

WASHINGTON STATE CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING COMMISSION

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THRU:

- **TO:** Commissioners, Board Members, Staff, and Stakeholders
- **FROM:** Craig Thayer, WSCJTC Chairman Don Pierce, WASPC Executive Director

Sonja Hirsch, WSCJTC Executive Assistant

RE: SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE—November 4, 2009

The Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC) will be hosting a brainstorming session on Wednesday, November 4, 2009, at 10 AM, and has invited the members of the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission (WSCJTC). The meeting will be held at the WASPC Headquarters located at 3060 Willamette Drive NE in Lacey.

The meeting is being held to discuss the anticipated and significant state budget cuts for next year. In recent meetings, especially the steering committee for the Policy Executive Research Forum (PERF) study, proposals to cut the budget of the BLEA have been raised. There may also be a proposal to require local agencies to pay a share of the basic training costs.

We believe we are best served if we engage in this process early. We, as the subject matter experts, need to determine if there are cost savings we can identify and accept. There may not be, but if there are, we need to be prepared to offer them as an alternative to what the Legislature might unilaterally impose.

We hope that you will be able to attend. Lunch will be provided for WASPC's Executive Board Members and the WSCJTC's Commissioner Members.

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10 AM	Discuss possible state budget cuts and determine if there are cost savings or other alternatives to propose to the Legislature.

Mission: The Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission enhances public safety by establishing standards and providing education and training.

Please contact Sonja Hirsch at <u>shirsch@citc.state.wa.us</u> if you plan to attend. If you can't attend but have ideas to share, please send them to Sonja via email. If you are unable to attend in person, but would like to join telephonically, please contact Sonja at 206/835-7372.