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Greetings from your Executive Director:

Here are some updates this week—

WADEPS

The WADEPS Ad Hoc Committee continues to vet questions, concerns, and communicate directly with the WADEPS Team and the Attorney General's Office. They intend to host a webinar in October to provide an overview of the status, areas of concern, and how problems or issues are being managed. In addition, they have provided this [Frequently Asked Questions](#) and [here](#) are the minutes of their last meeting. We will have a separate committee meeting time at our fall conference in Tri-Cities as well.

There are continuing concerns over the requested data, the behavioral factors measured, and the legal requirements for submitting data. We will provide the best information we can as we move forward. Many thanks for the good work of our Ad Hoc Committee, and they continue to solicit any questions or concerns at their emails:

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Also, the Communications Manager for WADEPS sent the info below and asked that it be provided to you- this is not from us, or the Ad Hoc committee, but from WADEPS directly:

On Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2025, the Washington State Data Exchange for Public Safety ([WADEPS](#)) became available for law enforcement agencies across the state of Washington to begin sharing reportable use-of-force incident data and CAD data. Agency leaders and points-of-contacts have been notified to activate their accounts in the WADEPS Reporting Tool. They have the flexibility and responsibility to set permissions within their agency as best fits their organizational structure and resources. Instructions for all officers about activating their WADEPS accounts are forthcoming and will be shared with agency points-of-contact to distribute internally as appropriate.

*The WADEPS public dashboard is an incident-based **rate-of-force** visualization tool that requires data about use-of-force incidents AND all calls for service to provide useful and meaningful analysis. As specified in the [statute](#), agencies have up to 30 days after the date of a [reportable use-of-force incident](#) to provide the required data to WADEPS. The first year-to-date CAD data is due to WADEPS in early October. Accordingly, the [WADEPS public dashboard](#) is displaying contextual data until use-of-force data is processed and added October 6–8, 2025.*

Please see the [Resources page](#) on the WADEPS website for details. If you have questions or need technical assistance, please use the online form at wadeeps.org/contact-us.

Restraint-Related Deaths

The Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) recently published [this](#) document, for your information.

HB 2015

The Criminal Justice Training Commission (CJTC) has provided [this](#) “landing page” for those who choose to apply for grants and the concomitant taxing authority.

“Raise the Age”

The state has a committee called the Partnership Council on Juvenile Justice (PCJJ), which, like many other state committees and task forces, has a sort of predetermined set of outcomes and are loaded with persons with a particular perspective. Representatives from law enforcement, and those representing WASPC, are often among the few to raise issues with well-intentioned but often unrealistic recommendations. Here is another: Snohomish County Undersheriff Jeske has represented WASPC on the PCJJ, and he recently chose not to ask for reappointment. His perspectives do not align with the long-standing federal mandates tied to funding from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. Any deviations from these mandates would result in reduced grant dollars from the federal government. The overall group recently published [this](#) report that recommends to the legislature that the age for being charged as an adult, and juvenile jurisdiction be uniformly extended, to 21, because “impulse control, emotional regulation, and decision-making continue to develop well into our mid-twenties”.

Many thanks to Undersheriff Jeske for serving on the committee.

Washington already allows people to be sent to Juvenile Rehabilitation (JR) up to 25 years of age. As juvenile crime exploded over the last few years (perhaps not coincidentally because consequences have

been lowered) the JR facilities are bursting at the seams. This devastating [editorial](#) from Seattle Times Editorial Writer Kate Riley is a good overview of the current state of the JR system.

The report from PCJJ may not get any traction, or the legislature may not act on it at all. However, it is another example of the dynamic we see with well-intentioned, poorly resourced, and counterproductive programs that result in less safety, more victims, and worse conditions. Take a look and be aware this is out there and make sure your elected policy makers at the local level understand what is being considered.

Fall Conference

Rachelle will be sending out the link soon to register for the Fall Conference Nov 10-13 in Tri-Cities- hope to see you there.

Thanks for all you do, and stay safe- Steve