Accreditation Mentorship Program

The Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs have created a mentor program designed to assist accreditation managers with implementation and management of the WASPC accreditation program. This is a program free of cost to agencies seeking accreditation through WASPC. The mentoring program is designed to enable agencies wishing to pursue WASPC accreditation the opportunity to spend time with a designated accreditation mentor, prior to and during the accreditation process. All mentors serve an invaluable role in the Accreditation program and can save an accreditation manager valuable time by answering most questions about WASPC Accreditation. All accreditation mentors have been selected by the WASPC Director of Professional Services and have served as accreditation managers prior to selection. They have agreed to volunteer their time by assisting other agencies in support of the WASPC Accreditation program. The Director of Professional Services assigns all mentors to interested agencies.

Mentors provide guidance in:

 Getting started in the process

 The self‐evaluation phase

 Putting together a department accreditation team

 Managing the accreditation process

 File construction and maintenance

 Interpreting accreditation standards

 Providing examples of proofs of compliance

 Determining when your agency is ready and facilitating a mock on‐site assessment

 Dealing with “out of compliance” issues

The roster of WASPC Accreditation Mentors can be found on the WASPC website at <http://www.waspc.org/index.php?c=Accreditation>. Additional questions can be directed to Mike Painter, WASPC Director of Professional Services, at 360-292-7959 or mpainter@waspc.org.