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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
TRAIN DEPOT—LONG BEACH, WA
MARCH 18, 2010—10:00 AM

Board Members	Agency	Guests	Agency
John Didion	Pacific County Sheriff's Office	Jeff Myers	Hoquiam Police Department
Randy Stegmeier	Western WA University Police Dept.	Doug Blair	WA CJTC
John Batiste	WA State Patrol	Don Pierce	WASPC
Bill Elfo	Whatcom County Sheriff's Office	Tom Corzine	WASPC
Colleen Wilson	Port of Seattle Police Department	Joanna Arlow	WASPC
Tom Schlicker	Swinomish Police Department	Kim Goodman	WASPC
Terry Davenport	Shelton Police Department	Jamie Yoder	WASPC
Bruce Bjork	WA Fish & Wildlife, Enforcement		
Ed Holmes	Mercer Island Police Department		
Mike Harum	Chelan County Sheriff's Office		

CALL TO ORDER:

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS:

President John Didion called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM. Self Introductions followed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Bruce Bjork made the motion to approve the January 13, 2010 minutes as written. Ed Holmes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE—CHIEF TERRY DAVENPORT

Chief Davenport outlined the financial statements reporting period through December 31, 2009. There are no significant changes from the report made at the January Board meeting.

Highlights include:

- On page one, increases to Accounts Receivable and Accounts Payable as yearend accruals are booked.

- 2009 figures for Grant revenues have increased approximately $3.5 million. Increases in the WA Auto Theft Authority, Sex Offender Address Verification and Methamphetamine Initiative programs as well as a significant decrease in the School Mapping program contribute to this change from 2008.

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SAC – FBI, Seattle

DONALD PIERCE
Executive Director

- Reduction in Sales revenue for 2009 are due to less revenue in the Accreditation program ($5,000), less revenue in the COS drug testing/health care in jails line of business ($5,000) and less Critical Incident Planning Management Services ($10,000).

- Other revenue for 2008 includes one-time income from the sales of the WASPC vehicles.

- Professional Fees—2008 figures include $3 million in fees paid to Prepared Response, which were not paid in 2009.

- Grant Awards—2009 figures include increases for pass through grants for WA Auto Theft Authority, Sex Offender Address Verification, Graffiti Abatement and Methamphetamine Initiative programs, see corresponding increases to grant revenue on the income statement.

- Workshops—2009 expenses include $42,000 for the WATPA conference. WASPC conference expenses also increased in 2009, in large part to the venue changes for spring conferences.

Mike Harum made the motion to approve the Finance and Personnel (Treasurer's) Report as presented. Tom Schlicker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chief Davenport outlined a request for donation from the Washington State Hostage Negotiators Association for financial support of their conference. The Finance and Personnel Committee reviewed the request and does not recommend providing financial support.

Chief Bruce Bjork stated that the Finance and Personnel Committee has reviewed a request for donation from the CJTC for financial support for the Chief for a Day event. The Committee recommends a $500 donation.

John Batiste made the motion to donate $500 to the CJTC's 2010 Chief for a Day event. Ed Holmes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE—CHIEF JEFF MYERS

The following agencies have completed the accreditation process: Cheney, Battle Ground, Bellingham and Port of Seattle. The following agencies are pending: Kennewick, Lewis County, and Burlington.

Two Accreditation Manager and Assessor training sessions have been held. Fifty-three attendees were present at the February 9 session at the WASPC office. Thirty attendees were present at the February 11 session in Spokane.

Accreditation Team Leader duties are currently dependant on Garry Anderson. The Committee is working to delegate the Team Leader responsibilities beyond Garry.

Accreditation Standards are in need of streamlining. The Committee will have recommendations at the 2010 Spring Conference. Discussion and clarification about accreditation standards occurred.

OLD BUSINESS:

BASIC TRAINING TASKFORCE—PRESIDENT JOHN DIDION

The Basic Training Taskforce continues to meet regularly. The following items were discussed at the most recent meeting: reinstituting the public safety and education account focusing on law enforcement as a way to enhance revenue; new complex location and configuration; federal agency training partnerships; and problem based learning models.

President Didion outlined concerns about funding and efficiencies. President Didion also addressed the studies that were conducted on basic law enforcement; the studies do not appear to reflect the opinion of the greater law enforcement community.

The next Basic Training Taskforce meeting will be held on March 23 at the Training Commission.

The Board convened in Executive Session to further discuss this item at 10:20 AM.

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 11: 30 AM.

NEW BUSINESS:

2010 LEGISLATIVE SESSION RECAP—DIRECTOR DON PIERCE

- **Sex Offender Address Verification Program and Funding and State v Ramos (HB 2534—Delivered to Governor)** State v. Ramos was addressed in HB 2534 by repealing the 90-day check-in requirement for registered sex offenders and codifying the new address verification program. Current drafts of the Operating Budget in both houses maintain the address verification program run by WASPC at $5 million a year.

- **Sex Offender Notification and Registration-Protecting Citizen Information (SB 6361—Delivered to Governor**) Information submitted by citizens to receive sex offender notifications under the WASPC Sex Offender Notification and Registration Program is now protected from public disclosure under the Public Disclosure Act.

- **Washington Auto Theft Prevention Authority (Operating Budget)** In both the current House and Senate Operating Budgets the Washington Auto Theft Prevention Authority is maintained at the level of appropriation provided in 09-11 biennial budget, approximately $5.844 million. However, HB 2365 alters the funding source of WATPA by moving the $10 fee on traffic tickets to fund courts while full imposing $1 surcharge every six months on auto insurance policies. Work will need to be done to ensure that the insurance industry is not successful in defeating this new funding source or WATPA risks being defunded.

- **Critical Incident Planning and Mapping (Capital Budget)** Both of the current House and Senate Capital Budgets provide the full additional $600,000 in FY 2011 to complete the mapping of community/technical colleges. Moving the funding to FY 2011 will increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the project by allowing it to be completed much sooner. The

budgets also contain provisos that should fund ongoing mapping of new construction and major renovations of K-12 buildings by requiring OSPI to ensure the mapping is completed and making school construction funding provisions contingent on the implementation of the proviso.

- **Burglar Alarm Program Information-Protecting Citizen Information (HB 2896-House State Government Committee/Did Not Pass)** This bill was intended to add a section to the Public Disclosure Act to make lists of burglar alarm customers and other records for false alarm programs retained by law enforcement agencies exempt from the Public Disclosure Act. The bill was not pursued early in session given the notable concern and confusion from Legislative members about the under lying non-response programs and the concern that the alarm industry would use the bill as an opportunity to outlaw these successful local law enforcement programs.

Operating Budget

- **Department of Corrections/Prison Closures** The budgets in both houses involve the closure of facilities for DOC. The major difference between the House/Governor plan and the Senate plan is whether to downsize overtime or to immediately close the older facilities at McNeil and Larch (Senate plan). WAPA and WASPC are both concerned that the immediate closure of McNeil and Larch will result in inadequate prison capacity and overcrowding. This would lead to the risky release of offenders in the next biennium. WASPC and WAPA are working to ensure that older facilities remain available until new prison capacity comes on line.

- **Criminal Justice Training Commission** The Senate version of the CJTC budget does not provide enough funding to hold the necessary number of basic classes. The House and Governor's version will allow us to train our new recruits in compliance with state law. The CTJC is advocating for the House/Governor version.

- **Rural Drug Task Forces** The Senate budget version fixes an error from last session and allocates $1.5 million for fiscal year 2011 to continue the pilot project task forces begun in 2006.

Director Pierce commented on the State revenue package. The Legislature has convened a special session to continue its work on balancing the State's budget.

Other successful legislation includes:

- La France v. Kitsap/Officer Dishonesty and Truthfulness (SB 6590)
- Retired law enforcement concealed weapons firearm certification/LEOSA (HB 2226)
- Constitutional amendment regarding denial of bail (HJR 4220) and bail for felony offenses/ constitutional amendment guidelines (HB 2625)
- Electronic Tracking of Pseudoephedrine purchases (HB 2961)
- Wireless communications—cell phone usage/texting while driving prohibited as primary offense (SB 6345)

Additional discussion and clarification occurred.

Federal Legislation interests include the funding request to Prevent Armed Confrontations between Police Officers and the Public and the funding request mapping of four year institutions. Republican officials have made the decision not to grant earmarks.

WAC 139-05-205—DIRECTOR DON PIERCE

Director Pierce outlined the CJTC's notification to repeal WAC 139-05-205. Per the Training Commission, WAC 139-05-205 is in conflict with the certification requirements and is no longer necessary. WAC 139-03-030 allows an agency to request an exemption, waiver, extension, or variance from the rules set by the WSCJTC and is still available to be used for such purpose.

Doug Blair offered additional clarification on this item.

Mr. Blair also informed the board that the equivalency academy has been reformatted from a two week academy to a nine week, web based training. Each week officers are required to dedicate six to eight hours each to training. The materials for the web based training are the same materials used in the in-person academy. In addition to the web based training, officers will be required to take an ethics course, in person, and take the equivalency test.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST—DIRECTOR DON PIERCE

Director Pierce outlined the Conflict of Interest Policy. Clarification on the difference between the "The Board", "The Executive Committee", and "The Association" occurred. The following section should be reworded from: "If at any time following the submission of this form I become aware of any actual or potential conflicts of interest, or if the information provided below becomes inaccurate or incomplete, I will promptly notify the WASPC President & Executive Director in writing." to "If at any tim**e** following the submission of this form I become aware of any actual or potential conflicts of interest, or if the information provided below becomes inaccurate or incomplete, I will promptly notify the WASPC Executive Committee in writing."

Bruce Bjork made the motion to approve the Policy with aforementioned revision. Bill Elfo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2010 SPRING EXPOSITION AND TRAINING CONFERENCE—DIRECTOR DON PIERCE

Director Pierce outlined highlights of the Conference Agenda. In conjunction with the opening ceremonies lunch a fallen officer memorial will be held. The theme for the training day is "Leadership in Critical Incident Response: Meeting the Challenge". The Behind the Badge Foundation will be key participants in both the memorial and the training. The Los Angeles Police Department will be presenting information on the Multi-Assault Counter Terrorism Action Program.

CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIPS—CHIEF TERRY DAVENPORT

Chief Davenport outlined the Small Agency Committee's recommendations for guidelines on the previously approved conference scholarship program. Concerns regarding the requirements to join the Association as a member and to require further participation were discussed. The Board supports a change in the language to indicate encouraged membership and participation rather than required.

The Board unanimously agreed to re-evaluate the program in one year.

Colleen Wilson made the motion to approve the guidelines with the aforementioned language revisions. Tom Schlicker seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Information on the scholarship program will be distributed via GTWO in the next week.

CJTC SMALL AGENCY CLIENT SERVICES—DIRECTOR DON PIERCE

In an effort to decrease expenses the State of Washington is looking to consolidate its small agencies financial services under the Office of Financial Management's Small Agency Client Services. The Criminal Justice Training Commission is one agency facing the possibility of consolidation. WASPC is not supportive of this effort as it will be preventative to the face-to-face relationship WASPC has with the CJTC's financial services staff members.

Mike Harum made the motion to approve President Didion's submission of a letter of concern to the Office of Financial Management regarding the transfer of CJTC's financial duties to OFM's Small Agency Client Services. Randy Stegmeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Concerns were expressed about the message such a letter would send. President Didion will consider those concerns as he prepares the letter.

RESOLUTION FOR INTERSTATE COMPACT—DIRECTOR DON PIERCE

Director Pierce outlined a draft resolution regarding the Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision. The resolution concludes that the Executive Board of the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs strongly supports Washington State's passage of SJR 8026 and its request to the Interstate Compact to improve its rulemaking to further the purposes of the Act and supports and encourages Governor Gregoire's endeavors to seek amendments to the rules governing the Interstate Compact.

Colleen Wilson made the motion to support the concept outlined in the resolution regarding the Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision and to allow the Executive Director to complete the document at his discretion. Randy Stegmeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

MEMBERSHIP—CHIEF ERIC OLSEN VIA WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

The membership committee has recommended approval of the following membership applications:

LIFE MEMBERSHIP NOMINATIONS (1):

- Steve Harris, Retired Chief, Redmond Police Department
    - Nominated by: Eric Olsen, Chief, Kirkland Police Department

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS (5):

- Gerald Casey, Chief, Department of Veterans Affairs
    - Sponsored by: Mike Kline, U.S. Marshal, U.S. Marshal's Service-Eastern District
- David Dahlstrom, Marshal, Winthrop Marshal's Office
    - Sponsored by: Rick Balam, Marshal, Winthrop Marshal's Office (prior to retirement)
- John Diaz, Chief, Seattle Police Department
    - Sponsored by: Don Pierce, Life Member
- Rob Hall, Chief, Twisp Police Office
    - Sponsored by: Rick Balam, Chief, Twisp Police Office (prior to retirement)
- Robert Meshishnek, Chief, Colville Police Department
    - Sponsored by: Craig Thayer, Sheriff, Stevens County Sheriff's Office

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS (12):

- Stacy Brown, Chief Deputy, Lewis County Sheriff's Office
    - Sponsored by: Steve Mansfield, Sheriff, Lewis County Sheriff's Office
- Randy Drake, Lieutenant, WA State Patrol
    - Sponsored by: John Batiste, Chief, WA State Patrol
- Ken Ginnard, Captain, WA State Patrol
    - Sponsored by: John Batiste, Chief, WA State Patrol
- Clark Kimerer, Deputy Chief, Seattle Police Department
    - Sponsored by: John Diaz, Chief, Seattle Police Department
- Craig McCaul, Commander, Mountlake Terrace Police Department
    - Sponsored by: Greg Wilson, Chief, Mountlake Terrace Police Department
- Paul McDonagh, Assistant Chief, Seattle Police Department
    - Sponsored by: John Diaz, Chief, Seattle Police Department
- Nick Metz, Assistant Chief, Seattle Police Department
    - Sponsored by: John Diaz, Chief, Seattle Police Department
- Greg Miller, Assistant Chief, WA State Patrol
    - Sponsored by: John Batiste, Chief, WA State Patrol
- Douglas Pendergrass, Lieutenant, Stillaguamish Tribal Police
    - Sponsored by: Joseph Orford, Chief, Stillaguamish Tribal Police
- James Pugel, Assistant Chief, Seattle Police Department
    - Sponsored by: John Diaz, Chief, Seattle Police Department
- Charles Reed, Assistant Chief, Seattle Police Department
    - Sponsored by: John Diaz, Chief, Seattle Police Department
- Michael Sanford, Assistance Chief, Seattle Police Department
    - Sponsored by: John Diaz, Chief, Seattle Police Department

Bruce Bjork made the motion to approve the membership applications and nominations as recommended by the Membership Committee. Randy Stegmeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING—May 18, 2010 at 4:00 PM in conjunction with the 2010 WASPC Spring Exposition and Training Conference.

BEHIND THE BADGE—DEPUTY DIRECTOR TOM CORZINE

Deputy Director Corzine reported on the meeting between Chief Wilson, Chief Bjork, Sheriff Harum, and members of the Behind the Badge Foundation. The Foundation is interested in developing a partnership with WASPC as it relates to handling critical events. WASPC is now in a position to select a group of individuals to assist the Behind the Badge Foundation during critical events. Deputy Director Corzine would like the Boards direction as to how the selection of the group should be handled. It was clarified that the group of individuals will serve in a supportive roll to fellow executives engaged in a critical event.

WASPC will serve as the point of contact between the agency experiencing a critical event, Behind the Badge, and the support group.

John Batiste made the motion to approve the partnership with Behind the Badge and to select a group of individuals to work with the Foundation during critical events. Colleen Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURN:

With no further business President Didion adjourned the meeting at 1:30 PM.