



# Officers Note Book



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## WSLEA and WSRLEA Co-Convention 1999

**P**lans are being finalized for Convention 1999 in Leavenworth on August 27th, 28th, and 29th. Make your plans now to attend what will prove to be a "wunderbar" convention.

This year, the WASHINGTON STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSOCIATION is joining with the WASHINGTON STATE RESERVE LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSOCIATION to bring a positive experience to convention attendees.

This convention will have the familiar components with just enough new experiences to make this convention one of the best you've attended.

The location of the convention lends itself well to our plans — we'll be staying at the Best Western Icicle Inn {[www.icicleinn.com](http://www.icicleinn.com)} with all convention functions held on site with exception of the golf tournament and shooting competition. All classes will be CJTC approved and at-

tendees will receive certificates at the end of each course with CJTC credit for each course as well.

Attendees are encouraged to bring their families. There will be activities for both spouses and children with child care provided for times such as the President's Banquet. The hotel is located next to the Icicle Junction which hosts such activities as an 18 hole Bavarian theme miniature golf course; excursion train; bumper boat lagoon; remote control boats, and an interactive game center.

Registration information and full details will be available April 15th which will be mailed to members at that time. Members can also call the WSLEA Executive Office at 1-800-227-9753 or e-mail [wslea@olywa.net](mailto:wslea@olywa.net) ▼

**Mark your calendar for August 27th, 28th and 29th!**

## Training Funds Available

**W**SLLEA now offers several Professional Development Scholarships for law enforcement officers wishing to take any CJTC approved course. Scholarship funds are applied to tuition fees with a maximum of \$250 per person and \$1,000 per department. Example: If someone wanted to take a course with tuition fees of \$130 and was granted a scholarship he/she would then be able to apply again within the same fiscal year for scholarship funds not to exceed \$120 as long as there were scholarship funds available. Should there be five law enforcement officers from the same department applying for and being granted tuition scholarships in the amount of \$200 each, then that department would be at its ceiling eligibility and individuals from that department applying after the maximum is met would not receive scholarship funds. The program restarts each July 1st.

To date departments utilizing this new scholarship program include Cowlitz County Sheriff's Office, Spokane County Sheriff's Office and Auburn Police Department. For more information and to request a scholarship application, contact the WSLEA Executive Office at 1-800-227-WSLE {9753} or [wslea@olywa.net](mailto:wslea@olywa.net) ▼

## Blue Ribbon Campaign

**D**uring National Police Week {May 10-17}, Concerns Of Police Survivors {COPS} encourages the display of blue ribbons on car antennas. COPS distributed 700,000 blue ribbons prior to the 1998 National Police Week to law enforcement agencies and will again have blue ribbons available this year. These blue ribbons are a reminder of law enforcement personnel who have made the ultimate sacrifice and in honor of those men and women who serve their communities 24 hours a day,

7 days a week, year in and year out.

COPS encourages agencies to display the ribbons on cruiser antennas in addition to their personal vehicles. Citizens are also encouraged to join in this display of honor. Members of the law enforcement community may fax their order for ribbons to Washington Chapter of COPS {before April 1, 1999} at 425-427-5492. Faxed requests ONLY will be accepted with a minimum of 25 ribbons and a maximum of 500 per request. ▼

## Legislative Guides Available

**T**he WSLEA Legislative and Membership Committees have joined resources and are making a 1999 Guide To The Washington State Legislature available for members. The Guide includes leadership lists, committee assignments, member directory with legislator pictures, names, telephone numbers, email addresses, and location and mailing addresses for both state and federal elected officials.

To receive your free 1999 Guide, call the WSLEA Executive Office at 1-800-227-9753 or email us at [wslea@olywa.net](mailto:wslea@olywa.net) ▼

# The Year of 1998

By Charlie Rosenzweig, President



This past year was mixed with good news and some not-so-good news. I'll start with the bad news so I can end on a positive note.

This year we saw the passage of the legalization of use of "medical" marijuana. I am proud of the hard work that WSLEA did to fight this measure. We sent out letters of opposition to every media source we could find. Mike Burris our V. P. worked with the Washington Substance Abuse Council to fight the passage of this initiative. Mike Burris and Mike Matson stayed in touch with Brad Owen and worked hard to increase the public's knowledge of the flaws of this law. Unfortunately this initiative passed into law. It was clear as we spoke with members of the voting public, few understood the flaws that were deep in the language of this proposal. It is too early to tell how much abuse of this law will be problematic for law enforcement. There are significant voids of clarity that will cause non-medical use of marijuana, difficult to prosecute. Time will tell. To all who worked hard and voted against this initiative,

a sincere heartfelt thanks for your efforts. We undoubtedly will need to fix the loop holes in this law. Your past efforts to educate the public on the loop holes of this law will help our effort in the future.

Now, on to the good news. There are two main goals that I want to accomplish as President of WSLEA. First I wanted to make sure we were "in touch" with our members needs and desires. Secondly, I wanted to increase our exposure. I wanted to make sure that Law Enforcement officers throughout the state, knew who we are and what we stand for. There are many ways to accomplish this. I decided on two main ways to further these goals. First: To re-activate a Field Representative program. Secondly: To upgrade our website.

Secondly, we have just finished the initial phase of our upgrade to www.wslea.org. Like any other computer project, there has been a few glitches, but all-in-all, we are very pleased with the new "look and feel" of our website. It was designed and built by Dave Bodine. Dave was recently appointed as the new Chief Criminal Deputy for the Cowlitz County Sheriff's Office. If you would like to talk with Dave about website assistance click on the "DEBIS" icon at the bottom of the page at www.wslea.org. Our website will continually be changing as we upgrade and create new pages to view. Please call us if you would like to see something displayed. We are interested in making this a very important part of our communication, both in and

out of the "information highway" at WSLEA.

The legislative season is here! Mike Matson, our Legislative Affairs Consultant has met with several different local Police Officers and Deputy Sheriffs along with their respective legislators in efforts to garner early support on legislation that will be proposed this year. There will be a lot more information on this in the near future. Please take a minute to learn as much as you can about the proposed bills this year. The easiest way to do this is to visit www.wslea.org to view the proposed legislation. There will literally be hundred of bills that could affect our jobs and our retirement. We are prepared to keep on top of the bills that we believe that you will be interested in. Please let us know if there is a particular bill that you would like us to be involved in, as communication is very important to us.

Remember, keep in touch, there is a lot of things happening at WSLEA! ▼

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## New In State Associate Editor

Rae Anna Victor has been selected as the new in-state Associate Editor for the Washington State Association magazine, JOURNAL, and newsletter, ONB {Officers Note Book}. Rae Anna graduated from WSU with a degree in Police Science and Administration and has worked in the field of law enforcement for three decades with three different agencies in Eastern Washington. She is the mother of two and has been a free lance writer for over two decades for both the domestic and law enforcement market. She has been a contributing writer to WSLEA, Washington State Trooper and Community Policing Exchange for the past several years. Rae Anna is currently working with the Office of the Sheriff of Spokane County.

The WSLEA Executive Office warmly welcomes Rae Anna and looks forward to working with her through coming editions of the JOURNAL and ONB. Rae Anna would like to hear any comments or thoughts concerning the two WSLEA publications. She can be reached directly via Ventheos@aol.com ▼

# Deputy Gets a Kick Out Of Life

To look at him, Deputy Ted Campbell would appear to be the proverbial Officer Friendly. He is nice to children and elderly ladies. He presents numerous programs to community groups and teaches women how to best protect themselves. Visually he reminds one of someone you can immediately trust. While some in law enforcement develop an attitude of superiority and authority when they pin on the badge and strap



*Campbell receives award from Chuck Norris.*

on the gun, Deputy Campbell does not. He has the quiet air of confidence that comes in a knowledge of skill and self. Although he recently passed the magic mile marker of forty years, he still competes in local, regional, and national karate competitions. And he wins, even though many of his opponents are half his age.

Campbell studied with the USAF system, Chuck Norris, President, for 22 years. This was even before Norris became internationally famous. Campbell had the opportunity to work in the Norris organization, but Campbell's true calling is law enforcement. Recently, in July, Ted Campbell attended the Las Vegas United Fighting Arts Federation Tournament. He came home with two awards. The first award was a group effort for the International Team Championship and the second an individual award, Male Competitor of the Year for 1998. The awards were presented by Chuck Norris himself. One of the competitors on the International team is Chuck Norris' stunt double Chip Wright. Another team member is Dave George from Medford, Oregon and Steve from the East Coast. All met and fought together at the event.

This is not the first time Ted has been recognized for his ability in the art of karate. He is the former number one rated heavy weight Black Belt in the Pacific Northwest, while fighting in the Professional Karate League. He is an undefeated Power Breaking Champion for four straight years including the U.S. World Championships twice in 1984-86. In 1992 he was U.F.A.F National Team Champion, and in 1993 he earned the Gold Medal at the World Police Fire Fighters Games. This event is sec-

ond in size only to the Olympics in world athletic competitions. Ted has placed in well over 100 events on local, state, regional, national and international levels. He has instructed karate classes for two decades teaching men, women, and children. He teaches both groups and privately.

Ted Campbell is a paradox. He is a Washington State Law Enforcement Defensive Tactics Certified Instructor and has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Biblical Studies. Ted believes in teaching people both in law enforcement and the public to empower themselves. As a Rape Resistance Strategy Instructor, he teaches those between the ages of Junior High to Senior Citizens. He teaches assertiveness, verbal commands, strikes, punches, grabs, weapons, and target acquisition. As a law enforcement instructor he teaches recruits at the academy to protect themselves, citizens, and how to effectively take criminals into custody with the least amount of damage. The resistance strategy incorporates verbal, physical and fleeing teachings.

Until recently, Deputy Campbell was the contract deputy for a small community in northern Spokane county. He has a deep commitment and belief in the community oriented policing philosophy and when his assignment was changed "his volunteers" gave him a proper send off with a real party and down home cookin'. The members of S.C.O.P.E. (Spokane Community Oriented Policing Effort) will miss Ted. He has been "their deputy" for several years now and they have come to know and depend on him. In his off time, he donates a good deal

of time to civic groups. Recently he was guest speaker for the Jonas Babcock Daughters of the American Revolution. This was special to him in the fact that several of his S.C.O.P.E. volunteers were recognized for their thousands of hours of volunteer efforts and commitment to the community by the Jonas Babcock group. Most of the time Ted's program is an integration between his karate and an event that was a turning point in his life. That event was a prolonged traffic pursuit, involving five law enforcement agencies, that ended in the shooting deaths of two citizens and shooting injuries to four law enforcement officers from three different agencies. Ted was the initial officer involved in the incident, and followed the call to its' conclusion several hours later when two suspects were taken into custody.

Over the years Ted has been recognized with awards from many different areas of the private, professional, and law enforcement communities. The award of which he is most proud was awarded on November 5, 1998, the Life Saving award. Ted responded to a call last spring, and it was determined by medical and law enforcement officials that his actions are primarily responsible for saving the life of a baby.

You would think that with all the martial arts expertise behind him that Ted would take care of any situation single-handedly, not so, Ted is even more officer safety conscious because of his skills. The karate is getting harder and the opponents are getting younger, but Ted has no desire to give up the sport that he loves. His goal now is to compete in Australia in the 2000 Police and Fire Fighters World Games and bring home another gold. ▼

## Reserve Officer Receives Award

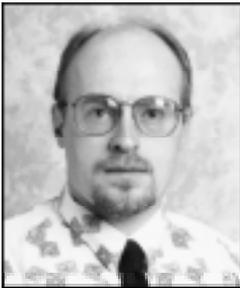
Reserve Deputy Brian Behrens of the Spokane Sheriff Department recently received the Medal of Merit. Reserve Deputy Brian Behrens has almost single-handedly dealt with the abandoned and hulk vehicle problem in the county for the past five years. Reserve Behrens donates his time on a weekly basis to tag, impound, and ticket vehicles that are causing a problem for businesses and citizens of Spokane County. He saves time for communications officers, field officers, and patrol corporals by the professional manner in which he deals with the abandoned problem. Over the past five years he has saved his Office of the Sheriff an estimated \$36,188, by the work he has accomplished with the abandoned and

hulk vehicles. These actions are unprecedented and represent the epitome of the true spirit of commitment and nearly 2500 hours of service. ▼



*Behrens receives award from Sheriff Goldman and Commissioner Harris.*

## Deputy Mark Renz



**D**eputy Mark Renz has been a member of WSLEA since 1981, and on the Executive Board for nearly the past decade. Mark is married and has a teenage daughter.

Mark studied Criminal justice at Spokane Community College and shortly thereafter began his career at

Spokane County Sheriff Department. He started as a Cadet and moved from there to the jail. In 1985 mark became a deputy and has worked patrol and transport. Currently, he is assigned to the civil unit.

Mark is a believer, and has studied Community Oriented Policing. He enjoys golf, motor sports, and watching his daughter play volleyball and softball. His current challenge is learning the computer. ▼

## Inspector David Wiyrick



**I**nspector David Wiyrick has been with the office of the Sheriff Spokane County for nearly 26 years. He was recently promoted by newly elected Sheriff Mark Stork. He is also member of the

award winning running team.

During that time he has worked in almost every division of the department. At one point, he was held at gunpoint by a drug dealer and nearly killed. How does such an active man find stress relief? By carving on rocks of course. Dave has a second career started with carving rocks and selling them. It was when he was traveling through the town of Winthrop that he became fascinated with a man carving river rock with a grinder. On further investigation he decided he would give it a try to see if it could be a viable alternative to a second career when he retires, or just extra money to take trips.

David studied the process, and the raw materials available. He has discovered the best rock for his needs is a glass/pumice. The stone is quarried near the east entrance to Yosemite Park in California. It is shipped to the west side to the state where he is allowed to wander at will and pick out his own selections. He had made hundreds of rock sculptures. Many have been gifted to family and friends, but more have been sold or put on consignment. There is a company back east who is very interested in mass productions. They learned about Dave's creations through the internet. Dave has taken his creations to fairs and arts and crafts shows. He has won ribbons and accolades at both. Dave is married and one daughter, a senior, still lives at home. His wife Colleen works for the Community College of Spokane where he graduated three decades ago.

Dave Wiyrick has been a member of WSLEA almost since its inception, and has been a Board member for the past three years and is currently the Publicity Chairman and the In-State Editor of the WSLEA Journal.

Dave combines business with pleasure now on his trips to the coast for board meetings. Most recently he returned home with over 1600 pounds of lava rock. He searched through literally tons of rock with this artistic eye to detail to find the best and the unusual. The rocks will be hammered and chiseled into fountains, planters, and other creations, and will keep him busy til spring. ▼

## Captain Dick Collins



**C**aptain Dick Collins of the Office of the Sheriff Spokane County began his career in 1971 as a Jailer/Communications Officer. Next he was an identification Officer for nine months. He became a deputy in September of 1971. Dick promoted to Detective in 1977 and served as a Polygraph Examiner for the next five years. The next promotion was to Sgt. in 1982 and served in

the Sexual Assault Unit, 911 Coordinator., TIEPIN Administrator, Patrol and Polygraph until 1985. He was then promoted to Lt. and was in charge of communications and served as Deputy Director of Spokane County 911. He just received an appointment to Jail Commander.

Dick is a Past President of WSLEA and a very active Board Member serving on the Board of Trustees and as the Executive Office Chairman. He and his wife, Ginger are very active in the community as well. Dick is surrounded by women. His most important role is husband to Ginger, father of two daughters and grandfather of one little girl. He is the Advisory Board President of Spokane Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention, and a Board Member of Crime Check of Spokane, Inc. He is on the board of the Spokane County Sheriff Lts. and Capts. Association and the past Vice President of the Spokane County Deputy Sheriff Association. He is the departmental representative for the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics and past advisor for the Explorer Scouts. He is also a member of APCO, NENA, the Spokane Flag Football Officials Association and Spokane Softball Umpires Association.

Before his law enforcement career, Dick spent three years in the Air Force and received a Bachelor Degree in Sociology. ▼

# Professional Development Courses Scheduled Feb. 15-May 30

**W**SLA is pleased to announce a full schedule of professional development courses open to all law enforcement personnel. Classes are all CJTC approved. For detailed information about each class, call the WSLEA Executive Office at 1-800-227-9753.

## **Response/Raid Operations Course**

- Scouting-Charting
- Entry Plans
- Setting Perimeters
- Staging
- Raid Operations
- Forced Entries
- Personnel Positioning
- Officer Rescue
- Deployment Strategies
- Command Post Operation
- Victim Recovery

## **Critical Incident Management for Command Personnel**

- Multi-Jurisdictional Planning
- Command Tactical Decision Making
- Mutual Aid
- Personnel Positioning
- Emergency Medical Services
- Command Post Operations
- Emergency Staging Guidelines
- Simulations Module
- Policy Guidelines

## **Officer Survival and Field Tactics Course**

- Single and Multi-Room Building Entries
- Officer Rescue Procedures
- Emergency Response
- Violent Suspect Control
- Violent Crowd Control (Squad Response)
- Target Enforcement of Gangs
- Stake out Procedures
- Pursuit Consideration

## **Tactical Supervision of Critical Incidents Course**

- Mutual Aid Issues
- Officer Rescue
- Crowd Control
- Incident Containment
- Policy Revision
- Department Responsibilities in Critical Incidents
- Tactical Incident Management
- Scouting Assessments
- Command Post Operation
- Personnel Deployment

# 1998 Distinguished Reserve Officer, Will Long

**W**ill Long was born and raised in Spokane, Washington. He graduated from Lewis and Clark High School, and attended classes at Washington State University in computer science and business administration.

Will has been married for 22 years and has two sons 19 and 18. His wife and sons are proud of the fact that Will is a reserve officer. In fact the boys feel that Will wearing the police uniform gives them some prestige!

Will's wife, a human resource director, is very proud of the fact that he is a reserve, because, she says "he does it for the right reason." She further states that the family philosophy is that if you get a chance to give back to the community that supports your life you should do so. She says that being a reserve officer gives Will that chance to give back. She also says that he enjoys the reserve program, that it gives him a new perspective and a release from everyday life. The Long house is a stopping point for many reserve and regular officers where the kitchen table and cookies are always available. "We are lucky to have such great reserves. The reserves that Will has had a chance to work with ate very special people."

Will Long has been a Reserve Deputy Sheriff for the Office of the Sheriff Spokane County for over ten years. He originally joined over 15 years ago, but had to bow out for a couple of years due to family obligations. He assists and searches, crime scene preservation, crowd and traffic control at functions such as Rockford Days, Spokane Interstate Fair, foot and bike races. He also helps with school security, weather related problems, and patrol duties to supplement the regular deputies. At times Will is the 2nd man in the patrol car, and other times he will be the back up officer.

Will Long enjoys being a reserve deputy and giving back to his community. He originally joined because he liked the community service aspect of the position. As a young man he had contemplated becoming a regular officer. He says that the reserve program is much less stressful than a full time position. Currently he is a construction superintendent.

Will feels that perhaps the biggest change in the program over the past decade is the way the department itself views the reserves. Originally the uniforms were totally different from that of a regular officer. Now it is almost impossible to discern between the two. Also the departments' help in

drafting the retirement bill is an indication of the change of thought. Training is another change. Today the reserves are not only requested, but also asked to participate in training outside the department as well. Will believes that this is psychologically beneficial to both the reserve and the regular officers.

He has many memories of occurrences over the past decade while he has been on duty for the Office of the Sheriff. One of the most vivid is the officers being caught in the fire during the rescue attempts and not knowing if they were going to make it out alive or not. Will's favorite part of the reserve program is dealing with the general public. He enjoys meeting people. He feels that as reserve officer he can afford to approach a situation from a lighter, more friendly, side than the full time officer who deals with the same "garbage" everyday, and sometimes this attitude helps the regular officer.

Reserve Deputy Long was nominated for the Distinguished Reserve Officer award for the manner in which he responded to the radio page to help with the West Plains Fire Incident. He worked mainly the perimeter in the Seven Mile area. Long was flagged over by a son who stated his mother was having trouble breathing. The female was in respiratory attack when Long reached her. There was not time for an ambulance, and the roads were closed, so Long put her in the back of his patrol car. He called for medics to meet him at the perimeter as he drove to escape the flames while Traffic Deputy Roger Knight cleared the roadway of trees and debris for him so they could all make their escape. The female victim was an asthma patient, and the oxygen tank she was using was almost out. With the heavy smoke of the fire she was in real distress. Long was able to safely deliver her to medics in time for treatment.

Reserve Deputy Will Long will never forget the humbling yet exhilarating experience to have a citizen and her family call you a hero and declare that you saved the life of their loved one is very humbling indeed. A night he will never forget is not only that of the fire and rescue, but also the night the family showed up at a reserve meeting with a cake to personally thank him for his heroism and valor in saving the life of their wife and mother. Even more toughing was the victims heartfelt thanks.

Reserve deputy Long is deserving of the Distinguished Reserve Officer of the Year not only for his acts of courage and bravery, but for his unselfish and dedicated tenure to the department and the reserve program as well. ▼

# Legislative Liaison Information

By Mike Matson,  
WSLEA Legislative Liaison



**1**999 legislative session is constitutionally authorized for 105 days beginning in January. The so called "long session" always falls on the odd numbered year.

WSLEA continues to work to educate legislators on behalf of its members. Through WSLEA's continued presence we believe legislators will continue to develop a better understanding of the profession and the issues facing law enforcement personnel.

In 1999, WSLEA's primary objective will be to work in cooperation with the criminal justice community while focusing on such issues as: Reduce the early retirement penalty to either 1% or 1.5% per year down to a maximum of age 50; or create a length of service+ age matrix; and, LEOFF II Post Retirement Medical Benefit. Take the time today to call your legislators and discuss your perspectives and solutions. Remember, talking with your legislators can be done any time, as long as you make the call.

Using the legislative toll-free hotline number: 1-800-562-6000 during the 1999 Session is a cost effective way to communicate with your legislators. All legislators receive the name, phone number, and message of individuals calling the hotline.

Some say it is best done when the legislators are at home in their districts. Either way, just let them know you're a constituent, a law enforcement officer constituent, and you're there to share your expertise and concerns. Call their offices and set up an appointment to visit them in Olympia. Meet them for a cup of coffee and informally discuss the issues that directly impact you and your colleagues. For your legislator's phone number, call the WSLEA office...1-800-277-WSLE, or FAX your request...360-956-9306.

Another way to communicate with WSLEA is via mail <wslea@olywa.net>. Legislators can easily be accessed via mail through WSLEA's new website [www.wslea.org](http://www.wslea.org). WSLEA's website will soon be operational and will undoubtedly be the fastest way to receive association information, while being updated as to what's

happening during the legislative session.

Whatever communication tool you prefer, contacting your association or your legislator will be an enjoyable as well as simple process. Just remember WSLEA is taking every advantage of today's technology in order to bring you closer to what's at stake when it comes to your own interests. Legislators are ordinary people elected to represent you. They aren't mind readers. They need to hear from you. It's up to you! ▼

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## Reserve Officer Receives Scholarship

**P**aul Figueroa is the first WSLEA member to receive WSLEA Degree Scholarship. He has been involved in law enforcement for fifteen years. He has worked with the Winlock, Napavine, Mossyrock, and Vader departments. All these departments believe in the community-oriented concept of policing.

Paul is the firearms instructor responsible for firearms training and qualification of the department and assists with other small agencies in Lewis County. He trains in both basic and advanced sniper/counter sniper. He is also responsible for the Uniform Crime reporting.

Paul has been married for nearly three decades and has two children and three grandchildren. He and his wife are currently foster parents.

Paul trades police patches and hats from around the world and enjoys operating remote control gadgets.

In real life, Paul works for the Department of Agriculture. He received the WSLEA Scholarship, and is attending college full-time in the evenings as he works towards his Master Degree in Public Administration.

Paul's goal is to improve communications amongst the reserve officers and work to improve training opportunities for the reserve. He also wants to help develop statewide documentation of the benefits provided by reserve officers, and work to see favorable completion of the disability and death benefits bills. ▼

## Website Combats Teen Drug Use

**B**etween 1992 and 1995 the use of marijuana by eighth graders in the U.S. nearly tripled. Washington state is leading this trend. It is estimated approximately 10,000 more eighth graders were smoking marijuana during that time. Since 1966 more Washington state youth entering treatment programs identified marijuana as their primary problem than those who identified alcohol.

To combat these rising trends, the Northwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area {HIDTA} team with the support of the Washington State Lieutenant Governor's office established an information website, [www.mfiles.org](http://www.mfiles.org), to provide teachers, parents and students with information about the consequences of marijuana use. The site was unveiled for a group of school prevention specialists this fall at the Northwest HIDTA Intelligence Support Unit in Tukwila.

Northwest HIDTA was established in

January 1997 by the Office of National Drug Control Policy and includes seven counties: Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish, King, Thurston, Pierce and Yakima. The mission of Northwest HIDTA is to reduce large scale importation and local drug trafficking by intercepting shipments, disrupting local manufacturing and trafficking operations and to reduce demand by supporting treatment and effective prevention programs. Specific goals include: reduce heroin and methamphetamine trafficking, reduce importation and distribution of illicit drugs, increase HIDTA program participation by drug law enforcement agencies.

"M-files gives people the facts on marijuana," said Lieutenant Governor Brad Owen, "from these facts people will be able to make intelligent decisions." You can access M-files at [www.mfiles.org](http://www.mfiles.org) ▼

## WSRLEA President's Message

# What's On Your Mind? Which Brings Me to This Topic of Discussion...

By Terry Lattin, WSRLEA President



**F**irst of all, I wish to thank the Poulsbo PD Reserve Unit for sponsoring this year's Convention. They had outstanding classes and, may I

say, a very extraordinary bicycle course...I had nightmares for a week after taking the course...well, let's move on to Convection 1999. This next one will be co-hosted by WSLEA & WSRLEA. It will take place in Leavenworth, Washington at the Icicle Inn. The dates will be August 27th, 28th, and 29th—so please, MARK YOUR CALENDERS! Here's the tentative schedule.

**Fri** – Shooting Competition, Golf Tournament followed by and Ice Breaker BBQ.

**Sat** – Classes, classes, classes and more classes...followed by the President's

Banquet...and no, I am not paying for everyone's dinner. (Note: This will be a limited dinner for the first 200 people who register. Baby-sitting will be available.) **Sun** – More classes, WSRLEA Director's Meeting and WSLEA Trustees Meeting followed by an Awards Luncheon.

It will be imperative that 'significant others' and children are pre-registered. I wish to stress that the President's Banquet will be limited to only 200 people. As many hands-on classes as possible will be scheduled. 35 tokens will be given to each child who is pre-registered to be used at the Icicle Junction amusement park.

I have made a commitment to bet my badge that the WSRLEA will have more officers present than the officers of the WSLEA...so DON'T LET ME DOWN or I'll have another NIGHTMARE! ▼

**P.S. Hope you all had a safe and wonderful holiday!**

## Washington State Law Enforcement Memorial Officer's Ball & Auction

**M**ark your calendars for the social event of the year! The Officer's Ball & Auction has been scheduled for February 13, 1999 at the Double Tree Hotel, Sea Tac. Proceeds from this black tie {dress uniforms encouraged} event go to benefit the construction and maintenance of the Washington State Law Enforcement Memorial. Overnight accommodations at the



Sea Tac Double Tree Hotel are available by contacting the hotel directly at 206-246-8600 and mentioning the WSLEM Officer's Ball & Auction.

A hosted reception will be held from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM with a silent auction and no host cocktail hour from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Dinner, a mini live auction and the evening program with the Vancouver Police Pipe band and the Washington State Patrol Rifle Team begins at 7:00 PM. Dancing to the "Hit Explosion" begins at 10:00 PM.

Ticket application may be submitted by mail, by fax or in person to a ball committee member. Your receipt is your ticket. Payment may be made by personal check, credit card or bank draft and must be received by Saturday, January 30, 1999 {\$85.00 per couple or \$42.50 single. For more information and to request a ticket application, contact Sgt. Frank Kampsen, Seattle PD{Ret} at 425-881-4704 or [frakam@safeco.com](mailto:frakam@safeco.com) // Jana Harala, Auction Director at 425-486-2623 or [jkharala@aol.com](mailto:jkharala@aol.com) // Det. Randy Hopkins, Pierce County Sheriff's Office at 253-798-3451 or [jeraan@earthlink.net](mailto:jeraan@earthlink.net) ▼

## WSLEA Revamps Web Site

**B**ettering the Association's communication opportunities has been the theme of President Charlie Rosenzweig's term of office. To that end the WSLEA web site has taken on a new look and has been expanded. This important communication tool is an "ongoing work in progress" as we continue to update and grow with each of WSLEA's divisions and programs. Glen Hilts, Cowlitz County Sheriff's Department, has been named as Web Site Chairman and welcomes any thoughts, suggestions or comments you may have. Do not hesitate to contact Glen at [hilts@kalama.com](mailto:hilts@kalama.com) and be sure to visit our site at [www.wslea.org](http://www.wslea.org) soon. ▼

## Law Enforcement Degree Scholarship Launched

**T**he 1999 WSLEA Degree Scholarship Programs I and II opened January 15th.

**Program I** is open to applicants in their second, third or fourth year of a criminal justice degree program.

**Program II** is designed for WSLEA Members or members of their immediate family irregardless of their major. {Another Membership Benefit}

Applicants for both programs are to submit an application, an official copy of transcripts to date, a recommendation from an instructor and verification of financial need from a college financial aid officer. Applications are due by April 30th.

For more information or to receive an application, call the WSLEA Executive Office at 1-800-227-9753 or e-mail [wslea@olywa.net](mailto:wslea@olywa.net) ▼

## Calendar of Events

- Jan 15 ....** Degree Scholarship Applications Out
- Jan 21 ....** Association Executives Reception @ Tyee / 6:00 PM / Skokomish Room
- Jan 22 ....** Journal Edit Deadline
- Jan 29 ....** Essay Contest Applications Due Strategies For Youth @ Meeker Junior High School {Renton}
- Feb 15 ...** EO Closed — President's Day
- Feb 16 ...** Law Enforcement Career Camp Applications Out
- Feb 20 ...** WSRLEA Board Meeting @ Wenatchee City Hall
- Feb 22 ....** Professional Development Class Day I — TSCI {Auburn}
- Feb 23 ....** Professional Development Class Day II — TSCI {Auburn}
- Mar 5 ....** Journal Released
- Mar 12 ..** WSLEA Board Meeting @ Snoqualmie Summit Inn
- Mar 13 ..** WSLEA Board Meeting @ Snoqualmie Summit Inn

## Networking

**T**he Washington State Chapter of Concerns Of Police Survivors {COPS} and WSLEA will be joining forces to disseminate Line Of Duty Death Packets to all law enforcement departments in the state. The packets are comprised of information to help departments set up their own policy. It cannot be stressed enough how vital it is to have a formal policy in place should the unthinkable occur. All departments, regardless of their size, need this information. It is COPS goal to see that every police agency in the state has a policy. For more information, COPS can be contacted directly at 425-557-7793. ▼

# All Politicians Lie, Don't They?

By Mike Burris,  
WSLEA VP & Legislative Chairman

**T**his last year did nothing to dispel that perception. We witnessed the President of the United States go on TV, wag his finger, and lie to the country. We watched and listened to him play "verbal gymnastics" in press conferences and in his court deposition and grand jury testimony.

What is more disturbing than the lies and deception in politics, is a numbing down of ethical standards. We have seen so much of it that we have become desensitized and cynical. We have come to rationalize the lies and deception with the notion that all politicians lie.

Not all politicians lie. Many are statesmen and stateswomen. They serve with honor, compassion, and conviction. Lt. Governor Brad Owen is one such person.

Brad Owen was elected in 1996 on a strong anti-drug platform. He kept his prom-

ise to you and I and made the Lieutenant Governor's Office a statewide resource for drug abuse education. The drug legalization proponents were counting on a "politician" and discovered a statesman — someone who meant what he said and did what he said.

The drug legalization proponents have targeted Brad Owen by dragging him through the legal system with ethics violations. They hope to make an example of him and intimidate other elected officials from speaking out against drug legalization. It would seem that free speech is not free. It has cost Brad Owen.

The WSLEA is proud of Lt. Governor Brad Owen and asks each member for his or her to do whatever they can to carry drug abuse education throughout your community. Ask yourself what things would be like if he were not fighting for us. If you're looking for a role model, just look towards the Lieutenant Governor's Office. ▼

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## Washington State Law Enforcement Association Membership Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Department \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Office Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax No. \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Payment (Active Member) ..... \$36.00

Annual Payment (Associate Member) ..... \$18.00

Annual Payment (Federal Agencies) ..... \$18.00

Annual Payment (Affiliate Member) ..... \$ 6.00

Complete application and forward to the WSLEA Executive Office along with dues payment. P.O. Box 7369 • Olympia, WA 98507

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