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Greetings From Your Executive Director:

I always try not to overwhelm you with too much information, and to keep our communications short, usable, and direct whenever I can. This week, however, I am going to break my own rule and in the interest of making sure you have all the information you might want or need, send along the following about the **proposed rulemaking for the law created regarding I-940**. The new law and set of rules are being called the Law Enforcement Training and Community Safety Act (LETCSA).

Following the new law regarding I-940, the next step has been rulemaking by the Criminal Justice Training Committee (CJTC), which has involved several public meetings including with meetings of what are called the Statutory Stakeholders. WASPC (along with many other community and law enforcement labor groups including WACOPS, FOP and COMPAS) are among those stakeholders. Law enforcement has been providing consistent and effective input at those meetings. There has also been extensive input and testimony from community groups, who are representing various stakeholder groups identified in the law, specifically "input must be sought from organizations advocating for: Persons with disabilities; members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer community; persons of color; immigrants; noncitizens; native Americans; youth; and formerly incarcerated persons."

I am attaching the [proposed draft rules](#) as submitted by CJTC staff following the "statutory stakeholder" meetings, regarding training and first aid (note that independent investigations rules will not come until later in the year).

As you will see, in the proposed rules about training content there is a lot of language about the history of law enforcement, etc., which the community groups made clear was important to them. This is a draft that will go to the commission for review and approval at their 5/23 CJTC commission meeting.

Here are a few of the main points in the WAC:

- 139-11-010 provides a definition of de-escalation
- 139-11-020 are the requirements. There is a portion of this section that talks about the intersection of law enforcement and marginalized communities; this was language that is more balanced than the original community statement. This portion also requires new officers to have 200 hours in BLEA of de-escalation and mental health training and the newly defined deadly force standard. This portion also includes initial training for provision of first aid once a scene is secured. Existing and lateral peace officers must complete 40 hours of de-escalation and mental health training every three years, with

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incumbent peace officers required to complete that cycle by the beginning of 2028. This date was from the CJTC estimating how many people could be trained per year statewide.

- 139-11-030 sets rules for waivers
- 139-11-040 are rules for CJTC training and assessment, and the use of subject matter experts
- 139-11-050 says the CJTC may seek and consider input from community groups
- 139-11-060 sets hourly standards for the training, provide reports and give public information

So, just to be clear, these proposed rules were drafted by CJTC staff for review by the CJTC Commission after input from many groups, including us. They have sought to balance all these different groups. We will continue to communicate with the CJTC, the community groups, and others as these move toward review by the Commission. We will continue to work on this, but I wanted to get you the official version so all of you are in the loop. Feel free to submit input in writing or in person (both carry the same weight) directly to the Commission, or to me to share if you wish.

So- I just wanted to let you know what is going on with this process, and as always I am happy to help answer questions if I can-

Have a great weekend-

WORK HARD- HAVE FUN- STAY SAFE

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