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Greetings from your Executive Director:

Let's start this week with some rulings and briefings from the Courts and Prosecutors:

Kitsap County issued a ruling pertaining to [DUI breath tests](#) that may have impacts statewide. The State Patrol has indicated that as soon as they have more information they will pass it along.

This week the Washington State Supreme Court issued [this ruling](#) in State v. Sum. Be aware of this ruling and make sure you discuss with your legal advisor. We will be reaching out to the WA Assoc. of Prosecuting Attorneys (WAPA) for any input on the impacts of this ruling. Additionally, consider reaching out to the CJTC with any questions on how local agencies can best respond to this change via best practices relating to social contacts.

WAPA also has issued, as required by a new law, [a model policy](#) on Potential Impeachment Disclosures (PID). We have shared some concerns with WAPA following some feedback from Sheriffs and Chiefs and will advise if there are any changes made as we move forward.

MEDIA

[This article](#) was published this week about catalytic converter thefts, which you all know have been increasing. The article mentions the legislation that provides for grants for agencies; what is not mentioned is that this was not funded by the legislature in their budget.

[Here](#) is a good column this week from the Seattle Times about the contradiction of reducing gun violence while simultaneously restricting law enforcement contacts and proactive policing. It's worth reading.

I continue to hear about the frequency of drivers fleeing and driving away from traffic stops, accompanied by an increased willingness to ram squad cars when offenders are boxed in. [Here](#) is a video link of several incidents from media reports or dash and body cams from around the state, for your use if it assists in providing additional examples for your community.

Axios and the Marshall Project published stories across the country about crime statistics and the level of reporting that varies from state-to-state. [The article that was published about our state](#) notes that we have one of the highest rates in the nation. Many thanks to our great CJIS staff here at WASPC and to each of your agencies for your attention to this important data, that is even more important now as our elected leaders make important decisions about public safety.

A GTWO went out Tuesday with the information you need to get started with our new online leadership program, in conjunction with Dr. Javidi and coordinated by David Doll from WASPC. This is an important step forward for leadership development.

Our Policy Team met with those of you who attended our Legislative Brainstorming meeting this week. A preliminary list of ideas we will be working through over the next several months include:

1. Blake/Simple Possession
2. Pursuits
3. Juvenile Access to Attorney
4. 1/10 tax credit to hire officers
5. Illegal Street Racing
6. Support Mental Health & Drug Treatment Reforms & Enhancements
7. State Loans for New Jail Construction
8. Critical Public Safety Staffing Act of 2023
9. Recording Inmate Communications
10. Sheriff Qualification & Sheriff Pay Equity

Finally, [here is an invitation](#) for the kick-off to the Attorney General's Organized Retail Crime Task Force on July 7. You can attend in-person or virtually.

Stay Safe- Steve

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