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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
WASPC TRAINING ROOM ~ OLYMPIA, WA
JANUARY 21, 2009 ~ 10:00 AM

Board Members	Agency	Guests	Agency
Richard Lathim	Franklin COSO	Ned Newlin	Kitsap COSO
Mike Humphreys	Walla Walla COSO	Rick Johnson	Goldendale PD
Scott Smith	Tulalip PD	Jim Chromey	WSIN
Mike Kline	U.S. Marshals Service—ED WA	John Martin	WSIN
Bruce Bjork	WA Fish & Wildlife	Jim Scharf	Everett PD
Mike Harum	Chelan COSO	Debbie Mealy	CJTC
Tom Schlicker	Swinomish PD	Larry Erickson	CJTC
John Batiste	WA State Patrol	Steve Harris	Redmond PD
John Didion	Pacific COSO	Joe Hawe	U.S. Marshals Service—WD WA
Ed Holmes	Mercer Island PD		
Sue Rahr	King COSO		
WASPC Staff	**Agency**		
Don Pierce	WASPC		
Jamie Yoder	WASPC		
Tom Corzine	WASPC		
Raeanne Myers	WASPC		
Kim Goodman	WASPC		
Joanna Arlow	WASPC		
Jim LaMunyon	WATPA/WASPC		

CALL TO ORDER:

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS:

President Elect John Didion called the meeting to order at 12:57 pm. Self introductions followed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

John Batiste made the motion to approve the November 17, 2008 minutes as written. Mike Humphreys seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mike Humphreys made the motion approve the September 2008 Board Retreat Notes as submitted. Ed Holmes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President
COLLEEN WILSON
Chief – Port of Seattle

President Elect
JOHN DIDION
Sheriff – Pacific County

Vice President
SCOTT SMITH
Chief – Tulalip

Past President
RICHARD LATHIM
Sheriff – Franklin County

Treasurer
BRUCE BJORK
Chief – WA Fish & Wildlife

Executive Board

ED HOLMES
Chief – Mercer Island

TOM SCHLICKER
Chief – Swinomish

MIKE KLINE
Marshal – U.S. Marshals, ED-WA

JOHN BATISTE
Chief – WA State Patrol

SAMUEL GRANATO
Chief—Yakima

MIKE HUMPHREYS
Sheriff – Walla Walla County

MIKE HARUM
Sheriff – Chelan County

SUE RAHR
Sheriff – King County

LAURA LAUGHLIN
SAC – FBI, Seattle

DONALD PIERCE
Executive Director

REPORTS:

TREASURER'S REPORT—CHIEF BRUCE BJORK

Chief Bjork stated that the Financial Report has not significantly changed since November Board Meeting.

Chief Bjork stated that WASPC is projecting a year-end balance of zero dollars with the possibility of a balance in excess of $225,000.

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE—CHIEF BRUCE BJORK

The Finance and Personnel Committee met on Friday, January 16 to prepare the Committee Report.

The conference staffing structure has changed. The conference coordination duties are now within the Administrative Services Division.

Director Pierce stated that the Concerns for Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.) requested financial support for their 25th Anniversary event. The Finance and Personnel Committee recommends not to financially support this event. The reasoning for this recommendation is that WASPC supports the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics and the Law Enforcement Museum. Chief Bjork added that the Board approved a pledge of $2,500 to the kick-start the Law Enforcement Museum fundraising campaign. Sheriff Humphreys suggested that individual agencies and individuals support the C.O.P.S. event if possible.

Kim Goodman stated that the banking changes approved at the last Board meeting have been completed.

John Batiste made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and the Finance and Personnel Committee Report. Mike Humphreys seconded the motion. Motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT—DON PIERCE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Director Pierce reminded Board Members and guests to sign up for the Adopt-an-Issue Program.

The following agenda items were discussed:

- **Tasers in Schools:** This item establishes legislation prohibiting tasers in schools. The House Bill for this item is 1222 and is supported by Representative Appleton. The Senate Bill for this item is 5263 and is supported by Senators Brandland, Hargrove, and Tom. This item has a high likeliness for success.

- **Jail Medication Management:** This item establishes legislation authorizing corrections officers to administer prescription drugs in jails; and clarifies that the Board of Pharmacy does not have authority to regulate jails that do not have pharmacies. The Senate Bill is 5252 and is supported by Senators Brandland, Hargrove, and Shin.

- **Access to DOL Photos:** This item expands reasons for law enforcement to access DOL photos to include purposes of identification. The Senate Bill is 5262 and is supported by Senators Kline, Brandland, and Shin. The House Bill is 1224 and is supported by Representatives Klippert, O'Brien, Ross, Pearson, Hurst, Hope, and Herrera.

- **SONAR:** This item will establish legislation that will provide WASPC liability protection to run the Program. This item will have a fiscal note. The House Bill is 1223 and is supported by Representatives O'Brien, Pearson, Ross, Klippert, Kelley, Schmick, and Herrera. The Senate Bill is 5261 and is supported by Senators Regala, Stevens, Hargrove, and Shin.

- **Boating Safety:** This item will direct State Parks to implement a plan to distribute 80% of the Coast Guard's $2.2 million for law enforcement boating safety to approved programs. This item does not yet have sponsors in the House or Senate.

- **Mapping:** The Governor's Budget provides $200K to complete mapping of community and technical colleges. The project requires $1.1 million for completion. Director Pierce indicated that K-12 schools have been mapped; however, there is not currently a mechanism to map newly constructed schools. The possibility of creating a WAC regarding mapping of newly constructed schools has been discussed. A budget proviso on OSPI's Capital Construction Budget may be another avenue for securing funding for the mapping of newly constructed schools. Additionally, WASPC is seeking federal earmarks for the mapping of four-year colleges and universities.

  Brief discussion on this item occurred.

- **Sex Offender Address Verification:** The Governor's Budget provides funding for this item.

The following legislative items were discussed:

- **Alien Fire Arm Licenses:** Historically, DOL has issued Alien Fire Arm Licenses. It has been brought to attention that because DOL is not a criminal justice entity cannot obtain background check information (provided by Sheriffs). Proposed legislation now directs Sheriffs Offices to issue Alien Fire Arm Licenses. There are roughly one hundred Alien Fire Arm Licenses processed each year in Washington. A compromise has been negotiated that includes raising the license fee to fifty dollars, providing total immunity for issuing the license, and for DOL to develop forms and provide training to Sheriffs Offices.

  Discussion on this item occurred. It was suggested that the responsibility of issuing Alien Fire Arm Licenses fall to the Department of Fish and Wildlife. This possibility will be researched.

  Discussion regarding shooting events in conjunction with the 2010 Olympics was also discussed.

- **Notification of Parents when Juveniles are Arrested:** Legislation requiring the notification of parents when juveniles are taken into custody and allowing parents to be present during the questioning of juvenile suspects has been introduced.

  By resolution, WASPC supports policies that require notification of parents when juveniles are taken into custody. WASPC opposes laws mandating that parents be allowed in questioning.

- **Firearm Noise Suppressors:** WASPC has been contacted by the City of Auburn's lobbyist to support House Bill 1604, Changing restrictions on firearm noise suppressors. The rational behind the legislation is to preserve ear function during training.

  Discussion on this item occurred.

  The Board unanimously agreed not to take a position on this legislation as it has the potential to send a negative impression to the public. Additionally, it is the belief of the Board that a mechanism may already by in place that would provide law enforcement agencies the ability to obtain a license authorizing the use of firearm suppressors.

- **Forensics Investigations Council:** Director Pierce stated that the Public Defenders Association has proposed to add three new positions to the Forensics Investigations Council; two public defenders and a scientist. WAPA and WASPC testified in opposition to this proposal. The testimony in defense of the proposal indicated that law enforcement and prosecutors were simply interested in convictions and not upholding justice.

- **Fire Vehicles using LE Vehicle Lights:** Chief Batiste stated that legislation has been introduced to allow blue lights to be utilized on fire vehicles. Chief Batiste has expressed opposition to this legislation.

NEW BUSINESS:

DECONFLICTION & CASE ACTIVATION PROCEDURES—CHIEF JIM SCHARF

Chief Scharf introduced John Martin and Jim Chromey, WSIN Coordinators. Chief Scharf has submitted a sample policy for consideration by the Executive Board and Model Policy Committee. The policy provides direction for deconfliction and proper case activation procedures that will enhance officer safety and efficiency of criminal investigations.

Discussion and clarification on this agenda item occurred.

John Batiste made the motion to refer the policy to the Model Policy Committee for review and adoption as a WASPC Model Policy. Ed Holmes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

WASHINGTON STATE FUSION CENTER BOARD—CHIEF JOHN BATISTE

Chief Batiste stated that the Washington State Fusion Center Board had a successful meeting earlier in the day. There is an obvious need for relationship building between the involved entities. The Fusion Center Board will be working to identifying alternative locations to house the Fusion Center should housing the Fusion Center within the FBI's building not occur. Chief Batiste outlined issues with the current BID to complete space within the FBI Building for the WSFC. The next Washington State Fusion Center Board meeting should occur within the next few weeks. The WSFC has adopted Randy Drake as the Director of the Fusion Center. Chief Gil Kerlikowske, Seattle Police Department, is the Chair of the Fusion Center Board.

Additional discussion on this agenda item occurred.

Director Pierce strongly encouraged the WASPC Board Members to urge WASPC representatives on the WSFCB to consider and support moving the Fusion Center from the FBI building to another sustainable location.

LAW ENFORCEMENT MUSEUM FUNDING—CHIEF BRUCE BJORK

Chief Bjork stated that the ad-hoc work group met via conference call and has decided to hold a lunch meeting with WACOPS, FOB, the Troopers Association and John Shanks, Executive Director of the Law Enforcement Museum. Director Pierce added that each of these associations is supportive of the fundraising effort. The lunch meeting will be scheduled sometime in mid-February.

COMMITTEE RESTRUCTURE UPDATE—TOM CORZINE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Deputy Director Corzine stated that the Committee Clean-Out has been conducted. Updated committee rosters were provided to Board Members.

WASPC will be emailing all standing committee chairs/co-chairs to request that they hold committee meetings and create a committee charter. Committee charters will be reviewed by the Board at the March Meeting.

Discussion regarding the Sergeant-at-Arms occurred. It was suggested that the Sergeant-at-Arms be established as a sub-committee of the Conference Committee.

Bruce Bjork made the motion to establish the Sergeant-at-Arms be established as a sub-committee of the Conference Committee. Richard Lathim seconded the motion. Motion carried.

JAIL MANAGERS FORUM—NED NEWLIN, CHIEF OF CORRECTIONS, KITSAP COUNTY

Ned Newlin made the recommendation to discontinue the Jail Managers Forum as an ad-hoc committee of WASPC. The reasoning for discontinuing the JMF is that the Corrections Committee is responsible for completing the work of the Association. Members of the Jail Managers Forum are also members of the Corrections Committee. The Jail Managers Forum as a committee is redundant to the Corrections Committee. Chief Newlin would like for Jail Managers to continue to have an opportunity to hold roundtable discussions at WASPC Conferences.

Additional discussion and clarification on this item occurred.

Mike Humphreys made the motion to discontinue the Jail Managers Forum as an ad-hoc committee of WASPC. Ed Holmes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FUTURISTS COMMITTEE— DON PIERCE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Director Pierce outlined Sheriff Pastor's request to re-establish the Futurists Committee as a project-based ad-hoc committee. The Committee would then meet as requested by the President.

Additional discussion and clarification on this item occurred.

Ed Holmes made the motion to approve the recommendation to re-establish the Futurists Committee from a standing committee to an ad-hoc committee. Sue Rahr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FACE COMMITTEE / TASKFORCE REPORT—SHERIFF SUE RAHR

No report at this time.

CONFERENCE UPDATE—DON PIERCE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Director Pierce briefed the Board on the results from the Conference Survey that was conducted in December. Eighty-one percent of respondents support reformatting the fall conferences to resemble more of a working-retreat. Sixty-four percent of respondents stated that training is a deciding factor when determining conference attendance. A majority of respondents prefer establishing a rotation schedule for conference sites. In short, training is important, committee time is important, and more work in less time away from the office is preferred.

The WASPC Conference Committee recommends that: the length of fall conferences be shortened; additional time for committee work be provided; provide innovative and quality training, establish the banquet as an annual event; and select quality and accessible conference venues. In order to accomplish these recommendations WASPC will enter into a transitional period of change and improvement. The 2009 Fall Conference will have subtle changes that reflect the preferences of the membership. Spring Conferences will not be shortened; the vendor tradeshow will be expanded; and the banquet will be restructured as an annual event. The 2010

Fall Conference will be shortened; meal functions will be less formal; additional time for committee meetings will be provided; and staff will continue to partner with CJTC to provide relevant and meaningful training.

Director Pierce also indicated that the Conference Committee spent significant time discussing the issue of serving alcohol at the banquet, where attendees are in uniform. The Conference Committee will bring this issue up at the General Business Meeting at the 2009 Spring Conference.

Additional discussion and clarification on this item occurred. Concerns regarding the ability for Chiefs, Sheriffs, and Jail Managers to meet during Fall Conferences were expressed.

Director Pierce clarified that the WASPC Legislative Agenda would be adopted by the membership at the Fall Conferences beginning in 2010.

Ed Holmes made the motion to approve the conference restructure recommendations with the caveat that the agenda may be adjusted to accommodate Chief, Sheriff, and Jail Manager meeting times. Mike Humphreys seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2010 SPRING CONFERENCE—TOM CORZINE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Deputy Director Corzine outlined the Board Information Document as provided to the Board.

WASPC has a signed contract with the Coast Wenatchee Center Hotel for the 2010 Spring Conference. Upon review of the contract it became apparent that the Coast Wenatchee Center Hotel will not be able to accommodate a Vendor Tradeshow of 100 booths in a centralized location.

WASPC has received a fair bid from the Spokane Convention Center and Spokane Double Tree Hotel for the 2010 Spring Conference. The dates for this conference would be moved to May 16-20, 2010. It is the recommendation of the WASPC Conference Committee to authorize staff to negotiate a contract amendment to provide additional space for the expanded Vendor Tradeshow. Staff will be making a site visit to this hotel in late-January.

If the Coast Wenatchee Center Hotel is unable to accommodate the WASPC Conference, staff should proceed to cancel its existing contract and enter a contractual agreement with the Spokane Convention Center and Double Tree Hotel.

Ed Holmes made the motion authorizing staff to cancel, if needed, WASPC's existing contract with the Coast Wenatchee Center Hotel and enter a contractual agreement with the Spokane Convention Center and Double Tree Hotel for the 2010 Spring Conference. Mike Kline seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2010 FALL CONFERENCE—TOM CORZINE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Deputy Director Corzine outlined the Board Information Document as provided to the Board. WASPC has received a proposal from Campbell's Resort in Chelan to hold the 2010 Fall

Conference. The proposal includes reasonable room rates and per diem food and beverage costs. Sheriff Mike Harum has submitted a letter of support to host the WASPC 2010 Fall Conference in Chelan.

It is the recommendation of the WASPC Conference Committee to authorize WASPC Staff to enter a contractual agreement with Campbell's Resort for the 2010 Fall Conference.

Ed Holmes made the motion authorizing staff to enter a contractual agreement with Campbell's Resort for the 2010 Fall Conference. Mike Harum seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF GENE COTTON AWARD—SHERIFF JOHN DIDION

Sheriff John Didion stated that he has been in contact with Congressman Reichert's office to arrange for the presentation of the Gene Cotton Award. The award may be presented at the banquet at the Spring Conference.

WATPA UPDATE—JIM LAMUNYON, WATPA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The WATPA has roughly $4.5 million dedicated in grants to agencies. A majority of the funding was directed to task forces. Announcements for 2009 equipment and technology grants have been distributed; those grants will total $1 million. Grant notices for the 09-10 fiscal year have also been distributed. The funding amounts will not be available until the end of the 2009 Legislative Session. The Governor's Proposed Budget included $13.8 million in the next biennium. Decisions on equipment grants will be made on March 19. Decisions on general grants will be made in May. The WATPA website has been significantly revised. The WATPA has a full agenda of participation in public events planned in coming months. The Authority is planning to sponsor regional training. The training will be free of charge to attendees.

Director Pierce commented on funding for the WATPA. WASPC has been in negotiations to agree to funds being taken from the WATPA account for gang intervention and prevention strategies, of which are supported by WASPC. The negotiation would ensure that additional funding would not be taken from the account.

Mr. LaMunyon stated that the account balance is currently just over $6.1 million. The account generates $500,000 to $630,000 monthly.

<u>NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED):</u>

PRESENTATION OF SPECIAL AWARDS—DON PIERCE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Director Pierce outlined the document outlining the proposed policy for granting special awards. The policy would direct that nominations for WASPC awards must be submitted in writing by an active or life member in good standing. Written nominations shall be provided to the Board prior to a meeting where the discussion of the award nomination is scheduled. The Board shall convene in Executive Session to discuss the award. The Board, following review in Executive Session, will schedule the award nomination for further consideration at the next scheduled

Executive Board meeting. At the subsequent meeting, the Board will then again convene in Executive Session to discuss the award nomination. If there is a consensus among the Board Members to grant the award, they shall reconvene in Open Session and take the appropriate actions to grant the award. If there is not consensus to grant the award among Board Members in Executive Session, the matter will not be brought up for action in Open Session.

John Batiste made the motion to adopt the policy governing consideration of members for awards. Sue Rahr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

VOTING RIGHTS RESTORATION—DON PIERCE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Director Pierce outlined the document submitted by Chief Kerlikowske and Sheriff Lovick regarding the restoration of voting rights. People convicted of a felony in Washington State automatically lose the right to vote. The right is not restored until the offender has completed all conditions of the sentence including any term of incarceration, community supervision and full payment of legal and financial obligations. Restoration is not automatic; the offender must file a petition for a certificate of discharge with the sentencing judge, provide proof that all of the conditions were met and then make sure that the petition is signed by the judge, filed with the clerk and transmitted to the county auditor. Public defenders are not appointed for certificate of discharge petitions and most offenders are unable to navigate the system without an attorney.

Sheriff Lovick and Chief Kerlikowske are requesting WASPC to support the legislation introduced by Senator Kohl-Welles and Representative Darneille to automatically restore the right to vote once the offender has completed any obligations to the Department of Corrections even if the financial obligation is still owed. The offender will not be excused from paying the debt; the county clerks will still be able to collect the monthly payments and can continue to use the tools available to all debt collectors.

Additional discussion on this agenda item occurred.

Following healthy discussion the Board unanimously agreed not to take a legislative position on this item.

FISH AND WILDLIFE, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, AND STATE PARKS TO BE HOUSED WITHIN THE WASHINGTON STATE PATROL—DON PIERCE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Director Pierce informed the Board that the State is looking for cost saving mechanisms to offset the current State budget deficit. The State is considering housing F&W, DNR, and Parks within the WSP.

Director Pierce stated that his response thus far has been that WASPC would most likely not be very happy with the changes but additional information is necessary before an official position can be established. Director Pierce also stated that there would be opposition from the membership.

Chief Batiste commented on what the structure of each entity would resemble if housed under the WSP. The structures would not change; each entity would continue its function as it had previously done. Chief Batiste reminded the Board that this concept is still in the exploratory stages of development.

Sheriff Didion expressed concerns regarding the WSP expanding to be a centralized state police agency.

Chief Bjork informed the Board that a study on the feasibility of combining the four natural resource agencies in the State will occur. The four agencies are the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, the State Parks Department.

Additional discussion on this agenda item occurred.

Following healthy discussion the Board unanimously agreed not to take a legislative position on this item. Additionally, the Members of WASPC would appreciate the opportunity to review the cost savings of this concept.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

APPROVAL OF THE MEMBERSHIP—CHIEF RAY SOWERS, VIA WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Discussion regarding the approval process and qualifications for membership was briefly occurred. Director Pierce requested Chief Bjork, as the Board Liaison to the Membership Committee, encourage the Committee to develop more specific criteria for approval and disapproval of WASPC memberships.

Bruce Bjork made the motion to approve the membership applications as recommended by the Membership Committee. Richard Lathim seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NEXT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING—SHERIFF JOHN DIDION

The next Board Meeting will be at the WASPC Office on March 18, 2009. The meeting will convene at 10:00 am.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

NOMINATION FOR THE SHANAHAN/DEVENY AWARD OF EXCELLENCE—DON PIERCE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

While in Executive Session, the Board discussed a nomination for the Shanahan/Deveny Award of Excellence. This agenda item will be discussed at the March 2009 Executive Board Meeting,

in accordance with the recently adopted policy governing the consideration of members for awards.

OTHER:

TRAINING THANK YOU—SHERIFF JOHN DIDION

Sheriff Didion thanked Bruce Kuennen, WASPC Staff, for the training that was recently conducted in Pacific County.

NATIONAL LAW ENFORCMENT TECHNOLOGY CENTER—DON PIERCE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Director Pierce stated that he, Marshal Kline, and Deputy Director Corzine will be visiting the NLETC in Austin Texas this Thursday and Friday. A report will be provided at the next Executive Board Meeting.

ADJOURN:

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 PM.