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**LOWER ELWHA POLICE CHIEF SAM WHITE NAMED
TO BOARD OF STATEWIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT ORGANIZATION**

(Lacey) --- Lower Elwha Police Chief Sam White was appointed to the board of directors of the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC). Chief White will be part of the leadership team of the 14-member executive board. His appointment by WASPC Board Chair Craig Meidl (Spokane Police Chief) took place on March 16.

“Chief White’s appointment as an executive board member reflects his great work and the respect our state’s Sheriffs and Chiefs have for him,” said Steven D. Strachan, WASPC executive director. “His addition to our board will strengthen our relationship with our sovereign nation Tribal partners.”

Chief White is a member of the Lower Elwha Tribe and has a 25-year career in law enforcement. Born in Port Angeles, Chief White has served several Olympic Peninsula police departments and was named Chief of the Lower Elwha Police in March 2019.

“It is a huge honor to serve on the WASPC board as a Tribal Chief of Police and as a Native American,” said Chief White. “I look forward to working with the board on issues effecting law enforcement today such as transparency, best practices, community-oriented policing, and rapidly evolving legislative law. I hope to effect legislative law to make government-to-government partnerships and relationships easier for Tribal and non-Tribal governments.”

Chief White was named to an unexpired Chief-At-Large term and will stand for re-election to a full three-year term in May 2021.

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WASPC was founded in 1963 and consists of executive and top management personnel from law enforcement agencies statewide. With more than 900 members it includes the 39 elected county sheriffs, and 240 police chiefs, as well as the

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Washington State Patrol, the Washington Department of Corrections, and representatives of Tribal and federal agencies.

WASPC is the only association of its kind in the nation combining representatives from local, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement into a single body, working toward a common goal. WASPC's function is to provide specific materials and services to all law enforcement agencies in the state, members, and non-members alike.