



**WASPC GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING
2019 FALL TRAINING CONFERENCE
CAMPBELL'S RESORT | CHELAN, WA
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2019 | 8:30 AM**

Call to Order

President John Snaza opened the meeting at 8:30 AM by thanking everyone for being here in Chelan.

Approval of Minutes from May 23, 2019 Meeting

Chief Ken Hohenberg moved to approve the General Business minutes from the May 23, 2019 meeting in Spokane. It was seconded by Chief Mike Lasnier. The motion to approve carried.

Resolutions

There were no resolutions presented.

Committee Reports (approval required)

Boating Safety – Chief Lou D'Amelio. Chief D'Amelio was unable to present in person but submitted a written report as follows:

In attendance:

Co-Chair D'Amelio

Guest Presenters from WA Parks Boating, Rob Sendak and Hoyle Hodges

Fourteen other attendees from the following agencies:

- Black Diamond Police
- Cowlitz County Sheriff's Office
- Des Moines Police
- Duvall Police
- Edmonds Police
- Grant County Sheriff's Office
- Kittitas County Sheriff's Office
- Lincoln County Sheriff's Office
- Mason County Sheriff's Office
- Nisqually Police
- Pend Oreille County Sheriff's Office
- Skagit County Sheriff's Office
- WA Department of Fish and Wildlife Police

An agenda with attachments was distributed at the beginning of the meeting which included:

1. A copy of the 2019 Spring Conference Boating Committee report that was submitted to the WASPC Board following the previous conference.
2. Copies of the two items submitted this year to the WASPC Legislative Committee for consideration, per the request of the Boating Committee during the Spring WASPC Conference

Following welcoming comments and introductions, the report from the spring meeting of the Boating Committee was reviewed and Chief D'Amelio asked if there were any amendments, corrections, or changes needed. None were noted.

Chief D'Amelio reviewed the two items that the Boating Committee had requested be taken to the WASPC Legislative Committee; a proposed change to redirect Vessel Registration Funds from the General Fund to WA Parks Boating, and a proposed elimination of the 60 day grace period for new boat buyers who do not already possess a Boater Education Card.

Both items were proposed at the Legislative Committee meeting in Leavenworth by Chief D'Amelio and were discussed by that committee but failed to be selected as top priorities for this year.

WA Parks Boating Law Administrator Rob Sendak updated the committee on boating statistics for the state, including that fact that the total number of registered boats in Washington has declined from a high of approximately 280,000 to its current count of approx. 230,000. This translates to a loss of over a million dollars in funding for WA Parks Boating.

Rob discussed the PFD Loaner program run by WA Parks Boating and stated that in 2018 they supplied the program with 150 PFD's, and then 500 in 2019. Rob stated he would like to see 5000 PFD's utilized in the PFD Loaner program in 2020.

Rob also discussed recent developments that have led to a proposed series of meetings with Washington Representative Cindy Ryu regarding boating safety and PFD wear. The Representative is very supportive of improvements in boating safety and is exploring mandatory PFD wear as an avenue to increase water safety.

Chief D'Amelio opened the floor to discussion on this topic. Several members present were against the idea of any type of mandatory PFD law. Objections raised include a lack of demonstrated statistics that mandatory PFD's would reduce drownings; a lack of funding to support increased enforcement for any new laws or regulations; and the failure of a broad, mandatory-wear law to address the wide-variety of water conditions in the state (i.e. a kayaker in the San Juan Islands may be in 300 feet of water, a canoer in the Wenatchee river may be in 2 feet of water.)

Several members present supported funding increased education efforts as opposed to a new law requiring mandatory wear. Suggestions included increased emphasis in school education programs; a "Smokey the Bear" type advertising program; and / or PSA's on television.

Rob thanked the committee for their input and noted the criticisms and suggestions that were put forward.

WA Parks Marine Law Enforcement Coordinator Hoyle Hodges presented information concerning the status of grant requests for the VRF funds by certified state boating programs. He also discussed upcoming training opportunities in the state and stated that he expected to have the schedule of upcoming classes complete and emailed out to program coordinators by December of 2019 for classes occurring in 2020.

Corrections

Sheriff Rick Scott noted the committee met. There was good attendance and the following topics were discussed:

- JBRS / VINE Project Update
- Connecting Offenders to Community Services
- CJTC Update
- Rural Jail Research & Advocacy Network
- MAT Programs in Jails
- Jail Accreditation & Standards
- Transgender Inmates

Finance & Personnel

All statements are presented through September 30, 2019. Overall, YTD expenses are in line with YTD revenues. No concerns.

Grants

Sheriff Mark Howie noted that no formal meeting was held. He provided a brief overview of the Grants Committee's purpose. It is for an agency's short-term emergent needs to improve a public safety situation where they may not otherwise have the funds to do so. Grants awarded to date amount to \$20,000 to assist smaller agencies in conducting a LEMAP. In past years, grants have been awarded to agencies to fund a particular piece of equipment or for officer safety.

Homeland Security/Intelligence

Chief Ken Thomas said the committee met. It was well attended. There was a recent audit of the WAGang database. Only 1.5% of the records need some additional work. Of those remaining 98.5% records in the system, no issues were determined. The challenge is that there are just over 1,000 records that are open for officers and detectives to look at. There should be about 30-40,000 files available. The committee believes the rules may be too restrictive for entering data into the system. The committee will be looking at doing a mid-course corrections to analyze where it's at. They will be partnering with the FBI and the U. S. Attorney's Office. Hopefully, it will be more user friendly.

Another issue discussed was that some of the new Chiefs and Sheriffs weren't certain how to get access to the WAGang information. The committee will be putting together a one-page informational document to assist with this that will be sent out via WASPC's GTWO.

The committee also received a brief presentation from the Fusion Center on event analysis both prior to and after for safety purposes.

Indian Country Law Enforcement

Chief Mike Lasnier reported that the meeting was well attended. The primary purpose was to address any issues that arise in Indian country. We received information from both the FBI and the U. S. Attorneys on missing and endangered Indigenous women which is a very important issue. Both the State Attorney General and the U. S. Attorneys will be adding resources for this effort.

The committee also received an update on the tribal extradition issue.

Law Enforcement Education & Training

Chief Rod Covey reported that it was a good meeting and very well attended. There was a report on what's going on with BLEA. Some classes and schedules have been moved around to get more people in.

There is a lot of good training going on. Discussions are on-going regarding creating an Executive Leadership Program with WASPC hiring a staff person to oversee that program. The committee is also formulating some training topics and ideas for future conferences.

The WASPC Executive Board just approved a charter for the new Wellness & Resiliency Committee. The first meeting of the committee will occur in January 2020.

CJTC provided an update on 21st Century leadership and will be rolling out the program statewide sometime in 2020.

Legislative

The committee provided a comprehensive report during Tuesday's Legislative Agenda Briefing. No further report provided.

Membership

No report provided.

Model Policy

No report provided.

Professional Services

The following items were discussed at the Professional Services Committee (PSC) meeting held on November 19 with 75 committee members in attendance.

- **Annual report** – Mike presented a proposed accreditation annual report and policy language to be incorporated into the accreditation policy and procedures manual. Discussion ensued with members identifying pros and cons of the report. Ultimately a motion was made and passed to require the annual report in 2019, with a window for completion starting on March 1 and closing on May 1 of each year. The report will only be required for agencies in years 1, 2 and 3 of each accreditation cycle.
- **Accreditation pins** – The committee reviewed three proposed accreditation pins styles. WASPC will pay for the pin selected by the committee and the other two styles will be

made available to accredited agencies at their own expense. Committee members voted on each pin with the winner being a round pin, with black background and the WASPC star with gold lettering in the center of the pin's face.

- **Standard update** – Mike alerted the committee to problematic (or missing) agency policy language related to standard 18.3, covering transport guidelines for handling disabled prisoners.
He also mentioned that he and John McGrath are discussing a process to review the current jail standards with a small work group of jail stakeholders to confirm that they are still valid. The small group will potentially be made up of both accredited and non-accredited jail staff. Recommended changes will be vetted by the Corrections Committee and then passed on to Professional Services before final approval by the WASPC Executive Board.
- **Professional Services update** - Mike provided committee members with an update on professional services delivered to agencies around Washington in 2019. Professional Services has had a great year with 15 successful accreditation onsite (five new or returning agencies to accredited status), nine LEMAP assessments and five executive searches completed.

Public Trust

Sheriff Paul Pastor noted that the committee has been in existence for three years. It has begun tracking the 21st Century Leadership Policy Six Pillars and how agencies across the state have done that.

The committee has looked at what the definition of public trust is. It is a two-way street. It's not all on law enforcement. It is part of the public's responsibility as well. The committee determined that there is an intersection of problems and issues that could be addressed by combining efforts and addressing them all. We asked ourselves if there were procedures and practices that could help us gain trust. What would be the best and most effective way to describe who we are and what we stand for in a clearer manner and finally, how can we recruit better.

Out of these discussions, the idea was born to do some quick videos that could help us recruit. These videos will be shown at Wednesday's banquet. Sheriff Pastor urged everyone to attend and watch those video and provide feedback. The videos will be provided to our members to use so we can create a bank of tools and aids.

Small Agency

No report provided.

Technology

No report provided.

Traffic Safety

Chief Steve Crown said the meeting was well attended. Some of the key points covered include WASPC's traffic safety grant process and the deadline for equipment grants is 12/13/19. Kim Goodman gave a presentation on E-Learning for SECTOR shrinking the in-person training down

into a 5-6 hour managed on-line training class. The on-line class may be available as early as the end of 2019.

The Traffic Safety Commission is doing a series of listening tours in the spring of 2020 in eight locations around the state. Director Darrin Grondel presented the Target Zero Highway Safety Plan. There is a lot of great information and useful data included in the event any of our member agencies need to use it for funding models and presentations.

University Policing

No report provided.

Chief Mike Lasnier moved to approve all committee reports as given. Sheriff Tom Jones seconded. The motion carried.

Liaison Reports (no approval required)

Explorers – Written Report Provided by Captain Dave Richards of Spokane PD

Attendance at WLEEA's Biannual Academies is continuing to hold constant. An influx in advisors present was noticed over the last year, a thanks for the agencies that continue to allow Advisors to attend despite continued staffing deficits.

WLEEA President Mike Ellis recently met with two State Reps in Olympia to work through access issues in regards to utilizing military buildings for continued training. The meeting was a complete success and the start of fundraising also occurred.

WLEEA has set a \$20k fund raising goal in 2020. This is the first time we have set a fund raising goal to help with continual supply of educational scholarships.

WLEEA has updated its bylaws for the 1st time since 2008. WLEEA has fully adopted the mission of facilitating conversations around the State to benefit the Explorer Program. WLEEA no longer requires an agency to participate in BSA in order to be a member of WLEEA.

New Youth Protection training will now be administered at each academy to ensure continued compliance.

Law Enforcement Torch Run – Chief Brian Asmus

Chief Asmus reported that there will be a presentation at today's luncheon by Special Olympics.

LEIRA

No report provided.

NIBRS

No report provided.

Sex Offender Notification and Registration

The SONAR Group continues to meet regularly. The October 2019 meeting was hosted by the Chelan County Sheriff's Office. The January 2020 meeting will be hosted by the Pierce County Sheriff's Office. The meetings move around the state to provide more agencies an opportunity to

attend.

WASPC recently added new requirements to the Address Verification Grant Program:

- Any agency not meeting at least 90% of required verifications will not receive that quarter's grant payment.
- Any agency not using OffenderWatch to track verifications will not receive that quarter's grant payment.
- Agencies that do not participate in at least one OffenderWatch User Group and SONAR Committee meeting in person will be penalized 10% of the final quarter's grant payment.
- Quarterly grant reports must be received by WASPC prior to quarterly grant payments being issued to your agency.

We are pleased to share that only 6 agencies are not currently in compliance with the new requirements. Please do keep these new requirements in mind as you and your staff report this information to WASPC each quarter. WASPC staff are working with agencies to support compliance. As this is the first quarter in the new grant cycle, WASPC will not be withholding funds this quarter.

Jamie provided a training session yesterday afternoon to cover executive level refresher on sex offender registration and notification. There has been an increase in offenders releasing from the Special Commitment Center (SCC) to communities. WASPC's goal is to better inform Chiefs and Sheriffs of this process.

WASPC will be hosting an RSO Coordinator Conference in September 2020. The conference is sponsored by the USMS. This is the 30-year anniversary of 1990 Community Protection Act. Lodging, registration and most meals will be provided.

OffenderWatch, the system used state-wide for registration and notification, is hosting a symposium in New Orleans April 6-8, 2020. Verification funds can be used to support staff attendance at this training.

Volunteer Managers

No report given.

Business

2019-20 Strategic Intentions

Steve Strachan highlighted a couple of minor changes for the coming year in the plan. **Chief Mike Lasnier moved to approve the updated Strategic Plan as submitted. Sheriff Rick Scott seconded. The motion carried.**

WASPC 2020 Legislative Agenda

Chief Ed Holmes moved to approve the WASPC 2020 legislative agenda as submitted. Sheriff Brad Manke seconded. The motion carried.

Wear the Badge Campaign

Steve Strachan reported that the WASPC Executive Board approved two budget items during their meeting on 11/19/2019. There has been much more intensive and aggressive work by two

of our committees – Public Trust and Law Enforcement Education and Training. The Board approved a Wear the Badge Washington campaign that is modeled after several other states. Five short videos have been produced as part of this new campaign and will be shown at Wednesday evening's banquet. Included as part of this campaign is a social media platform. The intention through this campaign is to show what we do and to encourage younger people to think about careers in law enforcement. The videos will highlight officers in our member agencies in a variety of different demographics with their stories and why they chose a career in law enforcement.

Executive Development

The idea of an executive development program came out of the LE Training and Education Committee. We looked at how we can support our members and where is the greatest need for training. There is a gap in training for our members for executive development. The WASPC Executive Board made the decision to use some of its financial resources to establish this program. Our state's risk pools have indicated a willingness to support this program financially as well. It's potentially good support for our Chiefs and Sheriffs. If anyone is interested in serving on a small work group to help stand this program up, please contact Chief Rod Covey at the Port of Seattle or Sheriff Drew Hyer in Garfield County.

Update on Adult Protective Services Program

Vicky Gawlik, the Adult Protective Services Chief at DSHS gave an update on changes occurring at the new Division of Adult Protective Services (APS). Vicky and her staff have been around the state visiting with law enforcement. It has been a year this month that a decision was made to change the structure for Adult Protective Services. It used to be part of Home and Community Services. Because of the huge growth from 2012-2016, field reports went from just over 19,000 to over 50,000 in 2017. They have aligned their infrastructure to match their increasing scope of work. APS is now is a separate division.

Firearms Workgroup Update

- In October, WASPC hosted a discussion with its members regarding the **current status of all things firearms-related**. The discussion focused on the **concept of a single point firearm system** in Washington, as well as workload impacts since the July 1 implementation of **Initiative 1639** and the **NICS policy decision to stop courtesy checks for CPL holders** in Washington State. WASPC's goal at this meeting was to **gain a deeper understanding of member concerns and how local law enforcement is handling the increased workload**. Some of the questions asked during this discussion include:
 - Has your agency hired additional records staff? If yes, how many?
 - Is your agency struggling to meet the 10-day requirement for background check completions?
 - How does your agency communicate the process for FFLs to submit background checks?
 - What does it cost your agency to complete a firearms background check? High end, low end, average?
 - What feedback is your agency receiving from FFLs about the changes?
 - What are your thoughts about a single point firearm system?

Discussion on a single point firearm system study being conducted by OFM occurred. The study is due on December 1, 2019. This is not WASPC's study to discuss. That being said, we expect the study to recommend a single point firearms system. The logistics will still need to be worked out. Due to the FBI's determination that WASPC does not currently meet the definition of a "Criminal Justice Agency," it is unlikely that WASPC will be the recommendation. The 2020 legislative session runs from January 14 through April 28.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 AM.

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