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Unofficial General Election Results

UNOFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS

GENERAL ELECTION - November 4, 2003

Results Certified November 19, 2003

COUNTY RACES

ADAMS

Clerk

Paulette Gibler (R)	98.11%	2,400
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CLALLAM (Charter County)

Commissioner District #1

Sue Forde (R)	47.24%	5,289
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Steve Tharinger* (D)	52.76%	5,906
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Director of Department of Community Development

Rob Robertsen (NP)	51.29%	4,731
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Bob Martin (NP)	48.71%	4,493
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GRAYS HARBOR

Commissioner District #3

*Al Carter (D)	98.00%	8,831
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JEFFERSON

Commissioner District #3

Mark Rose (D)	42.28%	4,128
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Pat Rodgers (R)	57.18%	5,583
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King (Charter County)

Assessor

*Scott Noble (D)	62.39%	140,656
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Richard Pope (R)	37.61%	84,779
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Council District #2

Bob Ferguson (D)	100.00%	14,742
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Council District #4

*Larry Phillips (D)	100.00%	15,417
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Council District #6

*Rob McKenna (R)	100.00%	16,004
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Council District #8

*Dow Constantine (D)	83.26%	15,742
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Michael Nelson (L)	16.74%	3,165
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Council District #9

*Steve Hammond (R)	51.28%	8,064
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Barbara Heavey (D)	48.72%	7,661
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Council District #10

*Larry Gossett (D)	100.00%	12,685
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Council District #12

Brian Derdowski (D)	42.68%	9,395
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*David Irons, Jr. (R)	57.32%	12,616
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KITTITAS		
Commissioner District #2		
*Bruce Coe (R)	57.20%	3,413
David Gerth (D)	42.80%	2,556
LINCOLN		
Commissioner District #1		
*Dennis Bly (R)	100.00%	2,347
PIERCE (CHARTER COUNTY)		
County Council #6		
Richard "Dick" Muri (R)	96.18%	9,669
SNOHOMISH (CHARTER COUNTY)		
Assessor		
Cindy Portmann (NP)	62.21%	50,283
Stuart W. Stavig (NP)	37.53%	30,335
Auditor		
*Bob Terwilliger (NP)	76.11%	62,065
Jerry Goodloe (NP)	23.67%	19,304
Clerk		
*Pam Daniels (NP)	69.26%	53,975
Sandra Fitzpatrick (NP)	30.46%	23,738
County Executive		
Dave Earling (R)	47.00%	41,558
Aaron Reardon (D)	52.26%	45,681
County Council District #2		
*Kirke Sievers (D)	97.53%	12,743
County Council District #3		
*Gary Nelson (R)	51.72%	9,490
D.J. Wilson (D)	48.15%	8,835
Sheriff		
*Rick Bart (R)	98.51%	73,505
Treasurer		
*Bob Dantini (D)	99.04%	72,418
WHATCOM (Charter County)		
Assessor		
*Keith M. Willnauer (NP)	100.00%	17,076
Auditor		
*Shirley Forslof (NP)	100.00%	19,483
County Council District #1		
*Dan McShane (NP)	66.51%	15,277
Kerry Chappel (NP)	33.49%	7,692
County Council District #2		
Mike Kaufman (NP)	48.71%	11,180
*Sam Crawford (NP)	51.29%	11,770
County Council District #3		
*Barbara Brenner (NP)	100.00%	16,677
County Executive		
*Pete Kremen (NP)	100.00%	21,028
Sheriff		
*Bill Elfo (NP)	100.00%	18,134
Treasurer		
*Barbara Cory (NP)	100.00%	18,492
County-wide Revenue Measures		
Clallam County - 1/10th of one percent sales tax increase for 911		
Yes	58.86%	6,166
No	41.14%	4,310
Grays Harbor County - 1/10th of one percent sales tax increase for 911		
Yes	62.88%	7,801
No	37.12%	4,631

Pierce County - 3/10th of one percent sales tax increase for public safety/criminal justice		
Yes	41.14%	43,803
No	58.86%	62,664
San Juan County - 20 cent levy lid lift for technology improvement		
Yes	23.92%	1,207
No	76.08%	3,838
Skagit County - 1/10th of one percent sales tax increase for juvenile detention facilities		
Yes	38.68%	6,921
No	61.32%	10,971
Walla Walla County - 3/10th of one percent sales tax increase for criminal justice		
Yes	56.68%	5,524
No	43.32%	4,222
Whatcom County - property tax levy for Emergency Medical Services		
Yes	44.89%	12,980
No	55.11%	15,937
Home Rule Charter Election		
Skagit County - Freeholder election for Home Rule Charter		
Yes	28.08%	5,043
No	71.92%	12,916

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County Charter Election Tidbits: 2004 Election Results Bring Change to Clallam County Government, No Change to Skagit

Clallam County now has an elected Director of Community Development – probably the first such position in the country. The winner – who will take a position created with a Charter Amendment passed by Clallam County voters last year – is Rob Robertsen. Eight new charter amendments were on the Clallam County ballot this week. One amendment proposed by the County Charter Review Commission was to elect county commissioners by district and not countywide beginning in 2005. It would further provide that recalls would also be by district. The measure looks to be passing by a narrow margin: 50.55% to 49.45%.

Skagit County voters soundly rejected a proposal to elect freeholders to develop a county charter. (see vote count above) It was the only county charter proposal on the 2003 ballot.

Budget, Finance and Taxes

Pierce County Successfully Merges Assessment & Appraisal Systems

A new comprehensive property tax and appraisal system has just been introduced in the Pierce County Assessor-Treasurers' Office. The new system is a joint effort and combines ASIX, Inc. comprehensive property tax software *Ascend*, with Colorado CustomWare's real property appraisal software *RealWare CAMA*. The integrated software applications were put into production in August following a 12-month implementation schedule.

"We are excited to be working with both Ascend and RealWare toward more efficient and accurate assessments and appraisals. The new systems working together will help to ensure equal treatment of all properties across the county," said Ken Madsen, Pierce County Assessor-Treasurer. "It has been a busy year but definitely one we consider successful in both assessor and treasurer operations."

With a population exceeding 725,000, Pierce County is the second largest county in Washington and annually processes more than 325,000 property accounts through the integrated applications.

2004 Federal Homeland Security Funds in the Pipeline

Washington State and its local governments will receive more than \$44 million from three federal homeland security programs in 2004, the Bush administration announced earlier this week. Nationwide the programs will deliver \$2.2 billion.

Initially all funding will flow to the state, which will then distribute 80 percent to counties and cities, either individually or through the Regional Homeland Security Coordinating Districts. The Washington State Emergency Management Division (EMD) will administer the local and regional grants. A detailed breakdown by amount and program area is not yet available from EMD, which is still awaiting official guidance from the federal Department of Homeland Security.

Of the three federal grant programs the largest is the State Homeland Security Grant Program, with \$33,606,000 coming to Washington to help the state and local governments pay for anti-terrorism equipment, training, exercises, and planning.

Washington also will receive \$9,972,000 from a new Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program, aimed at assisting police agencies with equipment and training related to weapons of mass destruction. The focus is on information sharing, threat recognition and interoperability. Police agencies also will be able to use up to 20 percent of this funding for overtime related to homeland security activities.

The final \$698,000 will go to Citizen Corps programs in Washington State to help pay for planning, outreach, and public awareness activities related to homeland security. The funding may be used to assist existing local Citizen Corps Councils or to establish new Citizen Corps Councils.

The federal funding formula for the three programs ensures that each state receives a minimum of \$16.65 million, an amount equal to 0.75 percent of the

\$2.2 billion total. The balance of roughly \$1.35 billion is allocated based on each state's population.

Please see the entire Homeland Security Package, including funding for each state on pages 14-19.

Elections, Licensing and Recording

Automated Indexing – The Next Best Thing to Sliced Bread

(by Lisa Goldsworthy, Recording Manager, Snohomish County Auditor's Office)

Does any one remember the last time staffing levels were increased in your office? We all carry statistics and so finding the actual date is probably not that hard. Perhaps a better question might be – how are you handling the ever-increasing workload with current staff? Within Snohomish County, the Auditor's Recording Division last increased staffing levels in 1999. Since calendar year 2000, we have seen an annual increase in document recording numbers on average of 35% each year.

We are all experiencing current budgetary constraints. In 2002, it became very clear that requesting or expecting staffing levels to be increased was not an option. Rather, it became paramount we pursue technology would allow workloads to be balanced with existing personnel.

Automated indexing (AI) refers to the branch of computer science that involves reading text from scanned images and populating a computerized index. Once thought to have reached a plateau, recognition accuracy of AI software has continued to improve with new methodologies and today can boast a 98% or better accuracy.

The best reason to implement AI technology in county offices with indexing requirements is that data entered by support staff using these methods requires less time, effort and money. The use of AI technology can relieve the currently unbalanced workload; speed the indexing process; and, greatly increase accuracy.

In addition to my day job as Recording Manager, I serve as President of the Association of Image and Information Management - Northwest Chapter. Our AIIM Chapter focuses on bringing educational and networking events to electronic content management (ECM) professionals in our community.

I invite you to join us and become engaged and involved! I specifically

would like to encourage county officials involved in image and information management to considering attending our November chapter event.

The topic is automated indexing. Our guest speaker is Ann Kirkbride, Director, Mentis Technology Solutions. Ms. Kirkbride joined Mentis Technology in 2000, working closely with patented software designers to launch a breakthrough technology, aiIndex. In 2002, aiIndex was launched; a revolutionary software product that allows the Clerk and Recorder to enter real estate and other documents into their existing recording system faster and with more accuracy than current manual processes. By utilizing a sophisticated Knowledge Base and Learning Engine that gets smarter over time, aiIndex has revolutionized Clerk and Recorders offices' Indexing process.

Each AIIM Chapter event is vendor-sponsored and November is no exception. Our sponsor is Hart InterCivic out of Austin Texas. Hart InterCivic designs and implements electronic government solutions that provide recording officials a flexible recording solution. Based on decades of experience helping recorders throughout the nation, Hart InterCivic's fully integrated product suite, speeds the processing of land records and marriage licenses, improves the recording and preservation of birth and death records, and manages the subsequent indexing, storage and access of these records.

The Thursday, November 20 event will be held at the Best Western in downtown Seattle. The agenda includes registration & social; dinner; sponsor presentation, AI demonstration; and discussion opportunities. As with most events, there is a cost.

Price: \$25.00 / AIIM & ARMA Members
\$35.00 / Non-members
\$15.00 / Program Only – No Dinner

If you would like more information regarding AIIM or this event, please click on the following website:
<http://www.aiim.org/chapters/northwest.asp?ID=26374>

I also invite you to contact me with questions and comments. I can be reached at 425-388-3713 or at the email address below.

You are invited to visit Snohomish County to see this product in action as well. I look forward to hearing from you, or better yet, seeing you!

Sincerely,

*Lisa Goldsworthy, Recording Manager
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Election process works

(Editorial from the 11-6 Seattle Times)

Plaudits to King County election officials for delivering a smooth election and helping to restore confidence.

With a steady hand on the tiller by elections director Dean Logan, the county processed the highest percentage of absentee ballots on hand on Election Day and rolled out tallies in an orderly fashion. Most, if not all, absentee ballots were mailed on time, in marked contrast to last year, when thousands went out late.

The bigger challenge comes next year with voting for president, U.S. Senate, Congress, Legislature and governor. Hundreds of thousands of absentees will be processed. The county has taken promising steps to prepare for that undertaking. Congratulations to Logan, et al.

Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife Seeks Comments on Killer Whale and Sage Grouse

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has begun a 90-day public review of two documents:

1.) Draft Washington State Status Report for the Killer Whale and recommendation to list the killer whale as an endangered species in Washington. The listing recommendation will be presented to the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission for action at its April 9-10, 2004 meeting in Spokane, WA.

2.) Draft Washington State Recovery Plan for the Sage-grouse.

The purpose of the review is to allow interested persons to comment on the draft status report, listing recommendation, and recovery plan. The documents are available on the agency website

(<http://www.wa.gov/wdfw>), the Department's regional offices, and the Olympia headquarters office. To obtain a copy of either document, call 360 902-2515; or send an e-mail request (with your complete mailing address to wildthing@dfw.wa.gov).

Comments are due by February 3, 2004. Mail to Endangered Species Section Manager, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, 600 Capitol Way N, Olympia, WA 98501-1091.

Power Council Seeks Comment on Hatchery Operations

The Northwest Power and Conservation Council is seeking public comments on one of the most comprehensive evaluations of fish hatcheries in the Columbia River Basin.

In 1997, Congress asked the Council to "conduct a thorough review of all federally funded hatchery programs" in the Columbia River Basin with the intent to assure that federal dollars are spent wisely and in a cost-effective manner that maximizes benefits to fish.

Congress also asked the Council to recommend a set of policies to guide the

use of hatcheries in the basin.

The evaluation report is posted on the Council's website, www.nwcouncil.org; or you may call the Council's Portland office at 503 222-5161/800 452-5161 and request document number 2003-17.

The comment period ends on November 28, 2003. Please send your comments to: Mark Walker, Director of Public affairs, Northwest Power and Conservation Council, 851 SW 6th Avenue, Suite 1100, Portland, Oregon 97204-1348. FAX: 503 820-2370; or email: comments@nwcouncil.org

Water Quality Funding Cycle Changes

Ecology is advancing its yearly water quality funding cycle to provide money to our recipients sooner and to gather more timely information regarding the state's water quality management needs. The changes will occur over two funding cycles. The next funding cycle (FY 2005) will begin a month earlier than usual, December 1, 2003. The following funding cycle (FY 2006) will begin September 1, 2004, and therefore will begin on September 1st each year.

To plan well before the funding cycles, make sure you note the change in the application schedule, complete the notice of intent (see reverse side), and attend one of the FY 2005 funding cycle workshops noted below:

December 4, 2003
Mirabeau Park Hotel
Spokane

December 5, 2003
Yakima Convention Center
Yakima

December 9, 2003
Best Western Alderwood
Lynnwood

December 10, 2003
Sheraton Tacoma Convention Center
Tacoma

Public Health and Human Services

The Pump Handle

by Carolyn Edmonds, King County Councilmember

Welcome to the second installment of The Pump Handle. As county government's representative on the Washington State Board of Health (SBOH), I will contribute these items regularly to keep counties informed about the Board's activities and current issues in the world of public health.

It's been said that very few people run for local elected office to serve on the local board of health. I did, but I agree I am an exception. Many newly elected commissioners are surprised to find themselves on local boards of health. Some have limited background and interest in public health—at first.

Yet Washington law gives local boards broad powers and duties. They are an essential part of the public health system that is always working to create a safer and healthier Washington. SBOH understands the importance of that role and has considered ways to improve communication between SBOH and local boards; engage local policy makers

more in public health issues; solicit input for the annual State Health Report; ensure it is informed about local concerns; and promote local awareness of SBOH activities.

I endorsed this notion when I joined the Board, and SBOH launch its Local Boards of Health Project shortly afterward. It sent letters to all local board requesting a meeting.

The first meeting, a joint meeting between SBOH and the King County Metropolitan Board of Health, took place in December 2002. There have been 16 meetings with 15 local boards since. They include two joint SBOH meetings local board, 13 SBOH member visits to local board meetings, and one instance of several members of a local board discussing their concerns at an SBOH meeting in the community.

A host of issues have come up during these discussion, several of which the Board is now following up on or considering for inclusion in the 2004 State Health Report—stable public health funding, the eroding health delivery infrastructure, West Nile virus, access to primary, mental, and dental

care, children's activity and nutrition, unfunded mandates, on-site sewage rules, genetics and privacy, spite wells, vector control, protecting shellfish beds, cruise ship dumping, connections to small water systems, reduce motor vehicle accidents, and arsenic in drinking water.

State board members have been impressed by the awareness and engagement of local board members. We have also been reminded constantly that the needs and experiences of local health jurisdictions vary tremendously. At the same time, though there are many common concerns across a variety of jurisdictions.

Early impressions of this work—from both state and local boards—have been strongly favorable. SBOH plans to continue the project with a goal of visiting about 18 local boards each year. To find out more, visit the SBOH Web site at www.doh.wa.gov/sboh. To arrange a meeting with your local board of health, contact SBOH at 360-236-4110 or sboh@doh.wa.gov.

Association News

Thurston County Sheriff's Mother, Sister Die in Car Crash

Tragedy struck Thurston County Sheriff Gary Edwards and his family on Wednesday, November 5, when his

mother, Ruby Edwards, and his sister, Neo Brown were killed in a car accident in West Olympia. The three-car crash resulted in Edward's and Brown's vehicle rolling several times. Both women were wearing seatbelts, but died at the scene. Our deepest sympathies to

Gary and every member of his close-knit family. Our thoughts and prayers are with them.

Training and Upcoming Events

<i>Training or Workshop</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Information</i>
NOVEMBER 2003			
Medicolegal Death Investigations Training (Cancelled, to be arranged on a later date)	cancelled	November 17-21	Kathie at (360) 753-7319
JANUARY 2004			
WCRP Training Liability Issues re: supervision in probation, early release and pre-sentencing	Skamania Lodge, Stevenson	January 20 - 22	Kitty at (360) 586-7447
APRIL 2004			
WAPA Spring Training Program	Spokane	April 21-23	(360) 753-2175
JULY 2004			
WCRP Risk Managers Training	Shilo Inn, Ocean Shores	July 20 - 21	Kitty @ WCRP (360) 586-7447
WCRP Board of Directors Workshop	Shilo Inn, Ocean Shores	July 21	Kitty @ WCRP (360) 586-7447
* registration forms available at http://www.wacounties.org/wsac/MemberServices/CPO/index.htm			

Governor's 2003 Economic Development Conference

Mark your calendar for the 2003 statewide economic development conference November 20-21, in Seattle at the Washington State Convention and Trade Center. Enhance your competitive edge with information that will:

- sharpen your professional tools
- inspire innovative practices
- add value to your community

In addition, broaden your economic development knowledge of successful partnerships by attending the Washington State Tourism Forum, November 19th, also at the Washington State Convention and Trade Center. For more information visit www.experiencewashington.com/industry. Registration information for both events will be available soon.

Good Things

Acts of Caring Awards Recognize Outstanding Volunteer Programs

In 2004, NACo will again recognize volunteer programs through the Acts of Caring Awards, a national program honoring community-based, county government initiatives that provide a legacy for the future.

This is the fifth year for this unique awards program.

The awards will be presented next year during National County Government Week, April 18 – 25 in a ceremony on Capitol Hill. Up to 33 programs will be recognized and deemed examples of outstanding Acts of Caring. Based on county size, as many as three programs will be recognized in each of 11 categories: Arts & Culture; Civic Education & Public Information; Criminal Justice; Elderly Services; Emergency Management; Environment; Health Services; Libraries; Parks & Recreation; Programs for Children & Youth and Social Services.

Awards may be presented in each of three population categories to ensure that large and small communities, and urban and rural areas all receive the recognition they deserve.

Three special awards also will be given. The Legacy Award for Excellence and Innovation is awarded to the program that most fully embodies the spirit of volunteerism by addressing a unique need. This award is given to the top program in the contest because it sets itself apart by providing unparalleled service in its community.

The Youth Literacy Mentoring Award is presented to the program that best addresses a community need for mentoring young people to achieve traditional or technological literacy. The Youth Service Award is presented to the program that best identifies a critical need in the youth community and addresses it, in part, by engaging young people in service.

An “act of caring” is a community service provided by a county-sponsored volunteer program that enhances or preserves the quality of life. Winners will be selected by an independent panel

of judges. Any county government that is a member of NACo with an active program that meets the contest criteria is eligible to participate. A county program that won an Acts of Caring Award in the past two years is not eligible in 2004.

The deadline for entries is Friday, January 16. Entries should be sent to NACo at 440 First St., NW, Washington, DC 20001. An award application is available online. Go to the NACo Web site www.naco.org and click on Awards.

The Acts of Caring is part of Counties Serve America, a NACo long-term project carried out in partnership with Nationwide Retirement Solutions. The project’s goal is to raise public understanding and awareness about county government.

For more information, contact Tom Goodman, NACo’s public affairs director, at 202-942-4222 or tgoodman@naco.org.

Courthouse Ramblings

Snohomish County Assessor Retires

The new Everett Transit Station will be the site of a retirement party for **Gail Rauch**. The Open House will be held on Tuesday, December 2 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Weyerhaeuser Room. You'll find the Transit Station at 3201 Smith Avenue in Everett or contact Darlene Joseph at 425-388-3909 for a map and/or directions.

Gail was sworn as the Snohomish County Assessor on January 2, 1992, but worked in the Assessor's Office nineteen years prior to her election. Having been extremely active in the Washington Association of County Assessors, serving as its President in 1999, she also had great interest in International Association of Assessing Officers and has served on various Washington State Department of Revenue Statewide

Committees. Gail, we'll all miss you!

County Auditors Recording Conference Scheduled

The County Auditors' Recording Conference has been scheduled for March 16-18, 2004. According to Recording Committee Chair Bob Terwilliger, Snohomish County Auditor, registrations will be sent out in mid-December.

November County Calendar

11 Veteran's Day - Legal Holiday. RCW 1.16.050

15 City and other taxing district budgets shall be filed with the clerk of the county legislative authority. RCW 84.52.020

27 Thanksgiving Day - Legal Holiday. RCW 1.16.050

28 Day following Thanksgiving - Legal Holiday. RCW 1.16.050

30 The county legislative authority and the governing body of each taxing district within the county authorized to levy taxes directly, shall certify to the county assessor the amount of taxes upon property. If the levy amount is not certified to the county assessor by this date, the assessor shall use no more than the certified levy amount for the previous year for the taxing district. RCW 84.52.070

Calendar of Events

<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Information</i>
2003			
EMC Task Force	WCB, Olympia	November 13	(360) 753-1886
WASPC Fall Conference	Campbell's Resort, Chelan	November 17 - 20	(360) 486-2380
Association of County Human Services (ACHS)	Seattle	November 19 - 21	(360) 786-5585
Thanksgiving Holiday	WACO/WSAC offices Closed	November 27 - 28	
WSALPHO Board Meeting	Wyndham Hotel, SeaTac	December 3	(360) 753-1886
WSALPHO General Meeting	Wyndham Hotel, SeaTac	December 4	(360) 753-1886
EMC Task Force	WCB, Olympia	December 11	(360) 753-1886
Christmas Day	WACO/WSAC offices Closed	December 25	
2004			
Washington State Association of County Auditors' Legislative Meeting	Washington Counties Building	January 20-21	(360) 753-7319
Washington State Association of County Treasurers' Legislative Meeting	Washington Counties Building	January 26-27	(360) 753-7319
Washington State Association of County Assessors' Legislative Meeting	Washington Counties Building	February 3 - 5	(360) 753-7319
WSAC Legislative Rally	Olympia	February 5	(360) 753-1886
NACo Legislative Conference	Hilton Washington & Towers, Washington, DC	February 27 - March 2	www.naco.org
Washington State Association of County Auditors Recording Conference	Sun Mountain	March 16 - 18	(360) 753-7319
WSAC Spring Eastern District Meeting	Campbell's Resort, Chelan	April 8 - 9	(360) 753-1886
WCRP Risk Managers Roundtable	Icicle Inn, Leavenworth	April 14	Kitty at (360) 586-7447
WCRP Spring Board Meeting	Icicle Inn, Leavenworth	April 15	Kitty at (360) 586-7447
County Auditors' Association Annual Conference	Best Western Lakeway Inn, Bellingham	April 14-18	(360) 753-7319
National County Government Week	All States	April 18-25	Tom Goodman, NACo (202) 942-4222
WSAC Spring Western District Meeting	Heathman Lodge, Vancouver	April 22 - 23	(360) 753-1886
WASPC Spring Conference	Yakima Convention Center, Yakima	May 24 - 27	(360) 486-2380

Calendar of Events (continued)

National Sheriffs' Association	Seattle	June 26 - 30	www.sheriffs.org
County Clerk's Association 2004 Annual Conference	Bonnevile Hot Springs Resort, Stevenson County	June 22 - 25	(360) 753-7319
County Treasurer's Association 2004 Summer Conference	Heathman Lodge, Vancouver	June 22 - 25	(360) 753-7319
WSAC 98 th Annual Summer Convention	Pierce County, Sheraton, Tacoma	June 22 - 25	(360) 753-1886
WAPA Summer Conference	Chelan	June 23 - 25	(360) 753-2175
NACo Annual Conference	Maricopa County, Phoenix, AZ	July 16 - 20	www.naco.org
WCRP Annual Board Meeting	Shilo Inn, Ocean Shores	July 22	Kitty @ WCRP (360) 586-7447
County & Regional Planning Directors/City Planning Directors Joint Conference	Campbell's Resort, Chelan	September 14 - 17	www.geocities.com /wsacrpdc
WACO/WSAC Joint Fall Conference	Spokane	October 4 - 8	(360) 753-7319
WASPC Fall Conference	Shilo Inn, Ocean Shores	November 15 - 18	(360) 486-2380
2005			
NACo Legislative Conference	Marriot Wardman Park Hotel, Washington, DC	March 3 - 4	www.naco.org
WASPC Spring Conference	WestCoast Wenatchee Center Hotel, Wenatchee	May 23 - 26	(360) 486-2380
WSAC 99 th Annual Summer Convention	WestCoast Hotel at Columbia Center, Kennewick	June 13 - 16	(360) 753-1886
WAPA Summer Conference	Chelan	June 22 - 24	(360) 753-2175
NACo Annual Conference (City & County of Hawaii)	Honolulu, HI	July 15 - 19	www.naco.org
County & Regional Planning Directors/City Planning Directors Joint Conference	Campbell's Resort, Chelan	September 13 - 16	www.geocities.com /wsacrpdc
WACO/WSAC Joint Fall Conference	Ocean Shores	October 3 - 7	(360) 753-7319
2006			
WSAC 100 th Annual Summer Convention	Whatcom County, Bellingham	June / TBD	(360) 753-1886
NACo Annual Conference	Denver, CO	July 21 - 26	www.naco.org
2007			
NACo Annual Conference (Sponsored by the counties in the Metropolitan Richmond Area)	Richmond, VA	TBD	www.naco.org

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DHS ANNOUNCES \$2.2 BILLION FOR STATE AND LOCAL FIRST RESPONDERS

States Apply Through One Form in Streamlined Online Process

Today, Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge announced the allocation of over \$2.2 billion dollars in grant funding from the Office for Domestic Preparedness demonstrating the Administration's commitment to enhance the abilities of our first responders to prevent, respond and recover from potential acts of terrorism. For the first time, states can apply online for their allocated grants using one form that will serve as a "one-stop-shop" application for three different programs that benefit first responders and will provide additional resources to state and local government counterterrorism efforts.

"No longer will our state and local partners have to go to different places within the department to apply for terrorism-related funding. It ensures that nationwide, Homeland Security officials have one place where they can tap into the resources as well as the information they need," said Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge. "State and local communication and coordination, after all, reflects the very nature of homeland security, the federal government working with the home towns of America to keep our country safe and free."

Since March 1, DHS will have allocated or awarded over \$6 billion dollars in grant funding for first responders from the FY '03 Budget, the FY '03 Supplemental and the FY '04 Budget to help first responders across the country enhance their capabilities and provide additional resources for state and local governments to protect their citizens and critical infrastructure.

The \$2.2 billion dollars allocated to DHS from the FY '04 Budget will be distributed as part of three programs that provide significant resources to the state and local governments in different areas. These three programs are the State Homeland Security Program, the Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program and Citizen Corps. Under the new system, the State Administrative Agencies apply with one application form online as part of the Homeland Security Grant Program, streamlining the process with which DHS distributes the funds through the state governments. In addition to the single application, DHS is launching an interagency grants and training website on the DHS website at www.dhs.gov/grants. The website provides information on homeland security and public safety grant opportunities offered by the Department of Homeland Security and other federal Departments and Agencies including HHS, DOJ and the EPA and a link to the [Compendium of Federal Terrorism Training for State and Local Audiences](#), an interagency site for training opportunities available to state and local emergency personnel.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY ANNOUNCES \$1.7 BILLION FOR STATES AND LOCALITIES

Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge announced today that nearly \$1.7 billion is being made available to the states, localities and U.S. territories through the Office for Domestic Preparedness as part of the State Homeland Security Program. These funds represent the Administration's continued commitment to first responders and will help state and local public safety and law enforcement personnel pay for planning, training, equipment and exercises and other costs associated with enhancing the capabilities on a state and local level to prevent, respond to and recover from terrorist attacks.

"This funding for the men and women on the front lines of the war on terrorism is essential. We do not underestimate the role that state and local governments play in protecting American citizens against the threat of terrorism. The Department of Homeland Security is pleased to be able to work with the states and localities to enhance the capabilities of our nation's first responders," said Secretary of Homeland Security, Tom Ridge.

These funds are being made available in addition to \$2 billion that was awarded through the State Homeland Security Grant program from the FY '03 budget and the FY '03 Supplemental Budget. In addition to states and localities receiving more funding for its first responders for planning, training and exercises, there is also an expanded approved equipment list to choose from when purchasing new equipment.

Application forms for the grant awards have been posted on the web and states will have 30 days to complete and submit their applications to ODP. States are required to distribute 80 percent of their awarded funds to the localities.

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**LAW ENFORCEMENT TERRORISM PREVENTION PROGRAM:
Helping our Nation's First Preventers**

The Department of Homeland Security is pleased to announce \$500 million dollars in the form of grants designed to meet the needs of law enforcement as part of a new initiative called the Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP). This grant program seeks to provide law enforcement communities with enhanced capabilities for detecting, deterring, disrupting and preventing acts of terrorism with a specific focus on the prevention of a weapon of mass destruction (WMD) incident.

“This new program is the result of a concerted effort to enhance resources available for prevention efforts,” said Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge. “The law enforcement community is an essential line of defense for terrorism intervention and prevention at the source. DHS is pleased to be able to provide additional resources for our state and local first preventers as part of this new program.”

The Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program will provide law enforcement communities with funds to enhance their capabilities to share information to preempt terrorist attacks, reduce vulnerability of certain high value targets, recognize the potential development of a threat, provide intervention activities before a threat could be executed, enhance interoperability communications and assist in management and administration. The funds can be used for these activities within the areas of planning, organization, training, exercises and equipment from an authorized equipment list that includes an expanded category for law enforcement equipment related to threat intervention, such as SWAT gear. This program also allows for overtime costs specifically related to Homeland Security efforts.

Grant funds will be made available to the states through their State Administrative Agencies, and the states are required to provide no less than 80 percent of LETPP funds to local law enforcement agencies for terrorism prevention activities. States must utilize their State Homeland Security Strategies as the basis for the allocation of their funds to meet the prioritized needs established for their state.

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DHS TO AWARD \$35 MILLION FOR CITIZEN CORPS GRANT PROGRAM

The Department of Homeland Security, through the Office for Domestic Preparedness is pleased to announce \$35 million in direct grants to states for the Citizen Corps Program. The Citizen Corps funds will be used to support Citizen Corps Councils with planning, outreach, and management of Citizen Corps programs and activities. This program will provide the necessary resources for states and local communities to develop and sustain a local Citizen Corps Council.

“It is essential to communities across the country to involve all citizens at the state and local level in our national preparedness and prevention efforts. The local communities are the fundamental building blocks to our nation’s front lines in this war against terror,” said Secretary Ridge.

The FY ‘04 Citizen Corps funds were distributed based on a formula that provided a base amount for all states and territories and the remainder of funds based on population. The funds provide resources necessary for states and local communities to bring together the appropriate leadership to form and sustain a Citizen Corps Council and develop and implement a plan for the community to engage all citizens in homeland security, community preparedness, and family safety. In addition, the funds should be used to conduct public education to inform citizens about their role in crime prevention, mitigation, emergency preparedness for all hazards, public health measures, including bio-terrorism, and develop and implement Citizen Corps programs offering training and volunteer opportunities to support first responders, disaster relief groups, and community safety efforts.

States are required to provide no less than 80 percent of Citizen Corps funds to local units of government within 60 days of receipt of funds from the Office for Domestic Preparedness. These funds may be provided as products, services, or direct funding to directly benefit local communities who have an approved Citizen Corps Council or who will establish a Citizen Corps Council as a condition of receiving the assistance.

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COUNTERTERRORISM GRANTS - State Allocations

<u>State/Territory</u>	<u>State Grant Allocation</u>	<u>LETPP Program</u>	<u>Citizen Corps</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Alabama	28,138,000	8,350,000	584,000	37,072,000
Alaska	14,862,000	4,410,000	309,000	19,581,000
Arizona	31,490,000	9,344,000	654,000	41,488,000
Arkansas	22,001,000	6,529,000	457,000	28,987,000
California	133,964,000	39,752,000	2,783,000	176,499,000
Colorado	28,208,000	8,370,000	586,000	37,164,000
Connecticut	24,594,000	7,298,000	511,000	32,403,000
Delaware	15,427,000	4,578,000	320,000	20,325,000
District of Columbia	14,610,000	4,335,000	303,000	19,248,000
Florida	70,382,000	20,885,000	1,462,000	92,729,000
Georgia	42,214,000	12,526,000	877,000	55,617,000
Hawaii	16,939,000	5,026,000	352,000	22,317,000
Idaho	17,271,000	5,125,000	359,000	22,755,000
Illinois	56,173,000	16,669,000	1,167,000	74,009,000
Indiana	33,917,000	10,065,000	704,000	44,686,000
Iowa	22,784,000	6,761,000	473,000	30,018,000
Kansas	22,021,000	6,534,000	457,000	29,012,000
Kentucky	26,779,000	7,946,000	556,000	35,281,000
Louisiana	28,125,000	8,346,000	584,000	37,055,000
Maine	17,110,000	5,077,000	355,000	22,542,000
Maryland	31,495,000	9,346,000	654,000	41,495,000
Massachusetts	34,846,000	10,340,000	724,000	45,910,000
Michigan	47,362,000	14,054,000	984,000	62,400,000
Minnesota	29,981,000	8,896,000	623,000	39,500,000
Mississippi	22,560,000	6,694,000	469,000	29,723,000
Missouri	32,236,000	9,556,000	670,000	42,472,000
Montana	15,780,000	4,682,000	328,000	20,790,000
Nebraska	18,612,000	5,523,000	387,000	24,522,000
Nevada	20,147,000	5,978,000	418,000	26,543,000
New Hampshire	17,043,000	5,057,000	354,000	22,454,000
New Jersey	42,317,000	12,557,000	879,000	55,753,000
New Mexico	19,047,000	5,652,000	396,000	25,095,000
New York	78,827,000	23,391,000	1,637,000	103,855,000
North Carolina	41,384,000	12,280,000	860,000	54,524,000
North Dakota	14,828,000	4,400,000	308,000	19,536,000
Ohio	52,098,000	15,459,000	1,082,000	68,639,000
Oklahoma	24,708,000	7,332,000	513,000	32,553,000
Oregon	24,804,000	7,360,000	515,000	32,679,000
Pennsylvania	55,255,000	16,396,000	1,148,000	72,799,000
Rhode Island	16,333,000	4,847,000	339,000	21,519,000
South Carolina	26,828,000	7,961,000	557,000	35,346,000
South Dakota	15,267,000	4,530,000	317,000	20,114,000
Tennessee	32,667,000	9,694,000	679,000	43,040,000
Texas	87,888,000	26,079,000	1,826,000	115,793,000
Utah	20,640,000	6,125,000	429,000	27,194,000
Vermont	14,768,000	4,382,000	307,000	19,457,000
Virginia	37,837,000	11,228,000	786,000	49,851,000
Washington	33,606,000	9,972,000	698,000	44,276,000
West Virginia	18,863,000	5,597,000	392,000	24,852,000
Wisconsin	31,437,000	9,329,000	653,000	41,419,000
Wyoming	14,360,000	4,261,000	298,000	18,919,000
Puerto Rico	25,970,000	7,706,000	539,000	34,215,000
Virgin Islands	4,588,000	1,361,000	95,000	6,044,000
American Samoa	4,410,000	1,309,000	92,000	5,811,000
Guam	4,747,000	1,409,000	99,000	6,255,000
Northern Mariana Islands	4,452,000	1,321,000	92,000	5,865,000
TOTALS	1,685,000,000	500,000,000	35,000,000	2,220,000,000

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