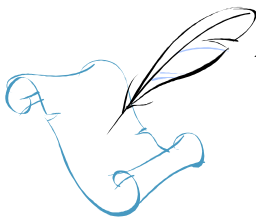


For The Record



A Note from the President...

Stacey Hoffee

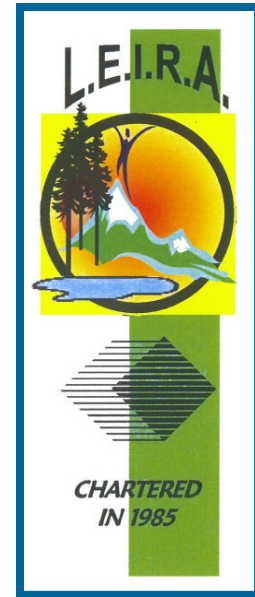
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On June 3rd I received a newsletter article reminder from our editor Kathleen Anderson from Skagit County Sheriff's Office in her reminder she says she cannot believe it is summer already. I have to say, I too cannot believe it is July, where has 2009 gone, the first part of the year your LEIRA executive board was busy preparing for the spring training conference "Fiesta de Amigos" in Wenatchee. I wanted to take this time and let those of you who were unable to attend the first ever executive board hosted conference in April that it was very successful; I am not talking monetarily either. The fact that we were able to "Step out of our Comfort Zone" and get positive /negative feedbacks reference our association from those members attending will help your LEIRA Executive Board in the future. Your LEIRA Executive Board will be meeting this summer to discuss implementing some of the ideas presented during this conference, one of the ideas mentioned is already in the works and in the near future you will have a new and improved website. The new website will be interactive; the hope is that members will be able to register for conferences, purchase memorabilia and share information with other members using message boards.

I want to take this time to thank Jennifer Short and Erin Kelly for working so hard on our training conferences, during this economic down turn they are working diligently to provide our members with affordable training. I also want to remind everyone to contact your LEIRA regional training coordinators Sheila Friend-Gray (Westside) and Scott Ruf (Eastside) if you are interested in hosting some low to no cost training in

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*Do more than belong:
participate.*

*Do more than care:
help.*

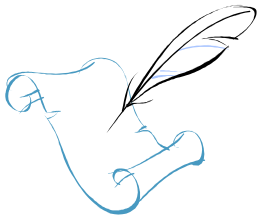
*Do more than believe:
practice.*

*Do more than be fair:
be kind.*

*Do more than forgive:
forget.*

*Do more than dream:
work.*

-William Arthur Ward



A Note from the 1st Vice-President...

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WANDA WAREHAM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Wanda Wareham Scholarship is named for Wanda Wareham who was a great asset and longtime member of LEIRA and made many positive and long lasting contributions to LEIRA and its continued success as an organization.

In keeping with the tradition and legacy that Wanda left us we offer a scholarship in her name for someone to attend each of our conferences. The scholarship covers hotel and registration fees for the attendee.

Individuals interested in receiving the scholarship must submit a letter of consideration to include a brief biography of themselves, the need for the scholarship (i.e. lack of training funds, logistics, etc.), and how their attendance will enhance themselves and their agencies.

For your requests to be considered for the 2009 Fall Conference to be held in Tulalip, WA they must be received by Friday, August 7, 2009. They may be mailed or emailed to the First Vice President, Scott Ruf at the address below. All requests will be reviewed at the LEIRA Executive Board meeting in August and the winner(s) notified by August 31, 2009 so that they may plan accordingly.

***** Please note that due to no scholarship being awarded for the 2009 Spring Conference there will be two awards for the 2009 Fall Conference in Tulalip.***

If you have any questions feel free to contact me.



A Note from the President

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your area. Regional training is perfect for those smaller agencies who cannot afford to attend one of the two annual training conferences due to budget constraints. The training that they can provide can be in all aspects of law enforcement, property and evidence, firearms, sex offender registration and public disclosure to name a few.

Elections are coming this fall at the conference in Tulalip, there will be some positions available on the LEIRA Executive Board, If you are interested in serving please get a hold of Julie Stuvland, Past President for more information on the application process.

Speaking of the fall conference, I just want to remind everyone that there are two Wanda Wareham Memorial Scholarships available; the scholarship covers registration and hotel fees. If you are interested in applying please contact Scott Ruf, 1st VP for the application process. This is a way for you to attend valuable training if your agency does not have training funds to send you to the LEIRA fall conference in October.

As I close out this message, I just want to wish our LEIRA members a happy and safe summer season.



WASPC Update

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SECTOR Update

You've probably heard about the SECTOR "suspension" of training and addition of new users. During the first week of June, the Administrative Office for the Courts (AOC) asked the eTrip (Electronic Traffic Information Processing) SECTOR Governance Team for time to evaluate why the tickets written over the Memorial Day holiday weekend caused a processing backlog in the court system.

For those who may not have seen it, this is the message sent to agencies on June 4:

"The eTRIP Operations Managers Team has determined that a pause in the addition of new users and courts is necessary to assure the future success of a system that to date has performed to all expectations.

There are many users and clients of eTRIP, and the system continues to grow. It is critical, however, that growth be balanced. We have learned that a spike in citations over the Memorial Day weekend swamped the Administrative Office for the Courts (AOC). AOC is now working through the backlog.

There was no bug, glitch, or failure. We simply have more law enforcement installations producing tickets than the AOC infrastructure is ready to process. Responsible development requires us to pause one part of the system rollout while another catches up.

Starting today, June 4, 2009, no new law enforcement users will be added, SECTOR training will be postponed, and no new courts will be added until we are certain the AOC infrastructure is ready to handle the workload. However, we want to stress that current SECTOR users can continue to operate normally during this evaluation period.

The SECTOR system is proving to be a valuable asset in the processing of collisions reports and tickets. Our goal is to maintain that record of success by carefully monitoring growth and impact on all users.

eTrip Operations Managers Team"

AOC was able to stabilize their system to accommodate current volume but believe any sudden spikes will jeopardize the viability of the entire back-end court system. They reported progress in their evaluation efforts and it is believed the suspension won't last long. However, it is important to their success that we add no new users until further notice. While there have been a few exceptions with training scheduled in June, no additional "exceptions" will be granted until training and deployment can be officially be resumed - possibly by August or early September.



On Wednesday, June 17, this message was sent to the local agency system administrators:

"As a result of the on-going evaluation/modification period for the backend systems that process SECTOR-generated documents, no new SECTOR users or courts may be trained or deployed until the evaluation period is complete. Adding new users at this time may threaten the long-term viability of these systems; therefore, this measure is necessary to insure the system will continue to function properly for current users. We do not expect this temporary disruption in training and deployment to last long. However, we request your cooperation as we ramp-up the systems that interface with SECTOR to accommodate ever-increasing

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Training Committee Report

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Training Committee Report

We have several great training opportunities coming up. The Fall Conference will be held October 28-30, 2009 at the Tulalip Resort Casino in Marysville. The Records Academy will be conducted December 7-11, 2009 at the Everett PD South Precinct. The 40-hour Property and Evidence Room Management class will be held at the Everett PD South Precinct the week of September 14-18, 2009. The Records Academy and Property and Evidence Room Management classes are both still open and can be signed up using the CJTC website.

The Spring conference in Wenatchee went well and everyone had a good time meeting new people and attending the training. The Executive Board appreciates all of the positive feedback and will be working hard to give the membership what they want in as we go forward into the future.

The Tulalip host committee is working hard on the 2009 Fall conference. The hotel is beautiful and the conference should be great! The training schedule is in completed and they are looking forward to bringing classes such as SECTOR, Disclosure, NIBRS Web Browser for Small Agencies, Property Room Management, Asset Forfeitures, Health & Safety Issues in the Property Room, Forensic Anthropology, Performance Evaluations Workshop, Administrative & Personnel Files, Teamwork Makes the Dream Work, Ethics, Verbal Judo for Front Line Staff, NICS and the Firearms Safety. There are several new classes and new instructors that we are excited to present to the membership.

There are additional classes and other useful training opportunities offered throughout the year by CJTC. Be sure to check out the website and get involved.

I am always open for class suggestions and new instructor ideas. The conferences are designed to give everyone new or updated training and I would love to try to fit in classes that people are interested in. If you have any requests or ideas, please feel free to let me know.



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demand statewide. We will provide regular updates regarding this effort and hope to provide notification soon of the ability to resume training and deployment. Please contact SECTOR Support Team with questions."

Please contact me at jsmith@waspc.org if you have any questions. The Governance Team plans to provide regular status reports on this suspension. If you have any questions for the team, the chair Chris Madill, Traffic Records Coordinator, Washington Traffic Safety Commission, (360) 725-9884, cmadill@wtsc.wa.gov.

LEIRA is proceeding with the BackOffice training for records staff at the fall LEIRA conference. This training will cover access to tickets and collision reports as well as creating reports. SECTOR continues to be a great success for our law enforcement community!



Property & Evidence Committee Report

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The “Weigh” to Salvation

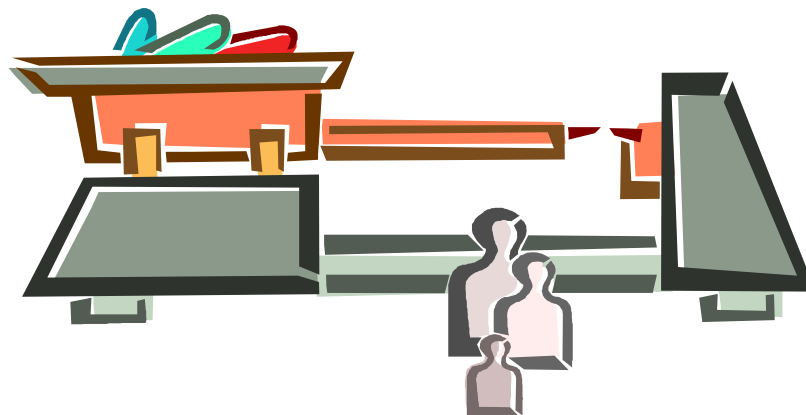
I had never given much thought to the scale being used to weigh evidence by my department until I came upon the Washington Administrative Code §16-664-030. This title and section mandates a weighing device be “traceable to a ‘Certificate of Conformance’ prior to its installation or use for commercial or law enforcement purposes” which must remain on file at the department. After my pulse slowed and I calmed my recurring fears that my ignorance will surely cause the demise of my department single-handedly, I began an exploration into what this means for those of us in property and evidence. I now know more than I ever cared to know about the fascinating world of weights and measures; I’ve done the work, so you don’t have to!

A Certificate of Conformance (COC) is a certification issued to a device by the National Conference of Weights and Measures (NCWM). The NCWM is an organization consisting of members from both the private and public sector. The NCWM in conjunction with the National Institute of Standards and Technology’s Weight’s and Measures Division (a non-regulatory federal agency within the U.S. Department of Commerce) develop and create the standards that apply to all weighing and measuring devices used for commercial (and law enforcement) purposes. The NCWM has adopted the NIST’s “Handbook 44” as the national uniform standards and is considered the “bible of weights and measures”. No self-respecting scale technician would be caught without one. A COC is only issued to a device through the National Type Evaluation Program (NTEP), a cooperative effort between the NCWM and the NIST, after the device has successfully passed the testing and evaluation process and meets these standards.

The Washington Administrative Code has adopted the NIST’s standards as state law. The Department of Agriculture, under their Weights and Measures Program, is given the authority to enforce WAC §16-664-030. Now we are finally getting around to how this applies to us!

Not surprisingly, after researching the scale in use at my department, I found that our scale did not meet the regulations of the WAC and did not have a COC. This WAC was adopted in 1997 and our scale had been purchased before I started working at Mercer Island PD, so I could not take complete responsibility for this oversight. Knowing that the truth would set me free, I advised the command staff of my discovery. I was then

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Property & Evidence Report

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authorized to purchase a new scale and get our department into compliance.

The first step was trying to decipher the “scalexicon” and decide on the type of scale that would fit our needs. A good resource for definition of terms can be found at - <http://www.myweigh.com/contact-us/scale-glossary-amp-explanations> .

There are two kinds of scales; balance scales and spring scales. Most of us (I hope) use digital scales which are a modification of a spring scale and use a “load cell” or “strain gauge” to measure the force exerted by the mass of an object being weighed against gravity. The information is converted from analog to digital and passed to a microchip which we see as the digital read on the LCD display.

There are plenty of retailers with a multitude of scales on the market. The amount of information is mind boggling. An important feature that should be at the top of the “must haves” is a tamper proof calibration seal. The seal performs the same function as tamper proof tape on an item of evidence. If you don’t feel confident about potentially testifying in court that the scale you currently use has an intact tamper proof calibration seal, then it’s time to go shopping. Another good feature to have is a visible bubble level and adjustable leveling feet. And of course, the scale must come with the COC. All COC compliant scales are listed on the NCWM website along with their specifications - <http://www.ncwm.net/ntep/index.cfm?fuseaction=search> .

Once you have a COC compliant scale, the “tolerance” should be checked before being put into service. Because there are many factors that affect the sensitivity of the device, exact or errorless performance of weighing is considered unattainable. The NCWM has incorporated standards to establish uniform permissible error allowances for the varying capacities of weighing devices. As an example, the acceptable tolerance for weights between 0 – 50 grams is +/- .01 grams, for 50 grams – 200 grams, the acceptable tolerance would be +/- .02 grams, etc.

The Department of Agriculture Weights and Measures division can perform an inspection of the device. They can also check for other areas of concern such as “cornerload”, which is the ability of a device to read the same weight for an object anywhere on the weighing pan. They cannot service a device that requires recalibration or repair.

This type of service must be provided by a private sector scale technician. Although you can use test weights to monitor your scales accuracy, the test weights used by a scale tech have to be calibrated themselves to ensure precision. Needless to say, it is not wise to allow officers to use non-COC complaint scales (like the pocket scale they took off of the local drug dealer) to record weights on controlled substances. Even if you have a COC complaint scale that has updated calibration records, you may still have to push for written procedure to mandate officers to only use COC designated scales, preferable, the same one you are using. Ultimately, we will be the ones that have to attest to our devices accuracy and compliance with the law, so get to know your scale, intimately; you may be expected to explain it to someone else.





Membership Committee Report

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As the January 1, 2012, NIBRS conversion deadline is on the horizon, we will continue to offer the NIBRS training classes regionally throughout the State. There is a list of the scheduled training classes on the WASPC web site in the Crime Statistics section. We also send the training announcements out via the list serve and to the LEIRA membership.

Currently the only class scheduled at this time is August 12th in Kitsap County. We will be scheduling more classes for later this summer and into the fall. If you would like to schedule a NIBRS training class in your area, you can contact Kellie Lapczynski at kellie@waspc.org.

There are two methods of reporting NIBRS. If you have a records management system that is NIBRS complaint, you can submit monthly batch files electronically. If you are a small agency and you either do not have NIBRS complaint records management system or you do not have a records management system at all, there is available the web browser option. This is available to all agencies in Washington at no charge - the only thing you need to have is internet access. We call the process Individual Incident Entry (IIE).

We recently completed a survey and a number of agencies indicated that they will begin reporting NIBRS the 4th quarter of 2011 and they would use the IIE method. If your agency is going to be using the free web browser to report your NIBRS data, you can begin the agency certification process now. Please contact Kellie Lapczynski to get started.

SUMMER FUNTIME!

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| Watermelon | Waterskiing |
| Picnic | Bicycle |
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LEIRA Fun Page

Blueberries with Lemon Cream

Blending vanilla yogurt and reduced-fat cream cheese creates a topping that's as virtuous as it is delicious. Any fresh berry can be used in this recipe.

PREP TIME: 10 minutes
TOTAL TIME: 10 minutes
LEVEL: Easy
SERVES: 4

Ingredients

4 ounces reduced-fat cream cheese, (Neufchâtel)
3/4 cup low-fat vanilla yogurt
1 teaspoon honey
2 teaspoons freshly grated lemon zest
2 cups fresh blueberries

Directions

1. Using a fork, break up cream cheese in a medium bowl.
2. Drain off any liquid from the yogurt; add yogurt to the bowl along with honey.
3. Using an electric mixer, beat at high speed until light and creamy. Stir in lemon zest.
4. Layer the lemon cream and blueberries in dessert dishes or wineglasses.
5. If not serving immediately, cover and refrigerate for up to 8 hours.

Nutrition Information

Per serving
Calories: 156
Fat: 7g
Dietary Fiber: 2g



SILLINESS

1. Why is the longest human nose on record only eleven inches long?
2. You answer me, although I never ask you questions. What am I?
3. You are participating in a race. You overtake the second person. What position are you in?
4. You can't keep this until you have given it.
5. Your mother's brother's only brother-in-law is asleep on your couch. Who is asleep on your couch?
6. Past mountain, meadow, field, and hill, it follows a river while standing still.
7. Some months have 30 days, some months have 31 days; how many have 28?
8. Take off my skin ~ I won't cry, but you will! What am I?
9. The capital of Turkey is a long word. Can you spell it?
10. The more it dries, the wetter it gets. What is it?

1. Because if it was twelve inches it would be a foot. 2. A telephone. 3. If you answer that you are first, then you are absolutely wrong! If you overtake the second person and you take his place, you are second! 4. A promise; 5. Your father; 6. A riverbank; 7. They all do; 8. An onion; 9. I-I; 10. A towel.