



E2SHB 1310

Violence De-escalation Training
Compliance & Implementation

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Vision

Advance standards of excellence within criminal justice professions so the people of Washington State live in safe and secure communities.

Mission

Establish certification and training standards which are legally defensible and scientifically valid to ensure criminal justice professionals in Washington state have the knowledge and skills to safely protect the communities they serve.

Values

Leadership

We lead in certification and training through continuous evaluation, collaboration, improvement, and innovation with the goal of modeling best practices for criminal justice professionals.

Dignity

We demonstrate respect for each other and the communities we serve.

Integrity

We do the right thing for the right reason with transparency and honesty.

Accountability

We are dedicated stewards of the resources and responsibilities entrusted to us by the communities we serve.



Glossary of Terms

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| ASTD | Applied Skills Training Division |
| BLEA | Basic Law Enforcement Academy |
| BLEEA | Basic Law Enforcement Equivalency Academy |
| ECW | Electronic Control Weapon |
| LETCSA | Law Enforcement Training and Community Safety Act |
| PPB | Patrol Procedures Basic (delivered in BLEA) |
| PTI | Patrol Tactics Instructor |
| PTIR | Patrol Tactics Instructor Recertification |
| PTIS | Patrol Tactics In-service |
| WSCJTC | Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission |

Definitions

Patrol Tactics Regional Hub – A regionally located venue that has certified instructors and has been certified to host PTI, PTIS and PTIR courses. Regional hubs are supplied with the needed training equipment by WSCJTC. The equipment is available for loan to smaller agencies located within the region that may need training materials to train their personnel.

Regional 24-hour In-service – Three consecutive days (24-hours) in-service training that is open to all agencies. Must be delivered in a consecutive three-day period.

Internal Only 24-hour In-service Training – Training provided by an agency specifically to their own personnel. Can be delivered in three consecutive days or spread out over several weeks to mitigate budget and staffing impacts on agencies.



Legislative Mandate

All peace officers certified in Washington before December 7, 2019, and lateral peace officers certified in Washington after December 7, 2019, must complete a minimum of forty hours of continuing de-escalation and mental health training every three years after receiving their initial peace officer certification. Incumbent peace officers must complete their first cycle of continuing de-escalation and mental health training by January 1, 2028. (WAC 139-111-020(2)).

All law enforcement officers shall periodically receive continuing violence de-escalation training to practice their skills, update their knowledge and training, and learn about new legal requirements and violence de-escalation strategies.

The commission shall set training requirements through the procedures in RCW 43.101.455.

Violence de-escalation training provided under this section must be consistent with RCW 10.120.020 and the model policies established by the attorney general under RCW 10.120.030.

The commission shall submit a report to the legislature and the governor by January 1 and July 1 of each year on the implementation of and compliance with subsections (1) and (2) of this section. The report must include data on compliance by agencies and officers. The report may also include recommendations for any changes to laws and policies necessary to improve compliance with this section's subsections (1) and (2). (RCW 43.101.450(5))

Detailed in this report are the associated expenditures for training instructors and the implementation of regional training hubs which includes partnering with local law enforcement agencies to ensure our success.

This report contains past and present achievements, as well as future goals and steps taken to ensure we can reach our goal of providing this training to approximately 11,000 certified peace officers in Washington State.



Financial Commitment

WSCJTC is committed to improving and increasing training opportunities for all agencies across the state. WSCJTC has increased training capacity by strategically establishing Patrol Tactics regional hubs throughout the state. The average cost of equipment PTIS regional hub is approximately \$46,000. To fully staff a PTIS regional hub course, the cost is approximately \$40,000.

PTI Course

Average instructor cost per 80-hour session - \$35,000

- Everett - \$27,500 (approximate)
- Vancouver - \$27,500 (approximate not finalized)
- Spokane - \$35,000 (in planning for August)
- Tacoma - \$35,000 (in planning for October)

PTI Recertification

Average cost per 24-hour session

- One class this year completed (with three more planned)
 - Average cost per session - \$5,400

Regional Training Hubs - Equipment

Average cost - \$46,000

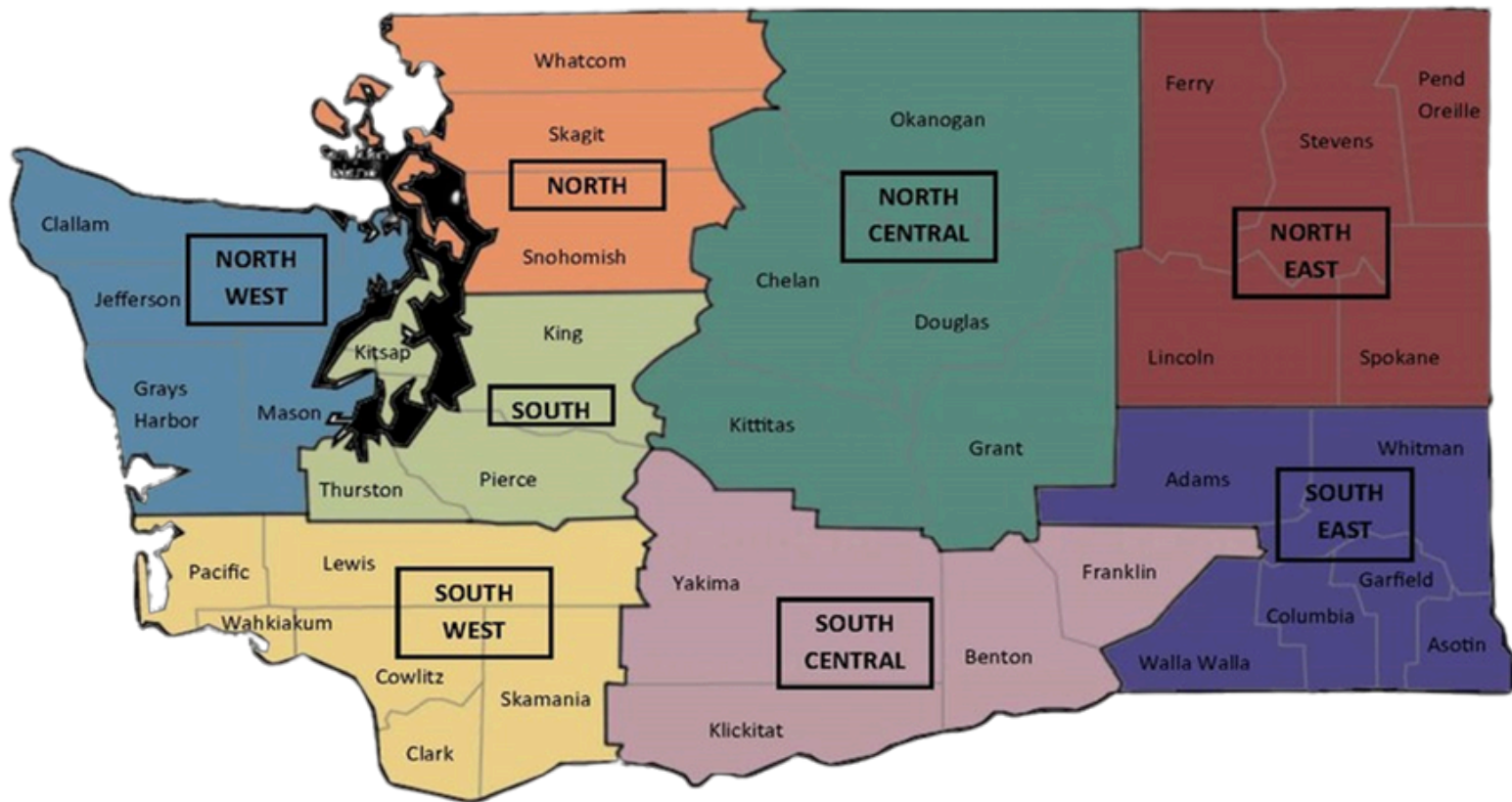
- Wenatchee
- Vancouver
- Yakima
- Tacoma
- Everett

Expenditures include the following:

- Contract instructor payment
- Lodging - for state employees
- Per diem - for state employees
- Fuel costs
- Miscellaneous daily expenses



Regional Hub Locations



| Regional Hub | Location |
|----------------------|-----------|
| North Region | Everett |
| South Region | Yakima |
| North Central Region | Wenatchee |
| Southwest Region | Vancouver |



Patrol Tactics Instructor

WSCJTC has invested time and resources to ensure that Patrol Tactics Instructors are trained properly and ready to certify law enforcement across the state. The Patrol Tactics Instructor course is an intensive 80-hour instructor program which is regularly recognized by the students for the high-quality instruction provided. Patrol Tactics Instructors can provide training within their agency as well as regional hubs.

From 2018 to 2025, WSCJTC conducted an average 3.75 PTI sessions per year.

| Year | Number of PTI Courses |
|------|-----------------------|
| 2018 | 1 |
| 2019 | 3 |
| 2020 | 4 |
| 2021 | 4 |
| 2022 | 6 |
| 2023 | 4 |
| 2024 | 4 |
| 2025 | 2 (year-to-date) |

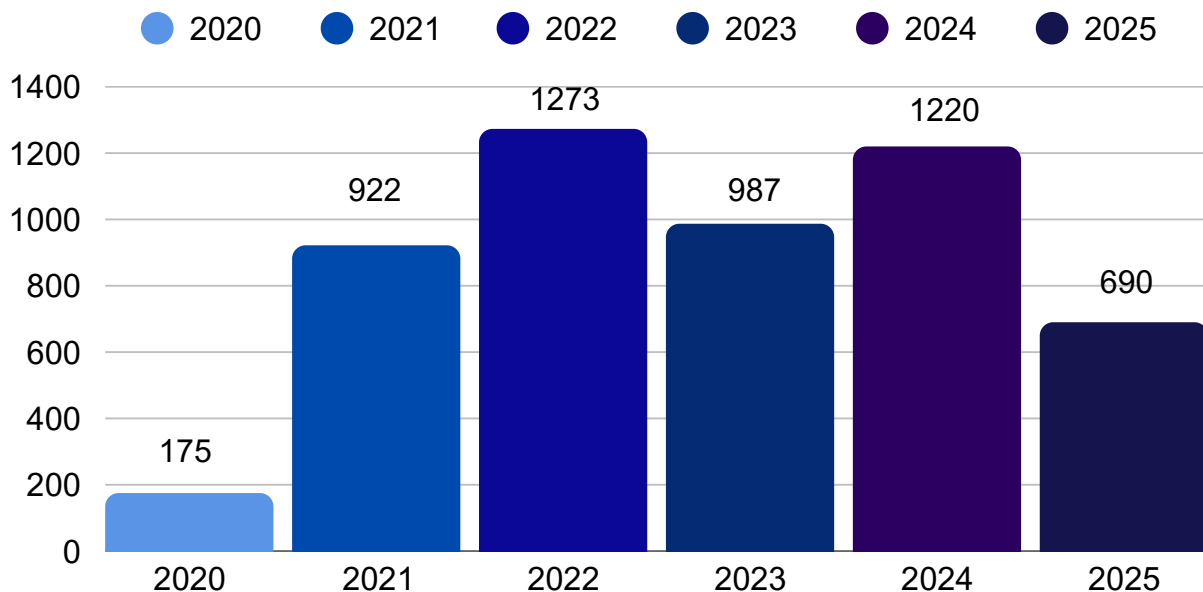
Additional PTI Data

- Patrol Tactics Instructor courses held from 2018 to June 2025 - 28
- Total number of instructors trained from 2018 to June 2025 - 755
- Total number of instructors trained in 2025 to date (January-June 2025) - 62



Patrol Tactics In-service

Patrol Tactics In-service (PTIS) certification course graduation rates have increased significantly since 2020. Recertification is required every three years after completion date. Those who have completed the certifications in 2022 are due for recertification. The bar graph below illustrates student completion numbers, as self-reported by PTIS instructors and law enforcement agencies to WSCJTC.



Critical Numbers

There are approximately 10,971 certified peace officers in Washington State. To date, 5,411 have received the mandated 24 hours of Patrol Tactics In-service. These numbers are based on the Patrol Tactics training for incumbent officers and does not include those officers who graduated from BLEA who receive the PPB while attending the academy. At the current rate of training (approximately 1,000 officers per year), approximately 3,000 officers will not complete the training by January 1, 2028.

Through the increased availability of training opportunities for agencies at each of the regional hubs, we anticipate the number of officers trained will increase to around 1600 per year. With these numbers, we continue to steadily approach the goal of facilitating training to all 10,971 certified peace officers.



Future Plans

Regional Hub

Two of our newest regional hubs, North Central (Wenatchee) and the Southwest (Vancouver), received all the necessary equipment used for conducting Patrol Tactics In-service, and Patrol Tactics Instructor sessions. These two new hubs provide equipment, personnel, and a training venue to assist agencies local to the area. Some of the equipment includes:

- Wound packing stations and medical supplies for instruction of Critical Life Saving Skills (CLSS)
- Training weapons
- Radios for realistic scenarios
- Safety mats for groundwork
- Safety vests for identifying armed persons for security reasons



Mt. Vernon Officer uses gauze to learn wound packing during critical lifesaving skills training.

Instructor Development Certificate



Officer trains in the application of the tourniquet

To address the staffing and financial challenges law enforcement agencies face when sending personnel to the 80-hour PTI course, the ASTD Patrol Tactics team is exploring ways to reduce these impacts while enhancing the course's value. One approach recently approved is waving the 40-hour Instructor Development (ID) training requirement for graduates of the 80-hour PTI training. Instructor Development is mandatory to become a WSCJTC Certified Instructor for tiers two and above. After careful review of the PTI curriculum, it was determined that there was enough ID elements embedded in the PTI training to warrant a waiver. Additional requirements would still need to be met to obtain full WSCJTC Instructor Certification.