



**WASPC GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING  
2020 SPRING MEETING – VIRTUAL MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2020 | 1:00 PM**

**Call to Order**

President John Snaza opened the meeting at 1:00 PM by thanking everyone for attending our first-ever virtual General Business meeting.

**Approval of Minutes from November 20, 2019 Meeting**

**Chief Craig Schwartz from Pacific PD moved to approve the General Business minutes from the November 20, 2019 meeting in Chelan. It was seconded by Chief Steve Crown of Wenatchee PD. The motion to approve carried.**

**Resolutions**

There were no resolutions presented.

**Election Results**

Chief Chuck Spoor from Raymond PD, who is the Membership Committee Chair, provided the results of the on-line voting for Board officers as follows:

Vice President – Chief Steve Crown, Wenatchee PD

Treasurer – Chief Brett Vance, Montesano PD

Sheriff at Large – Sheriff Tom Jones, Grant County Sheriff's Office

Chief at Large – Chief Gary Jenkins, Pullman PD

Chief Spoor thanked everyone for participating in our first on-line vote. Congratulations to all. The newly comprised Board will take effective immediately following the adjournment of the General Business meeting today.

**Executive Director Report**

Steve Strachan, WASPC Executive Director announced that the Governor will be having a press conference to discuss the use of personal face masks by Washingtonians later today. Masks are now mandated in Yakima County.

Steve also noted that Chief Rod Covey of the Port of Seattle Police Department, and a WASPC Board member, has been placed on administrative leave by the Port of Seattle due to an internal issue. He cannot serve on the Board while in this capacity. If the leave of absence is short-term, the Executive Board will leave his position vacant. If the duration is longer than 30 days, new President Craig Meidl may make an appointment to serve out that unexpired term.

**Committee Reports (approval required)**

The following committees submitted written reports for the record. The reports are attached hereto and become a part of these minutes.

- Boating Safety – Attached
- Corrections – Attached
- Financial Services & Personnel – Attached
- Grants Committee – Nothing to report
- Homeland Security/Intelligence – Nothing to report
- Indian Country Law Enforcement – Nothing to report
- LE Education & Training – Attached
- Legislative – Comprehensive report given immediately following conclusion of GBM
- Membership – Attached
- Model Policy – Attached
- Professional Services – Attached
- Public Trust – Nothing to report
- Sex Offender Notification Liaison - Attached
- Small Agency – Nothing to report
- Technology – Nothing to report
- Traffic Safety – Attached
- University Policing – Nothing to report
- Wellness & Resilience – Nothing to report

**Motion: Sheriff Tom Jones moved to approve by a consensus vote all of the reports as submitted. Chief Mike Lasnier of the Suquamish Tribal Police Department seconded. The motion carried.**

#### **Liaison Reports (no approval required)**

- LEIRA Liaison Report – Attached hereto and become a part of these minutes.

#### **General Updates**

##### Traffic Safety Commission Update – Pam Pannkuk, Interim Director

Pam introduced Wade Alonzo to cover several important initiatives the Commission is engaged in.

- Wade highlighted the Click It Or Ticket campaign and provided his thoughts on how the Commission may change their high visibility enforcement model.
- Because of the pandemic, the national campaign has been moved from May to November this year. They also plan to hold another Click It or Ticket campaign in May 2021 as usual.
- Washington has historically had a very high rate of seat belt use. As a state, our wear rate is around 94%. When we dig a little deeper into the data, we see that there are a few pockets around the state that have lower use rates.
- The Commission is interested in influencing all Washingtonians to use their seat belts.
- For years, the Commission has been funding overtime patrols as part of the national Click It Or Ticket campaign as a way of keeping that use rate up high and encourage everyone to buckle up.
- Their federal funding partner NHTSA, actually requires every state to participate in click or ticket in order to remain eligible to receive federal funding.
- Their approach has been to distribute a little bit of money to all 160 law enforcement agencies.

- They only have \$130K budgeted for local agencies. That means individual agencies only get a small amount of funding for the overtime patrols.
- They are pursuing an experiment using a more data driven approach.
- Instead of spreading that little bit of funding over 160 agencies, for the next few year, they want to focus those funds to agencies in counties that have the highest level of need, **based on seatbelt use rates** from the annual observational survey and **crash data involving unbuckled victims**. Wade is happy to send this data to anyone who is interested.
- The data show that 10 counties have lower seat belt use, higher unbuckled occupant deaths or a combination of both: Okanogan, Pierce, Benton, Kittitas, Walla Walla, Yakima, Thurston, Stevens, Grays Harbor, and Spokane
- The TZMs and LELs from these 10 areas will be invited to a call next month to learn the details about this new approach.
- Because the Commission believes that the best solutions to this problem can be found within the community, they will be inviting our partners in these high need communities to think creatively.
- WTSC also funds high visibility enforcement for distracted driving and impaired driving. They are exploring how we can use data and experience to make these programs more effective. WASPC Traffic Safety Committee Co-Chairs, Wenatchee Police Chief Steve Crown and Lewis County Sheriff Rob Snaza, are working with the Commission to set up a traffic safety subcommittee to advise WTSC as we look at changes.
- They anticipate this work to begin 2021. Wade is interested in hearing your thoughts about all of this. Please reach out to him at [walonzo@wtsc.wa.gov](mailto:walonzo@wtsc.wa.gov) or call him at 360-999-0842.

Pam also shared that the Commission will be issuing a press release relative to a traffic safety emphasis on motorcycles on the I-90 corridor June 26-28, 2020. The patrols will focus on illegal driving behaviors by both motorcycle riders and other vehicle drivers. The Washington State Patrol will be working with law enforcement agencies in **Kittitas, Grant, Adams, Lincoln, and Spokane Counties** focused on drivers and riders who commit traffic safety violations.

#### Criminal Justice Training Commission – Sue Rahr, Executive Director

##### **BLEA and COA Update**

- Please watch for the Basic Training Update that is being sent every week to our entire stakeholder list.
- CJTC is back up to four BLEA classes on campus, soon to be five.
- Highlights
  - PAT administered by home agencies
  - Equiv delivered remotely
  - BLEA class schedule posted on website
  - **Please** send in applications if you intend to keep hiring (we need this information to protect our budget, which we expect to be slashed if we can't demonstrate that agencies are still hiring)

##### **24-Hr. Annual Training Requirement Update**

- CJTC has been diligently working to make free and low-cost online training available to stakeholders.
- The monthly LEDs are uploaded on our ACADIS platform. CJTC will continue to make these available each month, giving stakeholders the opportunity for 12 hours of training

credit per year.

- CJTC is not scheduling in-person advanced training classes yet. We hope to be able to this fall.
- The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Police Leadership (21 CPL) program is now complete, (just in time for COVID). They are in the process of converting it to a remote learning platform.

### **Renewed Interest in LETCSA**

- The Law Enforcement Training and Community Safety Act (formerly I-940) is under renewed scrutiny
- The relevant WACs are available on CJTC's website
- The WACs (adopted in Dec. 2019) contain the plain language rules for independent investigations. The rules are intentionally flexible.
- The Investigation Guidelines and other documents will be formally approved at the July 8<sup>th</sup> Commission Meeting
- Many activists and elected leaders are stating the rules don't work. Sue believes the rules *will* work if they are *followed*. Right now CJTC lacks the means to monitor and demonstrate compliance.

### **The rules did not include accountability**

- The following overview illustrates a proposal that was made at the July 2019 meeting of the Statutorily Named Stakeholders.
- By consensus they decided not to pursue rules for any type of data gathering or review of completed investigations *at that time*.
- In recent conversations with community stakeholders, *they are interested now*.

### **Action Steps – Shared with Legislators**

- **Peer Intervention Program** - We are poised to implement this training in BLEA, then the LETCSA In-Service training. The ABLE Project is a signature program within Georgetown Law's Innovative Policing Program, and it will lead the effort to create a police culture of intervention to prevent police misconduct and to protect officers and the public from dangerous mistakes.
- **Statewide Training App on the phone of every officer in the state** - We need to accelerate getting training into the field. The same app used for (C2) can also be used for "micro training" on a variety of subjects
- **Implement Accountability for LETCSA** - (Phase 4) This can be done immediately while we strive to get completely independent teams up and running

### **Update on DARE America**

Dennis Osborn, DARE America Regional Coordinator, thanked everyone for the opportunity to provide an update on the DARE America Program. Dennis retired as Colonel of the Nevada Highway Patrol in 2017 and took the position with DARE. The program started in 1983 by former Chief Darrell Gates of the LAPD. The program has changed dramatically over the years. It is still a K-12 program and is presented at schools by uniformed law enforcement. The new curriculum is called "Keeping it Real" and is focused on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders. It was developed for educators. Lessons can be completed in about 45 minutes and just require an agreement by the law enforcement officer and the school. There is another new program for high schools called "Real Messages" focusing on how retailers market to under age students for things like alcohol.

DARE is looking at sponsoring a DARE Officer training in 2021. Chief Ken Hohenberg from Kennewick PD has offered to co-host it. If anyone is interested or would like additional information, Dennis can be reached at [dennis.osborn@dare.org](mailto:dennis.osborn@dare.org).

Chief Hohenberg has been involved in the DARE program since 1988. It has proven to be a great engagement tool for young people and the communities in which they live to build public trust. The Chief thanked Dennis for taking time to talk to WASPC members about the program. The Chief is also available for questions or comments about the program and is a big supporter.

Steve reminded everyone that after the General Business meeting adjourns, immediately following will be James McMahan, Policy Director, providing an update on bills from the last legislative session. The second part of that will be Steve presenting information about policy recommendations for the legislature. The document he will be discussing will be provided to all WASPC members on Wednesday.

This is the last meeting for Chief Ken Thomas as Past President and Sheriff Bill Benedict as Sheriff at Large Executive Board members. Sheriff Benedict is being replaced by Sheriff Tom Jones of Grant County. President Snaza thanked them both for contributions to the Board and the Association.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 1:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Gregory  
Executive Assistant  
WASPC