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Greetings from your Executive Director:

I received some positive feedback last week when we pointed out that law enforcement is too often being used as a political football, from immigration to marijuana. These issues are too important and public safety is too critical to get lost in all the division. There seems to be no upper limit, or consequence, to the hyperbole and the rhetoric, although this story today does show that this Judge in King Co. took decisive action:

<https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/crime/two-attorneys-ordered-to-pay-more-than-24000-over-perjury-allegation-against-seattle-police-officer-who-shot-charleena-lyles/>

I have [attached](#) a Memorandum from WASPC's legal counsel in regard to the recent Janus ruling (about agency fees and union dues) from the Supreme Court. We had asked them to provide a basic analysis for our members about the ruling and what it means for us-- remember, however, that ultimately your department's legal counsel is the determinant of your policies. Let us know if there is anything else we can do to assist on this topic.

Many of you receive updates from the Police Executive Research Forum, but in case you had not received this, here is a link to their recent publication on the Police response to Homelessness. Seattle P.D. Chief Carmen Best and Chief James McElvain from Vancouver P.D. are cited for some of the things they are doing:

<http://www.policeforum.org/assets/PoliceResponsetoHomelessness.pdf>

Have a great week—

Work Hard- Have Fun- Stay Safe

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