offered when it works best for the students' schedule.

The Partnership on Resiliency and Wellness was discussed. The FBINAA, NOBLE and WASPC have been working on an MOU to coordinate efforts. There will be a formal signing ceremony of the MOU later in this session.

Legislative Committee-Sheriff John Snaza

No additional report provided, as there was extensive discussion at the legislative update meeting earlier in the day.

Membership Committee-Chief Chuck Spoor

Chief Spoor reported that WASPC has 226 Active Members; 68 Affiliate Members; 419 Associate Members, and 105 Life Members.

Chief Spoor asked everyone if they know of law enforcement leaders in their areas that are not currently members, please encourage them to join. He also asked that leaders consider having their command staff join WASPC.

Model Policy Committee-Chief Jamey Kiblinger

No report provided.

NIBRS-

No report provided.

Professional Services Committee-Chief Jeff Myers

The following items were discussed at the Professional Services Committee (PSC) meeting held on May 21 with 30 committee members in attendance.

- **Standard update** – Mike Painter reported that he advanced two potential standard changes to small work group in early 2019 that would be considered by the PSC at the Spring conference. The work group recommended accepting the change to standard 3.6, investigations of deadly force, by including the word “independent investigation” to mirror the recent changes to state law. Application of the standard will follow the guidelines provided in the WAC, once advanced by CJTC. The standard change was approved by the committee and advanced to the Executive Board.
- **Accreditation pins** – The committee discussed potential changes to the accreditation pin and reviewed several different artwork samples developed by staff from Grant County SO and Fife PD. Two of the examples were selected for further consideration. Mike will work with a vendor and report back at the fall conference availability of the pins.
- **Professional Services update-** Mike provided committee members with an update on professional services delivered to agencies around Washington since the fall conference. Chief Steve Shumate from Aberdeen PD reported to the group his experience with a recent LEMAP assessment his agency went through and how it benefitted his agency.
- **Annual report** – Mike reported that WASPC loses between 10-25% of accredited agencies, each year, during the re-accreditation process. In an effort to help agencies during this process he advanced a concept, used by other state accreditation programs, of installing an annual reporting requirement. The report would potentially be a simple, online document, that would be completed by accrediting agencies each year to essentially provide a check in on their status and encourage compliance with annual standards. The consensus of the group was to move forward with the annual report and bring a proposed reporting instrument and policy language to the committee at the fall conference. Mike will also update the Executive Board on this initiative at their annual retreat in September.
- **Upcoming training** – Accreditation manager training will be provided in Central Washington during the summer of 2018 and in Western Washington during the fall. Details will be advanced through the GTWO.

Public Trust Committee-Sheriff Paul Pastor

The committee met on Tuesday with 30 people present. Chief Steve Mylett and Sheriff Paul Pastor co-chair this committee. They have agreed to revise the scope of the committee. They are narrowing it to communication language geared to key audiences. They will focus on what is public trust, who and what WASPC is, and who and what law enforcement is in Washington State.

There will be some public service announcements produced by TVW and the sharing of best practices. The committee will work with WSU to create surveys to gauge how well these efforts are working with the public.

Sex Offender Notification & Registration (SONAR)-Sheriff Brad Manke

The committee met and received updates on the following items:

- The Sex Offender Address Verification Grant program is to support face-to-face address verifications for registered sex and kidnapping offenders. Local law enforcement will receive \$4.81 million dollars to conduct this work. WASPC will send award letters and MOUs to the Sheriffs within the next couple of weeks.
- A training session regarding sex offender registration and notification for chiefs and sheriffs will occur at the 2019 WASPC Fall Conference. The training will provide a brief overview of sex offender laws and law enforcement responsibility as it relates to sex offender registration and notification.
- The SONAR Committee and OffenderWatch User group meets three times each year in April, July and October. The next meeting is scheduled for July 9, 2019 at the WASPC office.
- Lastly, OffenderWatch has recognized the Grays Harbor County Sheriff's Office for their outstanding work in the area of sex offender registration and notification. The Grays Harbor County Sheriff's Office has documented policies and procedures, maintains complete offender records, works well with local agency partners, maintains relationships with statewide partners and national contacts, follows applicable state statues and has provided sample forms for use by other agencies. Congratulations Sheriff Scott.

Small Agency Committee-Chief Greg Elwin

The committee met on Tuesday and was well attended. Co-Chair Sheriff Joe Helm was unable to attend the meeting.

Chief Elwin noted that the Small Agency Committee is also beginning a reorganization effort to redirect the committee's focus and to formalize meetings and agendas.

There was a lot of discussion about homeless, criminal transients and public camping. More information available on the WASPC conference app.

There will be more discussion at the committee meeting at the fall conference on the RCW's associated with Civil Service Commissions. The committee will be bringing something back to the Executive Board to clean up some of the Civil Service language in the committee's charter.

There was also discussion on the I-940 training rules. The SNOCO Chiefs Association submitted some comments to CJTC on the impacts to their members.

Technology Committee—Sheriff Mitzi Johanknecht

The committee did not meet at the spring conference.

Traffic Safety Committee-Sheriff Rob Snaza

The committee met on Tuesday and was not as well attended as hoped. It was disappointing as there are a number of important issues coming up in the traffic safety area. The State Patrol is doing some outstanding things relative to Drug Recognition Experts (DREs). They are working to establish some additional DRE classes.

The Traffic Safety Commission addressed the group and presented statistical information on the increase in DUI's from marijuana use. They will be looking at how we address these issues in our neighborhoods and communities. There will be some grants developed to assist with this. More information to come.

The Traffic Safety Committee wants to hear from law enforcement on what works in their communities relative to traffic safety. The committee is looking to establish some best practices.

There is an effort underway to move from SECTOR to a new system called the National Model. There is a core group of individuals working on this. SECTOR is used strictly in Washington State. We need to start thinking globally, and what is beyond. SECTOR is outdated. The National Model started in Iowa and is currently being used in 16 states. Sheriff Snaza encouraged the Chiefs and Sheriffs to start asking their command staff to look at this new system.

University Policing-Chief Darin Rasmussen

Chief Darin Rasmussen from Western Washington University provided the committee report. The committee met on Tuesday and was well attended by four of the six major universities. There was a good presentation on student populations from foreign countries and the potential threat to the general student population.

There was great discussion about cooperation among the universities in sharing resources. That has been working very well. Chief Rasmussen reported there has been an uptick in student suicides which is causing a great deal of concern. Universities are working with mental health professionals in their communities to provide resources to students. Some are looking into the purchase of comfort dogs to help their students emotionally.

Motion: Chief Al Compaan moved to approve all reports as submitted. Chief Brett Vance seconded. The motion to approve all reports carried.

Liaison Reports (No Approval Required)

Explorers--Captain Dave Richards, Spokane PD

No report provided.

LE Torch Run--Chief Brian Asmus

This year, Special Olympics is replacing the Red Robin event with a new one. On June 9, 40 Safeway stores in the state will be participating with local law enforcement to do the "Bagging for Bucks" event. Chief Asmus asked that law enforcement officers help Safeway staff the local event which is from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., so not a long time commitment required. All proceeds help Special Olympics of Washington.

The Torch Run event is coming up. It will be held at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma. Chief Asmus asked that law enforcement help carry the torch or be present in the stadium to help cheer on athletes. He gave a special thanks to Rex Caldwell, who represented Special Olympics of Washington in Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates at the international event.

LEIRA (written report provided)

LEIRA stands for Law Enforcement Information and Records Association. LEIRA is a non-profit organization, which supports the profession of criminal justice support personnel. We provide our members much needed training, networking and other opportunities for growth. We were established in 1985 and has weathered a lot of change. Just like commissioned officers, professional staff members have had to evolve as well.

As the years have gone by, not only the volume but also more importantly the complexity of the work professional staff is being tasked with has increased. We are important players on the public safety team, right along with commissioned officers, in many ways. Because of that, the partnership between LEIRA and WASPC is more important and needed than ever. For that, we thank you.

LEIRA has great hard-working and dedicated executive board with members representing the entire state of Washington:

- Sara Fitzgibbons, King County Sheriff's Office
- Past President: Jeanne Johnson Jacobs, Everett PD
- 2nd Vice President: Josh Rees, Sequim PD
- Secretary: Lisa Edlin, Oak Harbor PD
- PD Treasurer: Julie Ubert, Lake Stevens PD
- Director: Chris Leyda, Snohomish County Sheriff's Office
- Director: Cathy Munoz, Cheney PD
- Director: Janelle Knight, Snoqualmie PD
- Ex-Officio: Joan Smith, WASPC

The entire e-board greatly appreciates the support we receive from our home agencies. Without that support, LEIRA would not exist. However, at this time, we do need more people to help support the e-board and to keep LEIRA moving forward, either by joining a committee or by running for office. We ask that you please reach out to your staff and encourage them to become more involved. You are more than welcome to reach out to anyone on the board for more information.

The executive board is working hard to provide more training resources to our members. Our regional trainings in the past year have been well attended and received. We are excited and proud to announce we will have our Fall Conference this year in Walla, Walla at the Marcus

Whitman. Hotel. We must thank Patty Blakely and her team at the host agency, Walla Walla PD, for their tremendous support of this huge endeavor.

This year's conference will have training tracts on leadership, NIBRS, property and evidence (this is new!), court orders, juvenile seals, managing police records, and NICS/WSP among many other topics. We're also very proud and thankful to be able to bring Michelle Bennett of the Sammamish Police Department and Marcia Harnden of the Bellevue Police Department in as trainers this year. Information on all the tracts available can be found at our new and improved website: www.leirawa.gov

The LEIRA conference will provide a great opportunity for your staff to attend a multitude of trainings and to be able to network with agencies across the state. We have over 100 people signed up as of today. The hotels are filling up quickly if your agency hasn't already booked a spot.

Our next conference is slated for 2021 and we're already looking for host agencies in western Washington. Please reach out to LEIRA if you're interested in continuing the great conference tradition.

Other highlights to share:

- 1) In April 2019 we went live with a new website, powered by Memberclicks.:
www.leirawa.org
This website (which is the same that WASPC uses) will allow for us to manage membership and registration all in one place. Our members will have a one-stop shop for all things LEIRA. We currently have over 250 members of LEIRA!
- 2) We have continued to build relationships with WCIA, Public Records Institute and other agencies in an effort to bring the best training possible to our members.
- 3) Cathy Munoz, our Director from Cheney Police Department, working closely with our partner Sara DiVittorio, to help pass an update to RCW 7.69A.020(8), RCW 7.69A.030(4), RCW 10.97.130 and RCW 42.56.240(5), which provides more protections for juvenile victims of sexual assault.

Again, thank you for your continued support of LEIRA. This coming year is sure to bring many challenges and changes to our profession, especially with the implementation of I-1639. I am confident that by working together, we will continue to move forward.

New Business

AMBER Alerts – Carri Gordon, Washington State Patrol

Ms. Gordon is the Washington State AMBER Alert Coordinator. She is also chairperson for the AMBER Alert Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee is governed by a committee of stakeholders. The committee historically meets twice per year to discuss potential changes to the system. One of the recent changes brought forward is that any request for an alert must be made in NCIC before it can be activated. Time requirements are eliminated. No more four-hour suggested timeline. The danger to a child must be imminent.

Carri noted that there are fewer alerts being issued for AMBER, Silver, etc., as it now must involve a vehicle. Someone who was a walk-away will no longer rise to the level of an alert. Those will be

responded to by local law enforcement using the policies and procedures already in place in those agencies.

National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE)—U.S. Marshal Jacob Green

Marshal Green addressed the group discussing who NOBLE is and what they do. He said NOBLE has reached out to local law enforcement agencies to build bridges. He asked members if they have an issue that he and NOBLE can assist with, he stands ready to do so. Please don't hesitate to contact him when needed.

There was a formal signing ceremony of the MOU between WASPC, NOBLE and FBINAA to focus on the wellness of our officers and to align resources to take care of our people. It is a commitment to share resources to collaborate on training and wellness. Chief Ken Thomas thanked Chief Scott Behrbaum of Issaquah PD for bringing these organizations together, as it was his brainchild to get this effort underway. Congratulations to everyone for making this happen.

Use of Force Data Collection--Ron Ruecker, FBI

Mr. Ruecker is making a tour of the country to law enforcement agencies in support of participation in the national data collection on use of force. The impetus for this project started with seven law enforcement agencies coming together to ask the FBI to put together a database to collect a narrow slice of data on use of force. Nationally, there are 1600 agencies that have signed up. There are 17,000 agencies eligible. There is much work left to do.

There are a dozen agencies in Washington State signed up so far to participate in this voluntary program, so a long way to go. You can sign up at www.fbi.gov/useofforce. From there, participants will establish an account and receive a login to begin inputting data. It is free, it is easy, and will provide a better picture to inform the national use of force conversation.

Steve Strachan stressed the importance of our agencies participating in this effort. He encouraged everyone to sign up to input data. We need to do this. The legislature funded the state Attorney General's Office \$75k to study what they will do to get use of force data. WASPC would prefer that we be the lead on this, and not the state AGO. Steve said Joan Smith of his staff can assist agencies with getting started. If you have questions, don't hesitate to ask.

WASPC Executive Board Election Results

Congratulations to the following for their election to WASPC's Executive Board:

- Vice President—Sheriff Rick Scott, Grays Harbor County Sheriff's Office
- Sheriff at-large—Sheriff Mitzi Johanknecht, King County Sheriff's Office
- Chief at-large—Chief Rod Covey, Port of Seattle Police Department

Our thanks to outgoing Board members Sheriff Brian Burnett of Chelan County and Chief Ronnie Roberts from the Olympia Police Department for their service to the Board and membership.

Chief Cheol Kang from the Mukilteo Police Department was the winner of the \$500 VISA gift card drawing.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Gregory
WASPC Executive Assistant