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Greetings from Your Executive Director:

A few updates for you before we head into 2021:

A GTWO will be sent out with short **surveys to assess needs and vaccination plans for local and regional jails as well as law enforcement**. They will help WASPC to identify any gaps or streamline the process as decisions are made by the state Dept. of Health about priority distribution. If your county already has these plans and systems in place we will not do anything to slow it down. We just want to communicate to the state any needs for assistance for our agencies and jails.

The Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) has great information on national COVID trends and what other law enforcement departments are doing to address the pandemic. WASPC publishes [PERF updates daily on our website](#) and I encourage you to check them out.

We held a virtual briefing last week on the (non-WASPC) **criminal justice proposals expected to be considered in the upcoming session**. Many thanks to the more than 100 of you who joined us and we appreciate the participation and feedback. As mentioned in the meeting, we have added an additional resource for our legislative outreach at this crucial time. Sanjay Walvekar will be the **new deputy policy director**, and work with James McMahan, policy director. Sanjay is currently the outreach and legislative affairs manager for the Washington State Bar Association. Sanjay is originally from the Tri-Cities area and earned his juris doctor from the University of Washington. We are pleased to welcome Sanjay after the first of the year.

Also attached is a [summary of the federal emergency relief package](#), courtesy of NSA.

As we wrap up to what has been the most challenging year of our careers for many of us, I again **want to thank each of you for all you do**. You and your teams have been at work, on the line, responding to every emergency, every call, and managing the worst that human beings can do to each other, all year. It may not always be apparent, but our communities appreciate all you do. It is, and continues to be, my honor to be able to work with you. Wishing you the happiest of holidays and the very best for your families. Here's to a better 2021!

From all of us at WASPC-

Stay Safe,

- Steve

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