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Serving the Law Enforcement Community and the Citizens of Washington

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Greetings from Your Executive Director:

All of us were deeply saddened last Sunday morning to learn of another Washington State law enforcement officer killed in the line of duty, the second in less than a month. All of us are thinking about **Deputy DeRosier's family and the team at the Cowlitz County Sheriff's Office**. This was already sent out in a GTWO earlier this week, but I am re-sending the information about the memorial service and the memorial fund below:

Sheriff Brad Thurman and Cowlitz County, in partnership with U.S. Bank, have opened a donation account for the Deputy Justin DeRosier Memorial Fund. To best serve the DeRosier's, permission was received from the family to establish this donation account which protects the family from unintended tax liabilities. Tax liability to the family can occur if donations are not made through proper channels. For more information, and how you can donate to the fund, please see the attached [release](#).

Sheriff Brad Thurman and the DeRosier family announce Deputy Justin DeRosier's Memorial Service will occur on Wednesday, April 24th, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

The Memorial will be held at:

The Earle A. & Virginia H. Chiles Center at the University of Portland
5000 North Willamette Boulevard
Portland, OR 97203

There will also be a live video feed at the following site:

New Life Church
2441 42nd Avenue
Longview, WA 98632

Information about parking is included here. If you have questions please check the Cowlitz County Sheriff's Office Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/cowlitz.sheriff.7/>.

We are heading toward the **end of the legislative session**, and here is a quick update from our Policy Director, James McMahan:

This week's "cut-off" eliminated another 30 bills or so that we were tracking, including a number of them that we were actively working on, including:

- Consumer data (facial recognition) - Opposed
- Elimination of the death penalty - Opposed

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- Requiring massage therapists to provide photo ID - Support

Bills that have either already passed or are still in-play and need concurrence from the other chamber include:

- NICS Fix/clarification - Support
- DUI "Look back" Bill - Support
- Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion Grants - Support
- Found Property (raise the \$ threshold for what must be kept)- Support
- Extreme Risk Protection Orders- expanded for juveniles - Support
- Tribal Records - Support
- Rape 3 / Extend the Statute of Limitations on Sex Crimes- Support
- Assisting survivors of sexual assault (directs crime lab to set a goal of testing DNA within 45 days) - Support
- School safety bill (includes training) - Support
- DNA collection (increases those from whom DNA is collected) - Support
- Removing Robbery 2nd from 3 strikes law - Oppose
- Some marijuana bills – Oppose

		Total Bills Tracking	Alive after Policy Cut-Off	Alive after Fiscal Cut-Off	Alive after Chamber of Origin Cut-Off	Alive after Opposite Chamber Policy Cut-Off	After Opposite Chamber Cut-Off
Actively Working	Support	95	71	56	38	40	33
	Concerns	30	24	19	12	3	2
	Oppose	70	38	30	12	10	7
	Other	408	271	211	146	146	119
	TOTAL	603	404	316	208	199	161

Also, bills continue to be introduced. As of today, we tracked 628 (28%) of the 2,189 bills introduced this session.

Here is a quick update on the **"stakeholder" meetings on rules related to the implementation of I-940**. The act itself that came from the new law is called the Law Enforcement Training and Community Safety Act (LETCSA), so that is the acronym that is now being used, mostly because there is not a better one. The stakeholder group, along with a number of public hearings, provides rules to the Criminal Justice Training Commission for their adoption as WACs.

The first phase of the rulemaking is first aid and training, while the deadly force independent investigations part will come later in the summer and fall. The current conversation about first aid and training rules is centering on the expectation from the community groups that there be some reference to the "intersection of police and race" and training on being aware of the history of those issues. There has been some dialogue about the definition of de-escalation and clearly recognizing that not all situations can be de-escalated, and sometimes it is not appropriate. The

draft rules will be sent and will go to the CJTC for review and adoption, and we will have input up to the point of them actually being adopted. If you have any questions or would like more detail just let me know I am happy to get any information to you.

King County has updated their model policies on **responding to extreme risk protection orders and firearms seizures**. This is not a model policy adopted by our Model Policy committee, but rather is offered as information to our members in case you wish to utilize any of it for your department policy:

[King County & Snohomish County Chiefs Model Policy](#)

[Checklist](#)

[Forms](#)

Also, I sent it a few weeks ago but I am re-sending the letter [WASPC submitted to the Supreme Court](#) opposing proposed new rules from the Defense Lawyers. The deadline for comments is April 30- if you are considering sending any communication to the Supreme Court I wanted to remind you and provide you with our information.

Here is a good [story](#) about two **Buffalo PD Officers** in New York who are building relationships in the community:

Finally, many of us have personal experiences or have heard stories related to the fire that severely damaged the **Notre Dame in Paris** earlier this week. Here's mine- my wife and I are friends with a couple who are originally from India. Several years ago they lived in Paris for a few years, and we asked if they had visited the cathedral. They said they lived nearby and visited Notre Dame at least once a week. Our friends are observant Hindus and she would wear her sari, go inside the church, and spend time praying. She said they did not have access to a Hindi temple and Notre Dame was the place where they felt welcomed and comfortable. Great example of what that building means to a lot of different people.

Happy Holy Week-

WORK HARD- HAVE FUN- STAY SAFE

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