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## WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF SHERIFFS AND POLICE CHIEFS ELECTS NEW LEADERS

(Lacey) --- The Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC) has elected a number of board members for 2023-2024. The officers of the 14-member executive board were named at the organization's general business meeting in May.

President: Sheriff Kevin Morris, Douglas County Sheriff's Office

President-elect: Chief Darrell Lowe, Redmond Police Department

Vice President: Sheriff John Nowels, Spokane County Sheriff's Office

Treasurer: Chief Damon Simmons, Liberty Lake Police Department

Chief at Large: Chief Rebecca Mertzig, Bellingham Police Department

Sheriff At-Large: Sheriff Clay Myers, Kittitas County Sheriff's Office (re-elected)

"These are some of the top law enforcement leaders in Washington and we are grateful they have stepped up to provide direction for our statewide organization," said Steve Strachan, WASPC executive director. "They will shape the policies for all law enforcement across the state and guide the best practices that make public safety better for every community."

WASPC was founded in 1963 and consists of executive and top management personnel from law enforcement agencies statewide. With more than 900 members, it includes all 39 county sheriffs, and 240 police chiefs, as well as the Washington State Patrol, the Washington Department of Corrections, and representatives of Tribal and federal agencies.

WASPC is the only association of its kind in the nation combining representatives from local, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement into a single body, working toward a common goal. WASPC's function is to provide specific materials and services to all law enforcement agencies in the state, members, and non-members alike.

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