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Greetings from your Executive Director:

Just a few updates for you-

First, one of the most important things we do here at WASPC is our **legislative and policy outreach**, so now that the legislature is in session full-blast we have a lot of issues coming at us. We have a legislative listserv group that any member of WASPC can receive, and you will get daily updates on bills, hearings, and fiscal information. The listserv also serves to allow you to provide input. I just want to make sure everyone knows you do not need to be appointed or be approved by anyone to get the information. All WASPC members can serve and get the information. If you would like to be in that e-mail group, just contact Deb at dgregory@waspc.org and she will get you signed up. It does not obligate you to attend future Legislative Committee meetings, although we'd love to see you there!

By now, I hope you have already put our **Law and Justice Day** on your calendar- January 29 at 9:00 AM in the Columbia Room at the Capitol. Also remember you can get a shuttle from here at our WASPC offices starting about 7:30 AM. We will start with the legislative briefing from our Policy Director, James McMahan, and then some comments from key legislators. The shuttle will make its last run from the Capitol back to WASPC at 2:30 PM.

Following that short morning session, we will have a short media event for "Wear the Badge" and then you can meet with your legislators. If you have a PIO or someone in your department who handles social media, we would appreciate if they would coordinate on a conference call on the 27th- here is the info:

Webinar/conference call January 27 10:00 AM to preview the Wear The Badge Washington initiative

Please encourage your PIOs, social media managers, and others to join a special webinar/conference call to learn about Wear The Badge Washington and how your department can support the program.

The Wear the Badge Washington campaign will include a series of short, authentic video profiles or mini-documentaries of police officers and corrections officers at work explaining why they chose to Wear The Badge. The videos, along with social media posting and career information, will be highlighted on wearthebadgewa.org. The program won't be "live" until January 29 so please ask your staff to avoid linking or posting to the site or social media until after the webinar/call on the 27th.

*Wear The Badge Washington preview
Mon, Jan 27, 2020 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PST)*

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Finally, the Wellness and Resiliency Committee will be doing some work on ramping up our efforts, which includes **officer suicide awareness, prevention and follow up**. Here is a great [message](#) from Orange County, Florida Sheriff John Mina- it's just a few minutes long but worth a look if you have not seen it- great leadership on this issue.

Work Hard- Have Fun- Stay Safe

Have a great week-

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