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Greetings from your Executive Director:

There are enough things going on all over today, so this week we just have three brief updates for you—

First, as some departments work through budget issues, we have been working on connecting **BLEA recruits**, including those who may already be in the academy, with interested **departments in case of potential layoff by their hiring agency**. This [form](#) will be on our website and we have made CJTC aware of it and they will pass it on to any recruit who may find themselves in that situation now or in the future.

The form asks recruits facing layoff to “check off” agencies to which they would prefer to transfer if necessary. We will simply notify your agency if it is on the form, and your agency may choose to contact them for follow up, if you wish -- it’s really just a “pointer” system to facilitate or connect agencies and potential recruits. So- just be aware of it, and again, there is no obligation on your part if someone shows interest in your agency. Also, if any of you are in the difficult position in the future of having to lay off academy recruits, we want you to be aware of this capability.

Second, our partners at the **Behind the Badge Foundation (BtBF)** have begun producing a series of videos to support law enforcement and our families during this challenging time. The video series will be updated and is focused on resiliency and support. BtBF has been a great resource for our agencies and we cannot say enough about how much they are valued, and I am passing along the channel for you to share with your team members. Here is the [introduction](#) from BtBF Executive Director Brian Johnston and here is the [main channel](#). If you have any questions, Brian can be reached at brian@behindthebadgefoundation.org

Finally, the **Centralized Firearms Background Advisory Board (CFBU)** will hold its first meeting next week. This is the advisory board required by statute as part of the legislature’s decision to move toward a “single point” background check system in the future, operated through the State Patrol. In addition to non-law enforcement members, the board includes Sheriff Hawley of Okanogan County and Chief Siebert of Quincy PD. If you have any input or questions, let us know and we will keep you in the loop.

Have a good and safe weekend-

Steve