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Chief's Message



I just finished a meeting with the other Majors in the county and we were talking about staffing and recruiting. I am sure most of you are thinking, *yeah, we know*. The county is focusing on hiring laterals along with new hires. Some of you may know the county has brought back the hiring bonus for laterals for \$25,000, and if you are the one who recruited them, and they get through probation there is the \$5000 bonus for your efforts. If you know someone in law enforcement that is looking for a change, and you think they would be a good fit please talk to them about joining KCSO.

We all got an email from WSCJTC for the Washington State Data Exchange for Public Safety Overview and Requirements (WADEPS).

This is mandatory training that needs to be completed ASAP. If you haven't started it yet, please get it done.

I want to extend a thank you to Deputy Daniel Schettler. This past Friday he organized Shoreline PD's team to carry the Special Olympics Torch from N 205th to N 145th down Aurora Ave N. He even managed to get Chief Park and Captain Woodruff to make the run. I also wanted to thank all of you that came out in support of this effort.

Take care,

- Chief Tommy Collins

A Heartfelt Thank You

Every day, our officers come to work ready to face whatever the shift may bring—responding to crimes against persons, property, and society, as well as a wide range of emergent and non-emergent calls. Among the most sensitive of these are Welfare Checks and AED calls. Often, these become death investigations that require not only legal precision, but deep compassion and care for grieving families.



On May 28, 2025, I texted my friend Katie about an upcoming board meeting. She responded with heartbreaking news—her 102-year-old father, John, a beloved and longtime Shoreline community member, had passed away earlier that day. She also shared that one of our officers had responded to the AED call and remained on scene until the King County Medical Examiner was contacted and representatives from the funeral home arrived.

That officer was Deputy Wyatt Hunt. Katie told me he was “really lovely,” and that she and her family deeply appreciated his presence and kindness during such a difficult moment. His respectful and compassionate handling of the situation left a lasting impact.

This is an example of the quiet heroism displayed by our officers—not just in moments of danger, but in the equally critical times when empathy, patience, and presence are needed. Your courage, care, and dedication are deeply appreciated by the people you serve.

- Kris Tsujikawa
