



July 31, 2020

Greetings from your Executive Director:

The [policy recommendations](#) we sent out in June are **cited in this [article](#)** regarding reforms in Pierce County. We appreciate everyone's input and this past week the recommendations were also shared with the Governor's Task Force on which Redmond Chief Lowe represents WASPC.

Among all the conversations surrounding law enforcement, it continues to be abundantly clear that local connections are the key. This week we wanted to provide some key examples of that—

Here are three examples from a former Seattle council member, the Seattle Times editorial board, and a local leader, **all opposing reactive “defunding”**.

[Example 1](#)

[Example 2](#)

[Example 3](#)

Here is an [informative column](#) from the Bellingham newspaper about “military equipment” and how it is used, written by **Whatcom County Sheriff Bill Elfo**.

A column in the [Wenatchee World](#) highlights **Chief Crown** and a program they have initiated to encourage use of masks.

This editorial from the [Everett Herald](#) cites the **great work of Everett Chief Templeman** and his team.

This [commentary](#) from Q13's Brandi Kruse highlights the inherent problems with **Seattle's contemplated police funding cuts**.

This [video](#) is 30 minutes long, but is the entire interview conducted with a **Portland Police Officer** and his recent experiences.

Here is an [interview](#) from KING 5 with a **Seattle P.D. Officer injured** on the job recently.

Last week, we sent out three videos

[Bias by-Us, Part 1:](#)

[Bias by-US, Part 2](#)

[Bias by US, Part 3](#)

from **Dr. Bryant Marks** regarding implicit bias. Following a question from one of our members about whether these videos could be used to fulfill some of the **CJTC 24 hr. training requirements**, we received the message below from CJTC:

*Good Afternoon,*

*The videos by Dr. Marks (part 1-3) can be applied towards the 24 hour in-service audit. We also have some online training opportunities available on our Acadis system. Officers can complete CJTC's 2 hour DV course, past 2 hour CIT courses, and the LED's have been converted to an online training platform. I have also include the [link](#) to our online training resources page for additional training opportunities.*

**So in other words- CJTC has approved these three videos to be applied toward the 24 hour requirement.**

You and your teams continue to do amazing work in a challenging environment- many thanks to each of you for all you do! ***Stay Safe- Steve***

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