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WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF SHERIFFS AND POLICE CHIEFS ELECTS NEW LEADERS

(Lacey) --- The Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC) has elected several board members for 2025-2026. The officers of the 14-member executive board were named at the organization's general business meeting in May.

President: Sheriff John Nowels, Spokane County Sheriff's Office

President-elect: Chief Rafael Padilla, Kent Police Department

Vice President: Sheriff Joe Kriete, Grant County Sheriff's Office

Chief at Large: Chief Rick Johnson, East Wenatchee Police Department

Sheriff At-Large: Sheriff Mike Morrison, Chelan County Sheriff's Office

"We are grateful these top law enforcement executives from around our state have stepped up to provide leadership for our statewide organization," said Steve Strachan, WASPC executive director. "They will help direct the policies and initiatives for all law enforcement across the state and guide the best practices that make public safety better for every community."

WASPC was founded in 1963 and consists of executive and top management personnel from law enforcement agencies statewide. With more than 900 members, it includes all 39 county sheriffs, and 240 police chiefs, as well as the Washington State Patrol, the Washington Department of Corrections, and representatives of Tribal and federal agencies.

WASPC is the only association of its kind in the nation combining representatives from local, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement into a single body, working toward a common goal. WASPC's function is to provide specific materials and services to all law enforcement agencies in the state, members, and non-members alike.

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