

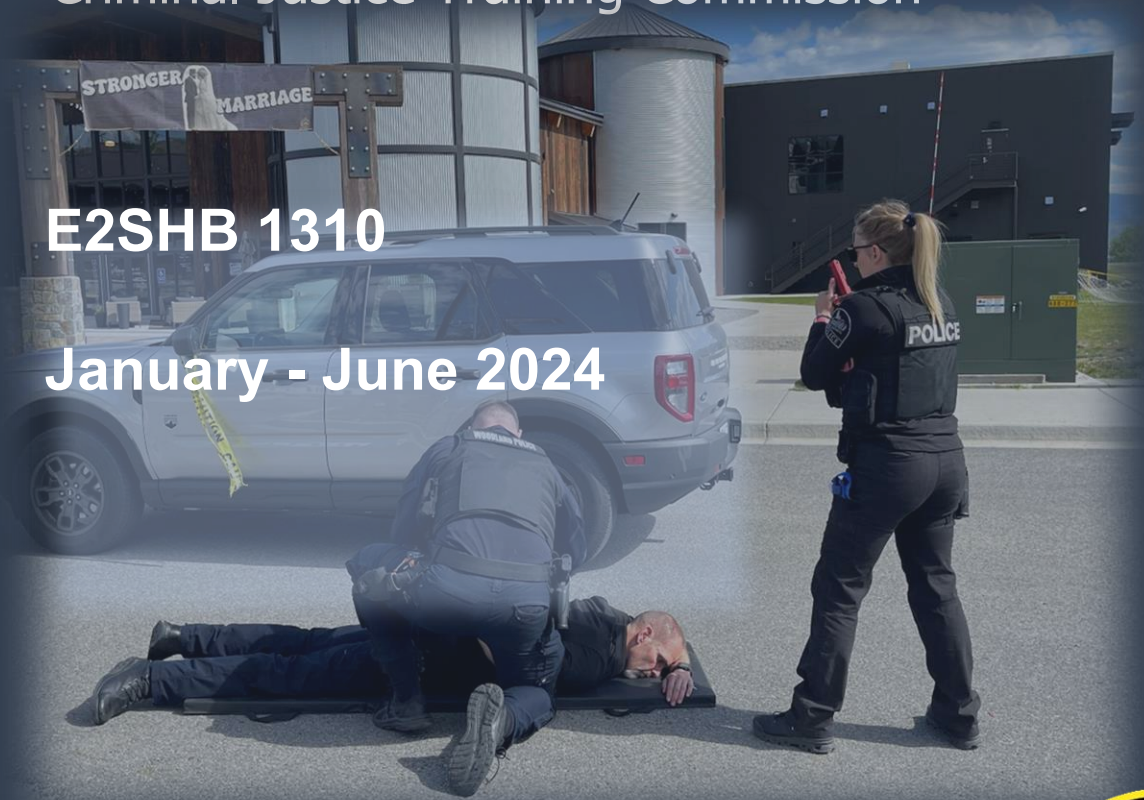
# LETCSA VIOLENCE DE-ESCALATION TRAINING – COMPLIANCE AND IMPLEMENTATION

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Criminal Justice Training Commission

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De-escalation Program





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# SECTION 1

## Legislative Mandate

During the 2021 Legislative session, Washington lawmakers passed E2SHB 1310, a new law governing when and how law enforcement officers can use force against members of the public. The law expects officers to de-escalate and requires law enforcement to exercise reasonable care in using physical force to reduce violence and prioritize the sanctity of life. RCW 43.101.450(6) and 2019, c 1 s 3 (Initiative 940) are each amended to read as follows:

- Beginning one year after December 6, 2018, all law enforcement officers in the state of Washington must receive violence de-escalation training. Law enforcement officers beginning employment after December 6, 2018, must complete such training within the first 15 months of employment. The commission shall set the date by which other law enforcement officers must complete such training.
- 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 1st and July 1st 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).

The report contains the number of officers trained since January 1, 2024, through June 30, 2024. It also contains year-to-date numbers as well as total number of officers trained since the beginning of this program.

The report highlights past and present achievements, as well as future goals and steps taken to ensure the best opportunities for agencies to reach the goal of training the approximate 11,000 Certified Peace Officers in the State of Washington.

### Glossary of Terms

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

### Definitions



*Lacey Police Officer trains in the application of the tourniquet*

**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 3-day period.

**Internal Only 24-hour In-service Training** – Training provided by an agency specifically to their own personnel. Can be delivered in 3 consecutive days or spread out over a maximum of 6 months.



## SECTION 2

### **WSCJTC 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**

- Vancouver - \$34,700
- Wenatchee - \$42,450
- King County - \$22,000
- Yakima - \$43,000
- Tacoma - \$35,000 (in planning)

#### **PTI RECERTIFICATION – Average cost per 24-hour session**

- 5 classes this year - \$27,000
  - (average cost per session \$5,400)

#### **REGIONAL TRAINING HUBS – Equipment - Average cost - \$46,000**

- Wenatchee
- Vancouver

#### **EXPENDITURES INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING**

- Contract Instructor Payment
- Lodging – for State Employees
- Per Diem – for State Employees
- Fuel costs
- Miscellaneous daily expenses

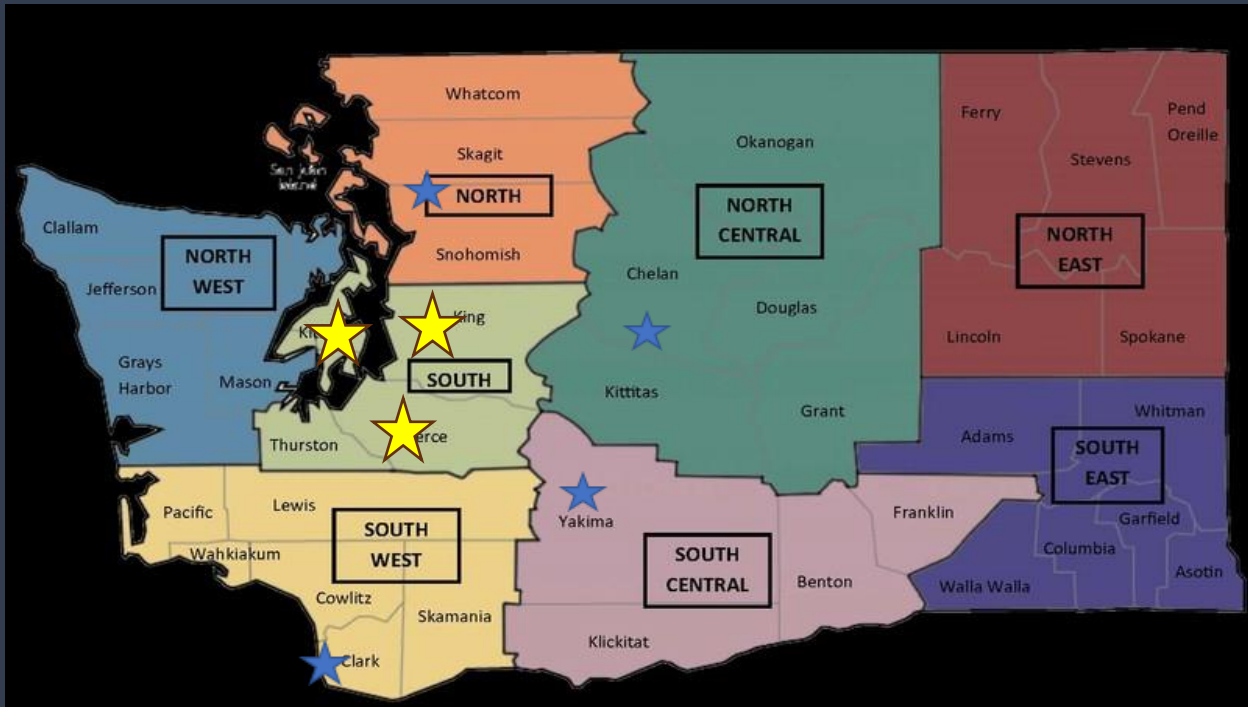


*Mt. Vernon Officer uses gauze to learn wound packing during Critical Life Saving Skills training.*



## SECTION 3

### Current Hub Location



#### ★ Currently Established Regional Training Hub

1. North Region (Everett)
2. South Central Region (Yakima)
3. North Central Region (Wenatchee)
4. Southwest Regional Academy

#### ★ Future Regional Hub Locations under consideration\*

1. South Region (Kitsap)
2. South Region (King County)
3. South Region (Tacoma)

\*Under consideration means that the WSCJTC will conduct site inspections to ensure a viable area to conduct training, which area best suits the South Region to service the most agencies.



## SECTION 4

### 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. Patrol Tactic Instructors can provide training within their agency as well as regional hubs. From 2018 to 2024, WSCJTC conducted an average 3.7 Patrol Tactics Instructor Courses per year (See Figure 1).



Figure 1

**Patrol Tactics Instructor Courses from 2018 - 2024 = (26)**

**Total Number of Instructors Trained from 2018 - June 2024 = (534)**

**Total Number of Instructors Trained from January – June 2024 = (78)**



## SECTION 5

### Patrol Tactics In-service

Patrol Tactics In-service (PTIS) certification course graduation rates have increased significantly since 2020 (See Figure 2). Recertification is required every three years after completion date. Those who have completed the certifications in 2020 and 2021 are due for recertification. WSCJTC has created a PTIS version 2 for those who must recertify. The first PTIS version 2 course was implemented on December 1, 2024.

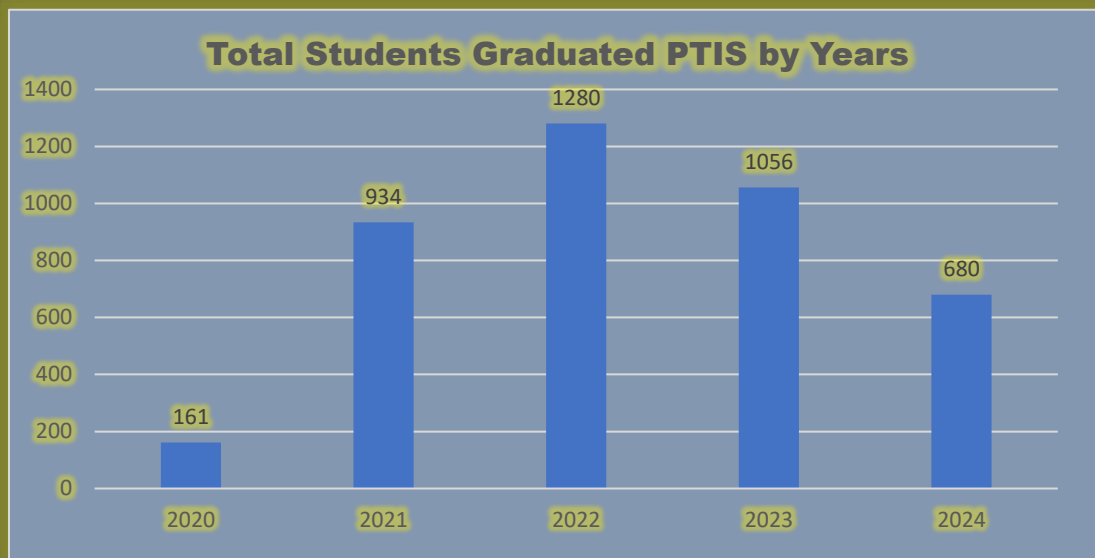


Figure 2

### Critical Numbers

There are approximately 10,634 certified peace officers in Washington State. To date, 4,111 have received the mandated 24 hours of Patrol Tactics In-service. At the current rate of training, approximately 1000 officers per year, 2500 officers will not complete the training by December 31, 2027.

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 10,634 certified peace officers.





## SECTION 6

### Highlights and Forward Progress

- **Regional Hub – fully equipped**
  - 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
- **Instructor Development Certification**
  - Recognizing the staffing and financial impacts to stakeholder sending personnel to an eighty-hour PTI training course, the Violence De-Escalation team is seeking opportunities to mitigate impacts and increase value by partnering with other programs such as Instructor Development (ID) to establish future PTI trainings to provide not only a PTI certification but will also serve as Instructor Development certification
- **Implemented Instructor Recertification** – certifying instructors on Version 2 of the Curriculum.
- **Implemented Version 2 Curriculum as agencies begin re-certifying** – (every 3 years)
- **Further incorporation of less lethal alternative tools** – Electronic Control Weapon (ECW) and extended range impact weapons.