

# WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF SHERIFFS & POLICE CHIEFS

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Greetings From Your Executive Director:

Just a quick update on I-940/ESHB 3003: The legislature (through the Attorney General's Office) has already appealed last week's Thurston County Court decision (to put I-940 on the ballot this fall) to the State Supreme Court (going around the Appellate Court because of time constraints). We have met with De-Escalate as well as the law enforcement labor unions this week to make sure we are communicating about where we go from here.

Our preference as this goes to the Supreme Court continues to be for them to affirm that what the legislature did was proper, and make 3003 the law. If that specific outcome does not happen, we want to coordinate with all of the stakeholders to send a strong message. Whatever happens (including 940 and/or 3003 being placed on the ballot), we do not want to end up in a negative campaign that does not serve law enforcement well. And, that **3003 becomes law in the end, whether it be from the court, because it is passed by the legislature in special session, or it is passed at the start of the next session.**

So - we will keep you in the loop, and we expect the Supreme Court will schedule this onto their calendar relatively soon. This court challenge is a hurdle, but we will continue to work to make the agreed-upon language of 3003 the law. Also, be aware that the CJTC will still plan to start rulemaking for investigations and their other requirements.

We have another meeting with the Governor's Office and Department of Licensing on Monday to try to find solutions to make up for the loss of Social Security numbers from the Governor's Executive Order. Here is a link to a story that KOMO did on the topic this week. The story gives the impression the changes have already been made - I would say that they are being "worked on" by DOL - we continue to raise the issue and make sure it is receiving attention in the interests of our members. We really appreciate the assistance of Auburn P.D.'s Commander Mark Caillier:

<http://komonews.com/news/local/governor-making-changes-to-executive-order-to-allow-police-to-access-dol-records>

Here is a link to a story from the Tennessean about the shooting at the Nashville Waffle House. It is worth a read to see how one area is trying to deal with these too-frequent contacts and incidents involving people with chronic and serious mental illness. It is really notable that in the story, Nashville PD's department policy says that officers should make a "practical common-sense decision" about whether a person is dangerous and needs to be involuntarily placed. That puts a lot of responsibility on an officer--it reminds me a little of saying "good luck and figure it out." The story also has a good overview of how they follow up and what resources they use. This is good information as our communities work to improve our responses. We will have a panel on the mental health system at our

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conference, and we also have a \$1 million mental health field response grant program coming online - we will have information on that at the conference as well.

<https://www.tennessean.com/story/news/crime/2018/04/27/waffle-house-shooting-nashville-police-mental-illness/553898002/>

Have a great weekend—  
**Work Hard- Have Fun- Stay Safe**

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