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Greetings from Your Executive Director:

I normally would not send two updates in a week, but wanted to let you know that the Criminal Justice Training Commission (CJTC) did make some small amendments and **passed the Independent Investigation rules** yesterday at their meeting. I am waiting for the final version with the new changes to be sent from CJTC, and will pass them along as soon as I get them, which should be Monday morning. The changes were not major and mostly involved clarification.

The bottom line is that the Commission discussion centered around making sure agencies can follow the rules and make them work, and the Commission made it quite clear that if there are issues and problems with implementation, they will continue to monitor and adjust as necessary, while still focusing on the goals of the rules. Three Commissioners voted against the passage of the rules, citing issues with the civilian involvement and the language regarding vetting.

Remember that the language surrounding the civilian review of persons on the team is purposely vague, to allow for the Sheriff or Chief to work with the community to find a system that matches your circumstances and resources. Also, the ultimate selection of the team remains the prerogative of the Sheriff or Chief, with civilians providing input.

Dan Christman from the CJTC has agreed to conduct a **seminar Dec 17** here at the WASPC Office, and available via webcast, to provide more information and answer questions- I sent this out earlier this week but here is the info again-

OIS Webcast

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

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Serving the Law Enforcement Community and the Citizens of Washington

The WASPC Executive Board has approved a launch of the **Wear The Badge Washington** program in early 2020. Many of you saw the pilot videos at the Chelan conference. We are working on completing the website and getting ready for our social media outreach. It would be helpful to have photos of officers, deputies and troopers from all parts of the state that we can feature/rotate on the website. Rather than try to capture screen shots from your social media or websites, we would appreciate receiving higher resolution images (.jpeg or png) directly from departments interested in participating. The program is designed to raise awareness of the profession, the positives of a career in law enforcement, and to focus on non-traditional candidates. The WASPC program is not a branded recruiting effort (we will not be featuring individual departments) so if you have good quality generic photos of your officers and staff, we'd love to have them. Feel free to send them directly to the program email info@wearthebadgewa.org and thanks! As we move toward the "roll-out" we will keep you in the loop.

On the legislative front, our Policy Director, James McMahan, is reviewing prospective bills to be introduced and getting ready for the session that starts after the first of the year. To help James and our overall effort, WASPC is looking for specific examples to use for our legislative priorities. **We have an "ask" -- If you have specific cases/examples that you can send us on any of the three following**, please do so:

- **BLEA wait times:** How long is your agency waiting, or how long have you waited, to get your newly hired officers into BLEA? What has the impact of these wait times been on your agency?
- **Certification of Corrections Officers:** Has your agency had a corrections officer who was terminated (or resigned in lieu of termination) for what would have de-certified a peace officer go on to be hired by another corrections agency in WA? Has your agency unknowingly hired a corrections officer who was terminated (or resigned in lieu of termination) for what would have de-certified a peace officer?
- **Photo Enforcement Camera Evidence:** Has your agency had a criminal investigation impeded by your inability to obtain and/or use information gathered via a red light camera and/or toll enforcement camera?

Please send any specific examples from these three areas to James at james@waspc.org

Thanks and have a great weekend-

Work Hard- Have Fun- Stay Safe

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