



Washington State Criminal Justice Training Center  
Presents

# Chief for a Day

*Honoring Courage, Celebrating Joy*

#ChiefForADayWA



## Frequently Asked Questions

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#### What is Chief for a Day?

Chief for a Day is a heartwarming event hosted by the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission (WSCJTC) that celebrates children living with chronic or life-threatening illnesses. For one special day, these children are sworn in as honorary Chiefs and Sheriffs by law enforcement agencies from across Washington.

#### When and where is the event held?

The 2025 Chief for a Day event will be held on **Thursday, August 28, 2025**, at **WSCJTC headquarters** in **Burien, Washington**.

#### How long has Chief for a Day been happening?

WSCJTC has hosted Chief for a Day since 1999, growing it into a statewide support, community, and celebration tradition.

#### Who is involved in Chief for a Day?

This year, seventeen law enforcement agencies from across the state sponsor children, providing personalized uniforms, badges, and heartfelt moments of recognition. Families, agency partners, and community supporters gather to celebrate these incredible kids.

#### Can the public attend?

The event is open to participating families, guests, and agency partners. Because of the children's medical needs, public access is limited. Media are welcome with prior coordination.

#### Is there a cost to participate or attend?

There is no cost for participating families. The sponsoring agencies and event partners cover all expenses.

#### How are children selected?

Law enforcement agencies refer children in partnership with families, hospitals, and care organizations. Each child is thoughtfully matched with an agency.

**What happens after the event?**

Many agencies stay connected with their honorary Chiefs, inviting them to events and building lasting friendships beyond the day's celebration.

**Can my agency or organization get involved in future events?**

Yes! Agencies or groups interested in participating or supporting future Chief for a Day events can contact [cjtccfad@cjtc.wa.gov](mailto:cjtccfad@cjtc.wa.gov) for more information.

**Are donations accepted to support the event?**

Currently, the event is funded through agency participation and community partnerships; we gladly accept public donations. <https://give.wa.gov/events/?2025-cjtc-chief-for-a-day> (link valid until 9/1/2025)

**Will there be photos or videos available after the event?**

WSCJTC will share photos and a video recap on its [website](#) and social media channels following the event.

**How can the media attend or cover the event?**

Media outlets should contact [David Quinlan](#) to coordinate access, request interviews, or obtain event materials.