

WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF SHERIFFS AND POLICE CHIEFS

2015 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Adopted by the WASPC membership on November 19, 2014 in Chelan, WA

LAW AND JUSTICE DAY

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Body-Worn Cameras (Draft Pending)

Advancements in technology now enable law enforcement agencies to equip their officers with body-worn cameras. Body-worn cameras offer additional information regarding interactions between law enforcement officers and the public. The current state of laws

impede, rather than encourage, law enforcement's use of this technology. WASPC will work with the Legislature to craft legislation that removes barriers to law enforcement agencies' use of body-worn cameras.

Improve Sex Offender Registration Laws (SB 5154)

While Washington maintains one of the most advanced sex offender registration and monitoring systems in the nation, certain provisions have been identified for improvement and to better comply

with federal requirements. WASPC is seeking legislation that would make technical and policy changes to Washington's sex offender registration system.

Authorize the Use of Warrant Officers in Cities with a Population of Less than 400,000 (SB 5004 / HB 1029)

Existing law authorizes cities with a population over 400,000 to employ warrant officers. A warrant officer is a limited-commission officer with the authority to serve local court warrants, subpoenas and court orders such as

domestic violence and anti-harassment orders. WASPC is seeking legislation that authorizes cities with a population less than 400,000 to employ warrant officers.

Continue Funding for Statewide Public Safety Programs

WASPC administers a number of important public safety programs on behalf of the State of Washington, including Uniform Crime Reporting, Jail Booking and Reporting, Crime Victim Notification, Auto Theft Prevention, and Sex Offender Address Verification.

These programs are essential public safety programs for state and local law enforcement and help those agencies provide community safety services. These programs are also widely used by the general public in their efforts to remain safe.

WASPC PRIORITY ISSUES:

- *Facilitate law enforcement use of body-worn cameras*
- *Improve Sex Offender Registration Laws*
- *Authorize the Use of Warrant Officers in Cities with a Population of Less than 400,000*
- *Continue Funding for Statewide Law Enforcement Programs such as Victim Notification, Jail Booking and Reporting System, Sex Offender Address Verification, Uniform Crime Reporting, and Auto Theft Prevention Authority Task Forces*

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WASPC was founded in 1963 and consists of executive and top management personnel from law enforcement agencies statewide. Our membership includes sheriffs, police chiefs, the Washington State Patrol, the Washington Department of Corrections, and representatives of a number of federal agencies. WASPC is governed by its executive board.

WASPC is the only association of its kind in the nation combining representatives from local, state, tribal, university and federal law enforcement into a single body, working toward a common goal of public safety.

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