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WASPC Legislative Protocol

The purpose of this protocol is to clarify the process by which WASPC creates, adopts and executes its legislative agenda.

- The WASPC legislative agenda shall be created and adopted for each legislative session by the WASPC Legislative Committee.

- All members of WASPC are members of the WASPC Legislative Committee.

- The WASPC Legislative Committee shall establish a timeline for creating and establishing a legislative agenda for each legislative session. Such a timeline shall include an 'issue brainstorming' meeting, followed by ample time for issue research and exploration, concluding with a meeting sometime near the month of September to establish and finalize a WASPC legislative agenda. Said agenda shall be presented to the WASPC Executive Board each year for ratification. The WASPC Legislative Committee shall make its timeline known and available for WASPC members.

- In establishing the WASPC legislative agenda, the WASPC Legislative Committee shall recognize that WASPC is the designated legislative lead for legislation that is related to the criminal/law enforcement function of the Sheriff and the Washington Association of County Officials (WACO) is the designated legislative lead for legislation that is related to the civil function of the Sheriff. WASPC and WACO will support the efforts of the other in their designated area.

- Issues presented to the WASPC Legislative Committee for action must be brought by a current WASPC member using the established WASPC Legislative Request Form. The WASPC Legislative Committee is entirely within its rights to summarily refuse consideration of any issue not brought by a current WASPC member or not submitted using the established WASPC Legislative Request Form.

- All WASPC Members are requested to submit all individually requested legislation to the WASPC Legislative Committee. Nothing precludes an individual member from presenting legislation regardless of the WASPC position. However, members are strongly encouraged to notify WASPC of their intention. WASPC makes no obligation to take any action or expend any political energy or political capital on legislation brought by a WASPC member to the Legislature having not gone through the WASPC Legislative Committee.

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