



Washington Association of
**SHERIFFS &
POLICE CHIEFS**

3060 Willamette Drive NE
Lacey, WA 98516
360-486-2380 (Phone)
360-486-2381 (Fax)
www.waspc.org

July 9, 2021

Greetings from your Executive Director:

Just a few things as we go into the weekend—

First, as you know we asked the author of the bills for clarity on the 50 caliber issue regarding HB 1054, and to ask that they request an Attorney General's opinion on 1310. We will advise if there is anything to report on those. Meanwhile, here is the current status, knowing that each of you continue to work with legal advisors, elected officials, your communities and your teams on how best to respond and change policies.

- The laws go into effect July 25.
- The request for an Attorney General's opinion, if it is in fact requested, may take weeks or months to complete.
- The model policy required in the law from the Attorney General is not required for one year.
- Any law changes likely would not occur until the next session in 2022.

So- the matrix of incidents and calls in which these issues become problematic, as noted by Mason Co SO (and contained in the WASPC Policy Bank to provide an example) are a good tool to provide information for you, for your community, and for policy makers as we move forward and look for changes. I encourage you to consider compiling those incidents and outcomes, and communicate with your communities.

Here are some examples of communication going on now around our state:

First, Chief Rafael Padilla at Kent PD has begun providing a series of videos for the community on these changes:

- Episode 1 [Tactics](#)
- Episode 2 [Use of Force](#)
- Episode 3 [Drug Possession](#)
- Episode 4 [Officer Certification](#)

[Here](#) is a column by Gig Harbor Chief Kelly Busey.

[Here](#) is an article from the Columbia Basin Herald featuring comments from Moses Lake Chief Kevin Fuhr.

Here is a [KOMO](#) story on the crime stats released earlier this week.

[Here](#) is a podcast segment of coverage on KIRO Radio of the crime numbers.

Serving the Law Enforcement Community and the Citizens of Washington

Finally, in the crime stats released we sent earlier this week, we referred to WA State being 51/50 in officers per thousand, and the release linked to the FBI table. [Attached](#) is an Excel version with the formula completed and ranked, as requested by some of our members.

The State Auditor's Office has been tasked under new laws with completing audits of deadly force investigations involving law enforcement. [Attached](#) is a letter from Auditor McCarthy explaining their role and to provide information as they prepare.

Finally, the Bureau of Justice Assistance at DOJ has sent this [link](#) for potential grant funding for body cameras.

Have a good weekend and stay safe-

Steve