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## Patrol Tactics 24-Hour In-Service

Patrol Tactics 24 Hour In-Service (PTIS) is a three-day course taught by those who have completed the PTI course. This course focuses on five overarching principals of Patrol Tactics:



The participants in this class will learn the tactics, actions, and communication methods that de-escalate situations to reduce the likelihood of injury to all parties involved, avoid unnecessarily escalating situations that may lead to violence, and avoid unnecessarily placing officers in situations that require or lead to deadly force.

[Washington Administrative Code \(WAC\) 139-11-020](#) requires that “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.”

Of the topics that were listed in the WAC, WSCJTC devotes 24 hours of the 40 hours of in-service training to the knowledge and skills associated with distance management and use of shielding, when feasible, to slow down the pace of critical events to decrease the likelihood of officers needing to use physical or deadly force.

To date, 1007 certified law enforcement officers have received the required in-service training (PTIS) and 531 incoming officers have received the required training at the Basic Law Enforcement Academy (BLEA) – Patrol Tactics Basic (PTB).

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Total Trained PTIS/Regional</b>	<b>Total Trained PTB</b>
<b>Aberdeen Police Department</b>		3
<b>Adams County Sheriff's Office</b>	1	1
<b>Algona Police Department</b>		1
<b>Anacortes Police Department</b>	3	
<b>Arlington Police Department</b>	7	1
<b>Asotin Police Department</b>		1
<b>Auburn Police Department</b>	5	6
<b>Battle Ground Police Department</b>	7	3
<b>Bellevue Police Department</b>	7	1
<b>Bellingham Police Department</b>	8	7
<b>Benton County Sheriff's Office</b>	1	5
<b>Bingen-White Police Department</b>		1
<b>Blaine Police Department</b>	1	
<b>Bonney Lake Police Department</b>	1	
<b>Bothell Police Department</b>	16	3
<b>Bremerton Police Department</b>	2	3
<b>Brier Police Department</b>	1	
<b>Buckley Police Department</b>	1	
<b>Burlington Police Department</b>	3	2
<b>Camas Police Department</b>	6	
<b>Castle Rock Police Department</b>	1	
<b>Central WA University Police Department</b>		1
<b>Centralia Police Department</b>		1
<b>Chehalis Police Department</b>		1
<b>Chelan County Sheriff's Office</b>	17	2
<b>Chewelah Police Department</b>	3	
<b>Clallam County Sheriff's Office</b>	7	2
<b>Clark County Sheriff's Office</b>	45	10
<b>Cle Elum Police Department</b>		1
<b>Clyde Hill Police Department</b>	9	
<b>Colfax Police Department</b>		2
<b>College Place Police Department</b>	13	
<b>Columbia County Sheriff's Office</b>	1	2
<b>Colville Police Department</b>	5	1
<b>Cowlitz County Sheriff's Office</b>	10	1
<b>Cowlitz Indian Tribal Public Safety Department</b>	2	
<b>Des Moines Police Department</b>	4	

Douglas County Sheriff's Office	9	2
Dupont Police Department	1	2
Duvall Police Department	2	1
East Wenatchee Police Department	6	1
Edmonds Police Department	1	2
Ellensburg Police Department		3
Enumclaw Police Department		1
Elwha Klallam Police Department	1	
Ephrata Police Department	11	2
Everett Police Department	118	6
Federal Way Police Department	2	18
Ferndale Police Department		2
Ferry County Sheriff's Office		1
Fife Police Department	4	
Forks Police Department		1
Franklin County Sheriff's Office	5	4
Garfield County Sheriff's Office	4	2
Gig Harbor Police Department	1	
Grand Coulee Police Department	1	1
Grandview Police Department	1	
Grant County Sheriff's Office	3	7
Grays Harbor County Sheriff's Office	6	2
Hoquiam Police Department		1
Island County Sheriff's Office	12	4
Kalama Police Department	3	
Kalispel Tribal Public Safety Department	3	
Kelso Police Department	8	3
Kennewick Police Department	3	9
Kent Police Department	8	8
Kettle Falls Police Department	3	
King County Sheriff's Office	16	57
Kirkland Police Department	4	6
Kitsap County Sheriff's Office	16	9
Kittitas County Sheriff's Office	2	5
Lacey Police Department	4	6
Lake Forest Park Police Department	1	
Lake Stevens Police Department	12	
Lakewood Police Department	7	1
Lewis County Sheriff's Office	6	4
Lincoln County Sheriff's Office	5	1
Longview Police Department	13	4
Lynnwood Police Department	28	3
Marysville Police Department	10	3
Mason County Sheriff's Office	8	3
Mattawa Police Department		3

McCleary Police Department		1
Mercer Island Police Department		4
Millcreek Police Department	12	
Milton Police Department	2	
Monroe Police Department	12	2
Montesano Police Department		1
Moses Lake Police Department	5	5
Mount Vernon Police Department	4	1
Mountlake Terrace Police Department	21	1
Moxee Police Department	2	
Mukilteo Police Department	16	4
Napavine Police Department		1
Newport Police Department	2	
Nisqually Public Safety	1	
Oak Harbor Police Department	11	
Ocean Shores Police Department		1
Okanogan County Sheriff's Office	4	
Olympia Police Department	7	5
Omak Police Department	2	1
Oroville Police Department		3
Orting Police Department		2
Othello Police Department	1	1
Pacific County Sheriff's Office		2
Pacific Police Department	1	
Pasco Police Department	11	1
Pierce County Sheriff's Department	6	11
Port of Seattle Police Department	4	1
Port Angeles Police Department		1
Port Orchard Police Department	2	1
Pullman Police Department	1	
Puyallup Police Department	35	2
Quincy Police Department	2	2
Raymond Police Department		1
Redmond Police Department	2	7
Renton Police Department	4	3
Richland Police Department	3	1
Royal City Police Department	1	1
San Juan County Sheriff's Office	15	2
Seattle Police Department	1	75
Sedro-Woolley Police Department	1	7
Selah Police Department	1	3
Shelton Police Department		1
Skagit County Sheriff's Office	36	3
Snohomish County Sheriff's Office	32	9
Snoqualmie Police Department	2	1

South Bend Police Department		1
Spokane County Sheriff's Office	12	14
Spokane Police Department	14	12
Steilacoom Department of Public Safety	1	1
Stevens County Sheriff's Office	18	
Sunnyside Police Department	1	3
Tacoma Police Department	9	15
Thurston County Sheriff's Office	5	8
Tieton Police Department		1
Toppenish Police Department	1	
Tukwila Police Department	4	3
Tulalip Tribal Services	11	
Tumwater Police Department	3	2
Twisp Police Department	1	
Union Gap Police Department	2	
Vancouver Police Department	10	14
Washougal Police Department	1	
WA State Department of Fish and Wildlife Police	10	6
WA State Parks & Recreation		3
WA State Patrol (WSP)	47	
WA State University Police Department, Pullman		2
Walla Walla County Sheriff's Department	14	
Walla Walla Police Department	32	2
Wapato Police Department		3
Warden Police Department		1
Wenatchee Police Department	11	3
Whatcom County Sheriff's Office		2
Whitman County Sheriff's Office		1
Woodland Police Department		1
Yakima County Sheriff's Office		1
Yakima Police Department		14
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>1007</b>	<b>531</b>



# WSCJTC BASIC SWAT COURSE

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For the last 12 years, in cooperation with the Washington State Tactical Officers Association (WSTOA), the WSCJTC has advertised on the WSCJTC website, handled registration, and maintained the records for the Basic and Advanced Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Course, while the WSTOA has delivered the content as a vendor under the umbrella of the WSCJTC. The Basic SWAT Course is designed to train incumbent law enforcement officers who have recently been selected to serve as SWAT team members for their agency or in their region. In October of 2020, WSCJTC conducted an audit on the Basic SWAT Course using an independent third party. The auditor is a current law enforcement officer, a current member of a SWAT team and is a certified PTI under the Law Enforcement Training and Community Safety Act (LETCSA). The Deputy Director of the WSCJTC shared the audit report with the Executive Director, who summarized the report to the Commissioners at a Commission meeting in June 2021. Based on the information provided, it was decided by the commissioners that it would be the responsibility of the WSCJTC to not only handle administrative duties but also to provide the Basic SWAT instruction themselves.

To bring this training into alignment with WAC 139-11-020, the WSCJTC met with approximately 20 subject matter experts to collect information on what the expectation is of a student who completes the Basic SWAT Course. This information formed the scope of training needed as well as the terminal performance objectives and learning goals of the course. The WSCJTC then set out to construct the course content using current members of a SWAT team who are also PTI under LETCSA.

In October of 2021, the WSCJTC held the first SWAT Basic Course since WAC 139-11-020 went into effect. The training was held at Ravensdale range in King County and there were 13 instructors who delivered the instruction under the supervision of the De-Escalation Program Manager of WSCJTC. There were 30 students from the following agencies in attendance:



Aberdeen Police Department



Bellevue Police Department



Lake Forest Park Police Department



Whatcom County Sheriff's Office



Mason County Sheriff's Office



Olympia Police Department



Kitsap County Sheriff's Office



Omak Police Department



Seattle Police Department



King County Sheriff's Office



Thurston County Sheriff's Office



Kirkland Police Department

The instructional delivery focused on the knowledge and skills associated with new legal requirements and violence de-escalation strategies for SWAT officers. The requirements to teach this course were determined to be an active member of a SWAT team and a PTI in good standing.

# CONCLUSION

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With Initiative 940, it was made clear that communities in Washington State expected law enforcement officers to receive high quality, up-to-date training. The call to improve police training in order for law enforcement-community interactions to produce more favorable outcomes was embraced by law enforcement agencies across the state. When presented with a unifying set of principles and the patrol concepts that support them, agencies sent their trainers to receive the training from WSCJTC with the ultimate goal of making our communities and officers safer.

The role of the WSCJTC in this process is to develop, design, and deliver legally justifiable and scientifically valid training to instructors through the PTI course. The new PTI instructors can thus deliver the training regionally with the goal being the adoption of the five principles in all patrol operations. The desired net effect of this methodology is to improve the outcomes resulting from law enforcement-community interactions.

In the upcoming year, to support our stakeholders in the regions, WSCJTC has scheduled five PTI courses to strengthen the instructor numbers in the regions:

- January in Bellingham
- February in Spokane
- March in Seattle
- June in Burien
- September in Yakima

WSCJTC will host the Patrol Tactics In-Service (PTIS) training quarterly in 2022.

