

BIO

STEVEN D. STRACHAN

Executive Director Steve Strachan is honored to serve Washington's Sheriffs and Police Chiefs following a 31 year career in law enforcement. Steve started as a part-time jailer with the Carver County (MN) Sheriff's Office, then began as a full-time police officer with the Lakeville (MN) Police Department, where he served as a Patrol Officer, DARE Officer, Detective, School Resource Officer, SWAT Operator and Commander, Sergeant, and as Chief of Police.

Director Strachan also served as a City Council Member for the City of Farmington, MN for six years, and in 2002 was elected to the Minnesota State House of Representatives, where he served on the Judiciary Committee and was Chief Author of the bill that lowered the state's blood alcohol limit to .08.

In 2006, Steve began as Chief of Police in Kent, Washington, and in 2010 he became Chief Deputy at the King County Sheriff's Office. When Sheriff Sue Rahr became Director of the Criminal Justice Training Commission, Steve was named Sheriff by the King County Council, where he served until the end of 2012.

Steve became Chief of Police in Bremerton, Washington in 2013, and served there until his appointment as WASPC's Executive Director in 2018. Steve has a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology from the University of Minnesota, and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Minnesota State University. He is a graduate of the Senior Management Institute for Police (SMIP) through the Police Executive Research Forum, and is a past Board Member and Legislative Chair for WASPC, as well as a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the National Sheriffs Association.