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Greetings from Your Executive Director:

Good to see many of you at our Fall Conference in Chelan this year- we hope your time was well spent. As we head into the Thanksgiving holiday (with poorly-timed snow and ice) we have an action-packed update this week so let's get to it:

First, earlier this week the Criminal Justice Training Commission (CJTC) **held another hearing on the draft rules for independent investigations** which will be considered for adoption at their Dec 5 hearing at 10:00 AM in Burien. These rules are the result of the CJTC needing to balance a large number of stakeholders, and although there are still issues and concerns, the "workability" of some of the rules, particularly related to training, civilian involvement and qualifications have been improved. Here is a [link](#) to the most current draft rules that will be considered at the Dec 5 hearing, as well as a [draft resolution](#) brought by Commissioners which they may also adopt at that hearing.

The WA Cities Insurance Trust (WCIA) sponsored a training seminar several weeks ago where Dan Christman from CJTC, who has been communicating and working with teams and doing courses around the state to assist with this process, provided much **more information about the rules and answered questions about implementation of both the training and independent investigation** requirements moving forward. I assisted in that seminar, and having received good feedback about how useful it was for the "on the ground" implementation of all these changes, Dan has agreed to provide that training again for us - here is the information for the course which will be offered both in-person here at WASPC (up to 30 people) and through a webinar, at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, December 17. Here is the info:

Training and OIS Rules Webcast

Tue, Dec 17, 2019 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM PST

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If you wish to attend in-person here in Lacey, we have room for up to 30 - please RSVP to Deb Gregory at dgregory@waspc.org. Reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis. Everyone is welcome to join the webcast.

Finally, on the topic of **proposals in the legislature for a "Single Point" firearms background check system**, the Office of Financial Management has completed their [report](#) as requested by the legislature last year. They were asked to determine whether a single point system was feasible and if so where to "house" it. They have reported that the most logical placement is with WSP. Here is a [link](#) to the House hearing on this report, which includes comments from WASPC at the 1:48:00 mark. There is interest in the legislature on this topic, and we will continue to be at the table and send the message that our Chiefs and Sheriffs need to be able to provide contemporaneous and up to date information for any system. We will keep you in the loop on this important topic.

Finally, at our conference and Board Meeting last week, the WASPC Executive Board approved a budget which includes the potential **development of a more robust "Executive Development" program** for the coming year. This is in response to discussions in our Training Committee, co-chaired by Sheriff Drew Hyer and Chief Rod Covey, that identified a need for more "nuts and bolts" training for command staff, including topics such as dealing with elected officials, performance improvement plans, discipline, evaluations, the role of the Chief or Sheriff, and panels on "lessons learned" from experienced executives. Chairs Hyer and Covey have developed a small sub-group to develop and initiate this training. If you are interested in joining or providing input, please let me or one of the co-chairs know - we would appreciate your participation!

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The 29th of this week will mark **ten** years since the murder of Sgt. Mark Renninger and Officers Greg Richards, Tina Griswold, and Ronald Owens of the Lakewood Police Department. Seattle P.D. Officer Timothy Brenton's murder was still too recent in our minds, and Pierce County Deputy Kent Mundell's murder occurred in December just weeks after the Lakewood incident.

I hope we will all take a little extra time this week to remember these fallen heroes, and their families. We will never forget-- It is my honor to work with each of you who serve in law enforcement.

Have a Great Thanksgiving!

Work Hard- Have Fun- Stay Safe

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