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**WASPC GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING  
2014 FALL TRAINING CONFERENCE  
CAMPBELL'S RESORT · CHELAN, WA  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2013 · 8:00 A.M.**



## **CALL TO ORDER:**

President Knezovich called the meeting to order at 8:02 A.M.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 23, 2013:**

**Rick Van Leuven made the motion to approve the May 23, 2013 General Business Meeting minutes as written. Tom Robbins seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

## **PRESENTATIONS:**

Jennifer Rush from LEADS Online, the 2013 Fall Training Conference Premier Sponsor, presented information on services offered through LEADS.

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

There were no resolutions presented.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **BOATING SAFETY—BILL BENEDICT**

The Committee acknowledged Bruce Bjork for his leadership of the Committee over the last year. Newly appointed WA Fish and Wildlife Chief Steve Crown has been appointed to serve as Co-Chair with Sheriff Benedict.

Applied consent has been addressed for DUI; however, still needs to be addressed as it relates to BUI.

The Committee will be submitting a letter for the Board to consider sending to the Department of Licensing requesting implementation of SECTOR in the State's Boating Safety Program.

The Committee to allocate Boating Safety Grant Funds has been expanded to include two additional WASPC Members.

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*Executive Director*

**Ed Holmes made the motion to approve the Boating Safety Committee Report as presented. Tom Robbins seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

#### **CORRECTIONS—BRIAN WILSON**

PREA Standards are a considerable topic of discussion within the Committee. PREA Standards are not limited to agencies with DOC contracts.

Jail Accreditation Standards will be considered later in this meeting. The Standards are voluntary.

At the Committee meeting, WSIN discussed the value of batch loading of jail recorded phone conversations into the WSIN database.

The Affordable Health Care Act was also discussed at the Committee meeting. The Act will have the most impact on folks being released from incarceration.

The CJTC Corrections Academy in full through January.

The Law Enforcement Training Committee will now include corrections-related training and education.

**Tom Robbins made the motion to approve the Corrections Committee Report as Presented. Rick Van Leuven seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

#### **FINANCE AND PERSONNEL—PAUL AYERS**

**As presented at the Executive Board Meeting on November 19, 2013.**

#### **INTELLIGENCE/HOMELAND SECURITY—OZZIE KNEZOVICH**

The WAGang Intelligence Network is a work in progress. The next beta test should occur in December. The final product should be live in January. The Committee is currently working to identify “gatekeepers,” The folks who will enter gang member information into the network. The system will be housed on the RISS system and is focused to serve the officer/deputy level.

The Committee is working toward standardization of classifications.

The Washington State Fusion Center has cyber capabilities. The Center is one of the first in the Nation to have these capabilities. The Fusion Center is working on outreach to inform agencies and the public what the fusion center does. The Fusion Center Liaison Officer Program is going well. Over 900 law enforcement and fire personnel have been trained.

The Committee is in the process of reviewing the Statewide Intelligence Plan to determine how best to move forward.

Training requests for “intelligence gatherers” is shrinking. There are currently not any training courses scheduled for this year.

**Tom Robbins made the motion to approve the Intelligence/Homeland Security Committee Report as Presented. Mark Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

#### **INDIAN COUNTRY LAW ENFORCEMENT—RORY GILLILAND**

The Committee discussed certification. Currently, only ~50% of tribal law enforcement agencies are participating in the certification program. This percentage needs to be improved. The Committee also briefly discussed prioritizing training needs for Indian County Law Enforcement. Partnerships with the Federal Government were discussed as well.

*State v. Erickson* is a topic of interest for the Committee. Chief Lasnier will research this case and report back at the Spring Conference.

**Eric Olsen made the motion to approve the Indian County Law Enforcement Committee Report as Presented. Mark Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

#### **LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING—OZZIE KNEZOVICH**

The Committee approved proposed changes to the Committee Charter for consideration by the WASPC Executive Board. The Committee has incorporated corrections education and training into the Charter.

The Committee is conducting a survey to determine a ranking of core competencies for the CJTC.

The Committee discussed its work product and will be working to follow through on items it has been discussing over the last few years.

**Tom Robbins made the motion to approve the Law Enforcement Training Committee Report as Presented. Rick Van Leuven seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

#### **LEGISLATIVE—ERIC OLSEN**

The 2014 Legislative Agenda items as discussed the Legislative Agenda Briefing were:

1. Law Enforcement Officer Accountability Act. This bill would enhance the CJTC's authority to decertify officers who have sustained findings of dishonesty or criminal violations.
2. Changes to misdemeanor probable cause arrests (Ortega fix). This bill would address the Supreme Court decision in Ortega and restore the principle that what one officer knows, all officers know.
3. Legislation that would require all licensed liquor establishments to report to the Liquor Control Board their losses due to theft, breakage, or other causes. This data would be published for public and law enforcement use.

Law and Justice Day will be held on February 25, 2014 at the Capitol Campus. Please add this important event to your calendar.

**Ed Holmes made the motion to approve the Legislative Committee Report, including adoption of the WASPC 2014 Legislative Agenda. Steve Tomson seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

#### **MEMBERSHIP—NO REPORT**

#### **MODEL POLICY—BOB METZGER**

The Committee is considering a model policy on mutual aid and is looking into updating the existing policy on identity theft.

The Committee is also having discussions regarding model policies vs. promising practices.

**Brian Wilson made the motion to approve the Model Policy Committee Report as Presented. Mark Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

#### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES—TOM JONES**

Proposed changes to the WASPC Accreditation Standards were introduced to the Committee. These changes will be considered for implementation at the Spring Conference. Changes to the Accreditation Guidelines were approved by the Board on November 19, 2013. Changes to the guidelines apply to agencies seeking re-accreditation.

Jail Accreditation Standards will be considered later in this meeting. If the Standards are approved, the Jail Accreditation Program will roll out in 2014.

Two accreditation training courses were held over the summer. 80+ individuals attended these training courses.

LEMAP onsite have been conducted for the Bellingham Police Department, Snohomish County Sheriff's Office, and Puyallup Police Department.

Executive Searches have been conducted for the Port of Seattle, Lake Stevens and Quincy Police Departments. Technical assistance has been provided to the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife in their Chief, Deputy Chief, and Captain hiring processes.

**Bruce Bjork made the motion to approve the Professional Services Report as presented. Rick Van Leuven seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

#### **SONAR—MARK BROWN**

The Committee last met on October 9, 2013, in conjunction with the Registered Sex Offender Coordinator Conference in Wenatchee. The Conference was a success. There was a 50% increase in attendance from the 2012 conference.

Staff is continuing to work with OffenderWatch to further develop OffenderWatch as the primary notification tool.

In the future, the Committee may pursue clean up legislation regarding acceptance of out of state relief of duty notices; and out of country notifications.

**Ed Holmes made the motion to approve the SONAR Committee Report as Presented. Paul Pastor seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

### **NIBRS ADVISORY BOARD—DICK REED**

The Committee thanked Joan Smith and CJIS staff for their work.

219 of 239 Washington state law enforcement agencies are reporting NIBRS data. This represents 92% of agencies and 71% of the state's population. Twenty agencies are on extension for NIBRS certification.

The following items will be forwarded to the Executive Board for consideration:

***What recommendation can the Advisory Committee give to the Executive Board concerning agencies now past the approved extension dates due to delays in their records management system (RMS) upgrades or other reasons?***

The discussion of the assembled group of agency representatives centered on the requirement to reset a NIBRS compliance deadline with consequences for agencies who are not compliant. The board should consider and adopt a policy with a two year deadline with progressive consequences. Specifically, the "Crime in Washington" product for 2013 should be completed using the same format as the 2012 edition with different sections for NIBRS and "Summary" (UCR) statistics. In 2014, the "Crime in Washington" document would no longer publish agency data provided in the non-compliant format. In 2015, the "Crime in Washington" document would not include summary information and the agency data would no longer be transmitted to the Washington Treasurer. It is assumed that the lack of reporting of crime date would impact the ability for non-compliant agencies to qualify for revenue sharing at the state and federal level. It is assumed that WASPC will continue to deliver all data to the FBI.

***Should the incident location, either specific address or latitude/longitude coordinates, be changed from optional to mandatory reporting?***

After much discussion concerning the value of requiring the x/y location for each incident, the recommendation of the committee is not to require the location data as a required field but to continue to encourage accurate location data be transmitted to WASPC.

The crime mapping component of the state NIBRS repository assists with visualizing "hot spots" and analyzing crime incident trends and patterns. The mapping tool is a key to crime analysis, policing strategies, and management decision-making.

Crime mapping is based on incident location—either address or latitude/longitude coordinates. Currently, NIBRS submission of these data is not mandatory and, therefore, it may be underreported. If reporting this data element is changed to mandatory but the

specific address of the incident is unknown, an accommodation can be created to eliminate a data validation error.

***Should crime statistics for other agencies be available to all law enforcement agencies in the ad hoc report function?***

Yes, of course. When the NIBRS repository was first implemented, a decision was made that an agency could have access to its crime statistics only. In part, that decision was based on the need to verify data after it was “entered” in the repository. However, since the data are entered or uploaded directly from the contributing law enforcement agency, the CJIS staff verification step has been eliminated and is the responsibility of the contributing agency to ensure the accuracy and completeness of the data. NIBRS data is dynamic and constantly updated as new, relevant information about an incident is entered by the local jurisdiction.

***Should the repository crime statistics be made available to the private sector (media, researchers, citizens) through a data mining program, standard report function, Excel spreadsheets, or other method?***

Not at this time—could be reconsidered when the state is at 100% compliance.

**Garry Lucas made the motion to approve the NIBRS Advisory Board Report as Presented. Rick Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**TECHNOLOGY—DICK REED**

The committee met as part of the fall conference. At the request of the Executive Board, the participants reviewed the updated DRAFT policy for LEARN radio talk group access and use. After significant discussion, it was decided that the latest draft would be distributed to the interested participants and to the WSP radio system manager for specific review. The updated document would be presented to the Executive Board for their consideration at their January meeting.

Discussion on proposed topics for general membership training at the May Conference occurred at the meeting.

**Ed Holmes made the motion to approve the Technology Committee Report as Presented. Paul Pastor seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**SMALL AGENCY—BONNIE BOWERS**

The Committee met on November 19, 2013. The Fusion Center made a presentation on how the Center can assist smaller agencies.

The Committee also discussed PREA standards in small agencies and BLEA activities.

**Brian Wilson made the motion to approve the Small Agency Committee Report as Presented. Rory Gilliland seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

#### **TRAFFIC SAFETY—BILL DRAKE**

The Committee met on November 19, 2013 and discussed many topics.

Darrin Grondel and Shelly Baldwin from Washington Traffic Safety Commission shared data from the Impaired Driver Working Group, which has met over the last several months. A few years ago 52% of driver deaths involved impairment. That rate has fallen to 48%. The trend continues in the right direction. This has a direct influence on federal funds as to the discretion of WA State's use of how to apply the funds. Current data shows "Cannabis" is the lead drug showing an increase found in individual's systems. Current data shows 17% refusal on BAC test as an average. Funding is available for data tracking of arrest of repeat offenders.

Glenn Crammer of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration along with Max Serverid spoke to the Committee about technical support for local and state entities on traffic safety data. There has been a 3% increase in national highway deaths since last year. However, Technologies appear to be emerging for detecting alcohol and aiding the development of collision avoidance systems.

A template policy for officer related distracted driving is being developed for law enforcement agencies. Data from a Harborview research grant shows 58% of officer injuries are related to distracted driving.

A letter from Robin Abel along with her book "Out of Nowhere" (co-authored by Peggy Sturdivant) requested that officers give attention to unsecure loads. Copies of her letter and book were made available to attendees.

Lieutenant Rob Sharpe of the Washington State Patrol spoke on the new BAC machine development and its upcoming deployment. Lieutenant Sharpe also said there will be two Drug Recognition Expert Courses during this next year. He also reported that an electronic search warrant is being developed for "boiler plating."

Bruce Bjork spoke regarding the 24/7 sobriety monitoring of alcohol and drug issues for repeat offenders. The Pilot Program is in development.

Traffic Safety Grant applications are due on Friday, December 13, 2013.

**Rick Van Leuven made the motion to approve the Traffic Safety Committee Report as Presented. Ben Keller seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

#### **UNIVERSITY POLICING—TIM WALTERS**

In light of Randy Stegmeier's retirement from Western Washington University, Chief Ed Sorger has been appointed to serve as the Committee's Co-Chair.

The Committee is looking into I-502 implications and its impacts to federal funding for colleges and universities.

The Committee also discussed MOUs for training and equipment between university policing agencies.

**Tom Jones made the motion to approve the University Policing Committee Report as Presented. Steve Tomson seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**LIAISON COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

**EXPLORERS—NO REPORT**

**INDIAN COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT—NO REPORT**

**JAIL MANAGERS FORUM—NED NEWLIN**

The Jail Managers Forum is focusing on the FCC's decision on inmate phone calls. Many agencies will be renegotiating contracts to ensure compliance in the next few months.

The Department of Corrections Cost Containment Work Group has published its report to the legislature. The report was made available through WASPC's GTWO system.

The Jail Managers Forum coordinates training at WASPC Spring Conferences. The group will be discussing training for the 2014 Spring Conference at its meeting tomorrow.

RCW 70.48.490 states, "A jail shall provide the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs with a copy of the jail's current policies regarding medication management." This RCW is in regards to the delivery and administration of medications and medication assistance by non-practitioner jail personnel. If you have a policy on this matter, please email it to WASPC.

**TORCH RUN—NO REPORT**

**LEIRA—NO REPORT**

LEIRA submitted a written report for consideration by the membership.

**LINX—KELLY FURNER**

LINX NW is a major of transition of leadership. With the passing of Keith Haines and the two co-chairs moving on in their careers, key leadership roles are being filled with new individuals. Corbin Rinehart has been hired as the program manager for LINX NW. Ron Beltz and Kelly Furner are the new co-chairs for the Advisory Board.

**LEGAL ADVISORS—VIRGINIA GLEASON**

The Legal Advisors will be presenting legal advisor training in conjunction with the 2014 WASPC Spring Conference. Please forward any training suggestions to Virginia Gleason.



**PAST PRESIDENTS—NO REPORT****BUSINESS:****2014-2016 STRATEGIC INTENTIONS—MITCH BARKER**

The Board has developed the 2014-2016 Strategic Intentions for consideration by the membership. The Strategic Intentions have been reformatted from years past.

**Tom Robbins made the motion to adopt the 2014-2016 Strategic Intentions. Ed Holmes seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**JAIL ACCREDITATION STANDARDS—MIKE PAINTER**

Mr. Painter outlined the process for development of the Jail Accreditation Standards. Ned Newlin and Curt Lutz were crucial to the process. The Jail Accreditation Standards have been approved by the Professional Services Committee and the WASPC Executive Board.

The rollout of the Jail Accreditation program will occur slowly with maybe 3-5 agencies participating in the program in 2014.

**Steve Tomson made the motion to adopt the Jail Accreditation Standards. Jeff Myers seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**BRADY POLICY UPDATE—MITCH BARKER**

Director Barker introduced the policy and outlined changes to the policy. Tom McBride from WAPA further outlined changes to the policy. The changes are to reflect current case law. It is important to note that the revisions are not a complete revision to the policy; however, are pertinent to one specific issue. WAPA adopted their revised policy in June 2013. WAPA recommends the language as proposed to the Executive Board.

Discussion on the policy title occurred. The reference to "*Brady*" will soon be obsolete.

**Paul Pastor made the motion to approve the revised Brady Policy and to amend the title to Potential Impeachment Disclosure. Steve Tomson seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Today's training sessions will begin at 10:00 A.M. in this room.

**ADJOURN:**

**Don Pierce made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Paul Ayers seconded the motion. Motion Carried. The meeting was adjourned.**