

# 2015 WASPC Annual Report



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## President's Message

It is my honor to serve as the 2015-2016 WASPC President. In this capacity, I have been able to work more closely with my colleagues, our partner associations and the WASPC staff. We continue to address the constant changes that challenge us as a profession and a society. The association serves as a touch point for all of us and facilitates better communication throughout the state's law enforcement community.

During the past year we have had the opportunity to create two new standing committees – the Public Trust Committee and the Grants Committee.

The Public Trust Committee was an association-wide response to the many issues facing us as a number of high profile police interactions have shaped the national discussion on everything from police use of force to daily community relations. We all know, at a local level, that our personnel do a fabulous job of dealing with a myriad of stressful and often dangerous decisions. For the vast majority of these events, they get it right. Still, we are aware that we can always do a better job of serving our communities. To that end, a large number of our members responded to my call for the Public Trust Committee. In fact the response was so large that we split the group into an eastern and western committee structure. In time we hope these committee members, and all interested association members, will have meaningful discussion, and find concrete steps, to improve our ongoing relationships with our communities; better include diverse populations in our discussions; identify best practices to be shared; and ultimately help each of us better interact with our local citizens.

The Grants Committee, when funded in 2017, will provide an emergency funding source to our members who may experience an unexpected, non-funded, or overwhelming need for financial help due to a specific situation. Our goal is to build this fund over time to be better prepared to help member agencies in extremely challenging times.

I'm also pleased that the association began a renewed push to find training suited for our command staff personnel. These are the folks who will be stepping up in the very near future to lead agencies across the state. We are committed to helping those interested in this transition by providing expanded, meaningful training tailored to this group of members.

As President, I hope the following report will provide you with a synopsis of the work being done by WASPC and our members to enhance the law enforcement profession. This report is designed to follow the WASPC Strategic Intentions document and is broken into three major sections: organizational, programmatic and operational.

If you have questions about the report, please contact any member of the Executive Board or Executive Director Barker.

Sincerely,



Sheriff Casey Salisbury | Mason County Sheriff's Office



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*Information provided in this report is accurate as of December 31, 2015.*



## Association Leadership

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### 2015-2016 Executive Board

<b>President</b>	Sheriff Casey Salisbury, Mason County Sheriff's Office
<b>President Elect</b>	Chief Ken Hohenberg, Kennewick Police Department
<b>Vice President</b>	Sheriff Brian Burnett, Chelan County Sheriff's Office
<b>Treasurer</b>	Chief Ken Thomas, Kent Police Department
<b>Past President</b>	Chief Ed Holmes, Mercer Island Police Department
	Chief John Batiste, WA State Patrol
	Chief Bonnie Bowers, Anacortes Police Department
	Director Mark Couey, Office of the Insurance Commissioner, SIU
	Chief Dusty Pierpoint, Lacey Police Department
	SAC Frank Montoya, Jr., FBI—Seattle
	Sheriff Mark Nelson, Cowlitz County Sheriff's Office
	Sheriff John Snaza, Thurston County Sheriff's Office
	Chief Steve Strachan, Bremerton Police Department
	Sheriff John Turner, Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office

### Management Team

Mitch Barker, Executive Director  
Kim Goodman, Chief of Staff  
Deb Gregory, Executive Assistant  
Bruce Kuennen, Manager, Critical Incident Planning and Mapping  
James McMahan, Policy Director  
Raeanne Myers, Manager, Correctional Options Services  
Joan Smith, Manager, Criminal Justice Information Support  
Mike Painter, Director of Professional Services  
Rocky Yeung, IT Manager  
Jamie Yoder, Member Outreach & Programs Manager



## Organizational

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### Mission

The **mission** of the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs is to lead collaboration among law enforcement executives to enhance public safety.

### Values

The Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs **values**:

- A mission-driven association
- Quality services
- Honesty and integrity
- Accountability and responsibility to our members
- Diversity
- Public/private partnerships
- Competent, professional staff
- Membership involvement
- Progressive innovation

### Identity Statement

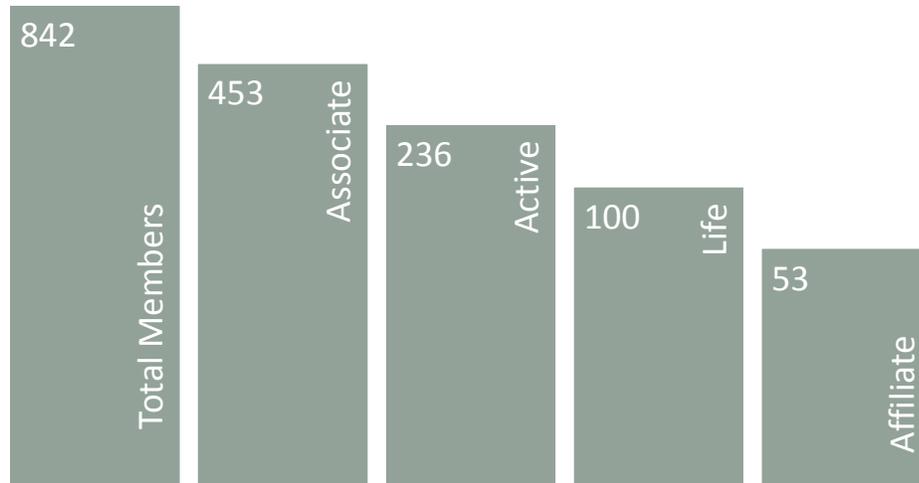
The Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs advances its mission to lead collaboration among law enforcement executives to enhance public safety by serving law enforcement executives, primarily in the State of Washington, by providing sustainable programs, projects, and services to those individuals.



## Membership

WASPC is a member services organization providing several programs, projects and services to our members. Our membership is made up of the following classifications: Associate, Active, Affiliate and Life.

- In 2015, WASPC welcomed **90** new members. Each of these individuals was invited to attend a new member orientation function.



## Partnerships

WASPC is recognized in State Statute as a “combination of units of local government.” As such, WASPC relies on partnerships and positive working relationships to provide services to our members.

- WASPC recognizes partnerships with the following organizations: Washington State University (Criminal Justice Institute and Division of Governmental Studies and Services); Criminal Justice Training Commission; Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys; Washington Association of County Officials; Association of Washington Cities; Washington State Patrol; Washington Department of Corrections; Washington Traffic Safety Commission; Washington Council of Police and Sheriffs; and Washington State Sheriffs’ Association.
- WASPC recognizes liaison relationships with the following organizations/groups: Legal Advisors; Explorers; Law Enforcement Torch Run; Jail Managers Forum; LEIRA; Northwest Association of Tribal Officers; and Past Presidents.



## Committees

WASPC has **18** standing committees. During 2015, two new standing committees were added – Public Trust, and Grants. In addition, the Corrections and Jail Managers committees were combined into one. Committees generate much of the Association’s work product. All committees maintain a charter document outlining purposes and powers of the committee.



## Programmatic

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The Association offers various programs, projects and services which support WASPC’s mission to enhance collaboration among law enforcement executives.



## Conferences

Conferences are a key service WASPC provides its members. Conferences provide for training, networking, contact with exhibitors, and the conduct of Association business. Conferences are held semi-annually in various locations around the state.

- The 2015 Spring Exposition and Training Conference was held in Spokane, WA. **270** individuals attended various functions at the conference. **114** exhibitors participated in the Exposition.
- The 2015 Fall Training Conference was held in Chelan, WA. **269** individuals attended various functions at the conference. The 2015 Fall Training Conference holds the record for WASPC's best attended Fall Conference



Members at 2015 Spring Conference  
Opening Ceremony Luncheon

## Management Support Services

Management support and professional services were available to WASPC member agencies in 2015. Those services include Accreditation, LEMAP, and Executive Search.

### Accreditation

WASPC Accreditation offers Washington Law Enforcement agencies a credible certification process that promotes enhanced levels of professional accountability, organizational discipline and operational effectiveness through a rigorous process that requires agencies to prove compliance with industry best practices and professional standards.



President Eric Olsen presents members of the Mason County Sheriff's Office with their accreditation plaque at the 2015 Spring Training Conference.

In 2015, **8** agencies were awarded WASPC accreditation or re-accreditation:

- Des Moines Police Department\*
  - Bothell Police Department\*
  - Mason County Sheriff's Office\*
  - Spokane Valley Police Department
  - Port Angeles Police Department
  - Anacortes Police Department
  - Kent Police Department (*CALEA transfer agency*)
  - Fife Police Department\* (*In progress*)
- \*New to WASPC Accreditation



There are a total of **55** agencies accredited in Washington State. Of those, **8** agencies are CALEA accredited agencies.

### LEMAP

The Loaned Executive Management Assistance Program, LEMAP, provides management consulting and technical assistance to law enforcement entities. LEMAP reviews provide agencies an opportunity to take a substantial step toward professional excellence by undergoing an operational review of their organization.

- LEMAP assessments were conducted for **7** agencies in 2015:
  - Elma Police Department
  - Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
  - DuPont Police Department
  - Jefferson County Sheriff
  - Island County Sheriff
  - Port Townsend Police Department
  - Shelton Police Department

### Executive Search

The Executive Search service is designed to assist agencies selecting a police chief or command-level individual.

- In 2015, **5** Executive search processes were initiated:
  - Centralia Police Chief
  - Fife Police Captain
  - Fife Police Chief
  - Mill Creek Police Chief (*in progress at the time of this report*)
  - Port Angeles Police Chief (*profile in development*)

### Model Policy

The Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs operates in a way that strengthens the influence of the Association and its members. Much of the influence of WASPC comes as a result of the unified voice of law enforcement executives. At times, this takes place in the development of model policies.

- At the 2015 Spring Exposition and Training Conference, the WASPC Membership adopted the Model Policy for Eyewitness Identification.
- At the 2015 Fall Training Conference, the WASPC Membership adopted revisions to the Model Policy on Sex Offender Registration and Community Notification.

### Legislative

WASPC serves as the centralized point for the monitoring and influencing of law enforcement related policy both at the state and federal level. The most effective informational effort utilizes



the efforts of WASPC's members; however, it is recognized that there must be a coordinated educational effort that is accomplished by staff.

WASPC's 2015 Legislative Agenda Items included:

- Body Worn Cameras – Advancements in technology now enable law enforcement agencies to equip their officers with body-worn cameras, which offer additional information regarding interactions between law enforcement officers and the public (HB 1917).
- Improve Sex Offender Registration Laws (SB 5154) -
- Authorize the Use of Warrant Officers in Cities with a Population of Less than 400,000 (SB 5004).
- 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.



Governor Inslee Addressing Members at 2015 Law & Justice Day

The WASPC and Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys (WAPA) Annual Law and Justice Day was held on January 20, 2015 in the Columbia Room at the Capitol Campus. Special guests included: Governor Jay Inslee, Attorney General Bob Ferguson Department of Corrections Secretary Bernie Warner, and Secretary of State Kim Wyman. Over **75** law enforcement professionals attended this event.

## Research and Planning

WASPC recognizes that there are many issues facing law enforcement executives in their respective communities. In addition to those issues that are readily apparent there are other emerging issues that will present themselves in the future. WASPC researches these issues with its strategic partners to provide a forum for in-depth discussions and works to provide its members a response framework.

## Operational

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WASPC engages in a number of business enterprises. The enterprises are expected to be consistent with the overall mission and are to generate revenue to support that mission. The enterprises often are the result of legislative mandates and WASPC's unique status as a "combination of units of local government."



## WASPC Business Enterprises

The purpose of WASPC's **Correctional Options Services** function is to provide excellent service and state-of-the-art equipment at competitive prices. Correctional Options Services offers electronic monitoring equipment and services as alternatives to incarceration.

- WASPC has standing contracts for electronic home monitoring equipment with over one hundred agencies for agency-based monitoring. In 2015, **46** agencies utilized agency-based monitoring with a total average daily population of **297.79**.
- WASPC provides electronic monitoring services to the Washington State Department of Corrections. In 2015, the average daily population for DOC offenders was **169.33**.

The WASPC **website** provides information to members, stakeholders, staff, and the public-at-large on a variety of WASPC programs, projects and services. The website also hosts a **member forum** where WASPC members can share ideas and ask questions.

- Since January, **219** postings were made to the **Member Only Forums** on the website. These postings have been viewed over **5,000** times.
- Since the change-over to WASPC's new website in the fall of 2014, there have been over **513,000** hits to the website.



## State-Funded Programs

With the use of federal grant dollars, WASPC developed the **Jail Booking and Reporting System (JBRS)** in 2001. JBRS is widely used by criminal justice agencies in the state and is valued as an essential law enforcement data base as an investigative tool.

- There are currently **over 1,630** active users representing a variety of local, state, tribal and federal agencies accessing the system.
- **55** local law enforcement agencies and the Washington State Department of Corrections contribute data to the system.
- The system was accessed **over 113,000** times, resulting in **over 347,000** searches and **82,000** watch hits in 2015.

WASPC manages the state's registered **sex offender website**, which is required under federal law. The Association also serves as the pass-through agency for the **sex offender address verification program**. WASPC manages the contracts with local law enforcement agencies and ensures compliance with grant requirements.

- Information for **36,848** offenders is stored within the OffenderWatch database of which **18,775** are active, meaning they are being monitored in the community. Of the active offenders, records for **4,299** individuals are published on the public sex offender website. This information was accessed by the public **144,702** times in 2015. During 2015, **5,876** individuals registered to receive notifications through the system. **369,797** email notifications and **34,021** postcard mailings were distributed in 2015.
- For the period of July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016, **\$4.9 million** was awarded to local law enforcement agencies for sex offender address verification.
- 140** individuals participated in the 2015 Registered Sex Offender Coordinator Conference, a training opportunity to ensure best practices across the state in monitoring registered sex offenders.



WASPC is identified in statute as the managing agency for the **Washington Auto Theft Prevention Program** (WATPA). WATPA has been a successful component in the reduction of auto theft in Washington.

- For the 2015-2017 biennium, **\$4.9 million** was distributed to local law enforcement agencies and task forces for a variety of activities including: law enforcement, prosecution, crime analysis, technology and equipment, public awareness, training and education.

In 2003, WASPC developed the state-wide **Critical Incident Planning and Mapping System** (CIPMS) at the direction of the state legislature. WASPC continues to manage the program and ensure that the data is current and available to first responders in Washington.

- Over **12,252** users have access to the statewide mapping system, Rapid Responder™ (**7,042** first responders and **5,210** site users).
- The Rapid Responder system was accessed by Washington users **27,579** times in 2015.
- In 2015, 16 new facilities were mapped. There are currently **2,407** school and public facilities mapped under the Critical Incident Planning and Mapping System.
- Washington Public School users report emergency preparedness drills and real incidents to WASPC using the mapping system. In 2015, they reported **8,248** drills and **716** incidents.

- WASPC and its partner Prepared Response™ piloted a new alerting and communication feature at seven school districts. It has now been tested and released as **Easy Alert™**, free to users of Rapid Responder.

WASPC coordinates the law enforcement implementation of the **Statewide Electronic Collision & Ticket Online Records (SECTOR)** program throughout Washington State. SECTOR automates the collision and traffic citation reporting process for law enforcement officers. The collision reports and electronic traffic citations are uploaded to a central server and routed to the appropriate agencies for processing and disposition.

- There are currently **232** agencies using SECTOR, with **4** of those agencies being deployed in 2015.
- In 2015, **888,064** traffic citations were issued and **104,133** collisions were reported using SECTOR equipment.
- In 2015, **185** barcode scanners and **215** printers were distributed. Since the program's inception, **2,999** barcode scanners and **2,769** printers have been purchased and distributed to SECTOR user agencies.

WASPC works with the Washington Traffic Safety Commission to provide **traffic safety grants** to local law enforcement agencies.

- In 2015, **80** agencies were awarded **\$330,000** in traffic safety equipment and mini grants.

WASPC manages a number of statewide programs that are smaller in scope, yet provide significant assistance to local law enforcement and citizens-at-large. These programs include the **Missing Persons website**, the **Sex Offense Records Retention program**, and the **Victim Notification (SAVIN)** system.

- The Washington State Missing Persons Website currently has **3,810** individual profiles and was accessed **46,568** times in 2015.
- There are over **77,248** records imaged within the Sex Offense Records Retention Program.
- The **Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification System (SAVIN)** provides victims of crime information and notification information when an offender is released, transferred, escapes, or dies. In 2015, there have been over **415,000** searches for offenders in custody using the SAVIN website, phone, and mobile apps. In 2015, there were a total of **56,000** new registrations for notification and **39,000** phone/email notifications were made. **SAVIN Protective Order (SAVINPO)** allows petitioners to register to be notified when a protective order has been served; and, provides advance notification when a protective order is about to expire. In 2015, **719** individuals registered for notification. A total of **1,009** notifications regarding the status of a protective order were made.

WASPC maintains the state's **Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR)** repository. The Association collects crime data from Washington law enforcement agencies, collates that data, and submits it to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.



- Washington State is working toward National Incident Based Reporting (NIBRS). To date, **234** agencies are NIBRS certified. This represents **98%** of agencies and **86%** of the state's population. By the end of 2015, only **4** agencies remain on NIBRS extensions.
- In September 2015, the Washington State UCR Program was awarded federal grant funding as part of the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) National Crime Statistics Exchange (NCS-X) Implementation Assistance Program. The grant funds will be issued in January 2016 and will be used to replace the existing, aging NIBRS repository and further enhance NIBRS submission in our state.
- The **2014 Crime in Washington** Annual Report was released in May 2015.

In the 2013 Legislative Session, a **24/7 Sobriety Program** was established. WASPC was designated as the program administrator. To date, **66** participants have been enrolled in the program. Those participants have completed **7,924** PBT sobriety tests with an overall pass rate of **99.73%**. With stakeholder feedback, WASPC has identified areas in the authorizing legislation that warrant review and possible revision in the 2016 legislative session.

