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*Washington Association of County Officials  
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## **Washington Counties Scholarships Available!**

County elected officials and employees who have students in their families take note!

The Washington Counties' Scholarship Fund is offering five \$3,000 awards to children of county employees who will be enrolled full-time during the 2010-2011 school year in a baccalaureate program, associate degree program or vocational/technical certification program.

Complete information and applications are available on the web at <http://wacounties.org>.

**Applications must be postmarked no later than Friday, April 2, 2010!**

*We encourage all students to apply!*

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# Courts, Public Safety, Law & Justice

## Law and Justice

**SB 6846**, Enhanced E-911 Communication Services, is on the move according to the prime sponsor Senator Dale Brandland. The Senator is a former sheriff and stressed the vital importance of communication when he addressed sheriffs and prosecutors at the Annual Law and Justice Day on the Capital Campus today. **SB 6846** is in the Senate Rules Committee, would tack a \$ .25 tax on monthly cell phone bills and provide 80% of the tax to counties. At the same meeting, Representative Mark Ericks reported little support from the other side of the aisle for his E-911 bill, **HB 2351**.

## County Clerks' Watch Lists

County Clerks are watching the progress of the following bills: **SB 6561**, juvenile court records, has been amended to address all the clerks' concerns. That included the inability to "automatically" seal juvenile records when certain conditions and some conflicts in the bill regarding inspection of the records and database sales. **SB 6561** recently passed the House 59-38 and will be returned to the Senate for concurrence with changes made in the House.

**SB 6871**, court fees, will change surcharges imposed on court filings last session. There is a complete report of the bill in last week's Journal. **SB 6871** currently resides in the Senate Rules Committee.

**SB 5912** would fund Supreme Court campaigns with a surcharge on more activities in the county clerks' offices around the state. The bill is on Third Reading in the Senate and holds its place on the calendar after questions were raised about the surcharge being a tax. Now that I-960 has been suspended, **SB 5912** can still be considered. The prime sponsor Senator Eric Oemig graciously amended the bill to exclude the surcharge on certain fees at the clerks' request.

## 12 Hour Impound of DUI vehicles

**HB 2565** needs one more "pull" to make it from the Senate Rules Committee to the floor for a vote. The bill will allow law enforcement to impound the vehicle of anyone arrested for driving under the influence for 12 hours. The bill is intended to ensure drivers stay off the road until they are no longer intoxicated.

## Gang Bills

Two House bills dealing with gangs continue to survive the waning days of the Legislature. They are **HB 2414**, abatement of a nuisances involving criminal gang street activity, and **HB 2834**, concerning gangs and hate group activity at school and school activities. **HB 2414** is on Senate Second Reading and **HB 2834** is in Senate Rules.

## Legislative Committee Schedules and Agendas:

<http://www.leg.wa.gov/wsladm/calendar.cfm>

Bill Information: [www.leg.wa.gov](http://www.leg.wa.gov)

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## ***Environment, Land Use & Resources***

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### **Governor Gregoire asks Legislature to Re-establish Drought Relief Reserves**

With snowpack levels in much of the Cascade Mountain Range at 25 percent or more below average, Gov. Chris Gregoire has asked the state Legislature to re-establish the state's drought relief reserves.

"For more than 30 years, we've kept money in reserve for drought situations," Gregoire said. "Those reserves have helped us deepen wells, lease water from senior water right holders and take other emergency actions to mitigate the impact of a limited water supply. However, due to the economic crisis, we currently don't have financial resources set aside to help counties, cities, utilities and farmers deal with a significant drought."

A drought in 2005 required the state to deplete its drought reserve account to help the people, farms and communities affected. A total of \$8 million was spent in 2005 on drought relief projects. Gregoire is asking the Legislature to direct \$4.1 million into the reserve account to address potential water shortages this year.

"The low snowpack means a lot of our winter precipitation in higher elevations fell as rain and won't be available as snowmelt when farms, fish and communities need it this summer," said Ted Sturdevant, director of the Department of Ecology. "We're hoping we won't need this money, but we will be ready if we do. Our goal is to protect farms, drinking water supplies, fisheries, and streams."

Washington's farmers grow more than \$8 billion in crops and livestock. Profitable agricultural production in the Yakima Valley and the Columbia Basin is highly dependent on irrigation throughout the growing season.

"Water from snow melt is the lifeblood of Washington agriculture," said Dan Newhouse, director of the Washington State Department of Agriculture. "If our farmers don't have adequate irrigation for their fruit trees, potatoes, grape vines and other high-value crops, they will be facing an economic disaster. We must prepare today to mitigate the impacts of a drought to protect our economy in rural communities and across the state."

Ecology has convened the Water Supply Availability Committee, which will meet again March 5. The committee represents several state and federal agencies that monitor water supply, weather, and climate conditions.

The group will closely monitor conditions and advise the governor and her executive inter-agency Water Emergency Committee if a declaration of a drought emergency is needed in any part of the state. A drought declaration would be requested in any region in which the following criteria were met:

- The area's water supply is 75 percent of normal or less or is projected to drop to 75 percent or less.
- Water users within those areas will likely incur undue hardships as a result of the shortage.

If those conditions are met, Ecology's declaration of a drought emergency frees up the state funds, and typically some federal funds, for drought relief.

Water availability varies from area to area, depending on local conditions. Gregoire encourages Washingtonians to consult their local water providers about the local situation and whether specific conservation measures are recommended.

To see a map of latest snow pack levels, visit: [http://www.wcc.nrcs.usda.gov/gis/images/wa\\_swepctnormal\\_update.png](http://www.wcc.nrcs.usda.gov/gis/images/wa_swepctnormal_update.png)

To learn more about water conservation, visit the Department of Ecology's website: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/water.html>

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# General Government Issues

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## Potential New Restrictions on Public Service Announcements

WACO wants to bring to your attention a provision that was recently inserted into a bill regarding public service announcements.

**HB 2016** (concerning campaign contribution and disclosure laws) was amended in the Senate to include the following language:

**NEW SECTION. Sec. 703.**

*No state-elected official or municipal officer may speak or appear in a public service announcement that is broadcast, shown, or distributed in any form whatsoever during the period beginning January 1st and continuing through the general election if that official or officer is a candidate. If the official or officer does not control the broadcast, showing, or distribution of a public service announcement in which he or she speaks or appears, then the official or officer shall contractually limit the use of the public service announcement to be consistent with this section prior to participating in the public service announcement. This section does not apply to public service announcements that are part of the regular duties of the office that only mention or visually display the office or office seal or logo and do not mention or visually display the name of the official or officer in the announcement.*

The WACO Legislative Committee discussed this provision during its conference call this week and decided to take no position on the bill, but wanted to make sure that the WACO membership was aware of the issue.

Please feel free to contact any of your friendly WACO staff if you have any questions.

## Take Part in Survey to Help Identify Broadband Funding Needs

The Washington State Department of Information Services has notified us that the Anchor Institution Survey is up and ready for use! City and County officials or their IT staff, if they have them, are encouraged to go to the link below to let DIS know what's happening in your area. The survey will take about five minutes.

Information from this survey will be used to identify areas where Internet speeds are far too slow to allow for such things as filing state reports or sharing graphic-heavy documents. DIS will then work to support those communities who want to improve their broadband access by collecting the data necessary to pursue broadband infrastructure funding and then providing information on potential funding sources. **As you are aware, there is additional funding available beyond ARRA to develop new systems and applications and we want to help communities be ready to apply for those funds.**

For those people who have questions about the survey the agency has scheduled additional WebEx sessions to answer questions and help guide people through the process. Please see the schedule below.

At this point the site is in "beta" mode so DIS wants to thank people in advance for being technology pioneers! All of the data counties enter will be saved and will be used to pre-populate the interactive map which DIS will be releasing shortly.

Click the link below to take the survey. The username for cities and counties is: WABBGovt and the password is: @v2Y%tNF. Survey site: <http://www.wabroadbandmapping.org/CommunitySurvey.aspx>.

Thank you so much for helping us gather the data necessary for Washington's cities and counties to apply for much needed broadband infrastructure funding!

### Follow-up WebEx sessions

Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.

Meeting Number: 573 033 446

Meeting Password: Meeting1

To Join this Meeting:

1. Go to <https://wadismonthly.webex.com/wadismonthly/j.php?j=573033446>
2. Enter the meeting password: Meeting1
3. Click "Join Now".
4. Once you've approved the terms of use a small pop-up window will appear asking for your phone number. Enter the number at which you'd like to receive a call to join the conversation. Yes, it really calls you back!

Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.

Meeting Number: 578 623 572

Meeting Password: Meeting1

To Join this Meeting:

1. Go to <https://wadismonthly.webex.com/wadismonthly/j.php?j=578623572>
2. Enter the meeting password: Meeting1
3. Click "Join Now".
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## **Association News**

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### **Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials Announces Job Opening**

**WSALPHO Managing Director** /Olympia, Washington

**Salary:** \$75,000+/year dependent on qualifications. The Washington State Association of Counties offers competitive salaries and an excellent employee benefits package.

**Contact:** Submit cover letter, resume, and three work references to: [kshannon@wacounties.org](mailto:kshannon@wacounties.org) by Friday, March 26, 2010

#### **Organization Overview**

The Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) is a private not-for-profit corporation that provides legislative advocacy and professional services to member counties in Washington State.

The Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials is a non-profit organization that brings together the leadership of local health departments. The Association creates a constructive and collegial environment needed to advance the broad interests of public health. The Mission of public health is to improve health status through the promotion of health and the prevention of and the protection from injury and disease.

#### **Candidate Profile**

The Managing Director occupies a highly visible position within the state of Washington requiring outstanding communications, leadership skills, and the ability to build cooperative working relationships with key partners including WSAC, Department of Health, Department of Ecology, Washington State Public Health Association, State Board of Health, and Department of Social and Health Services. The successful candidate should show the following qualities and characteristics:

- Knowledge and expertise in public health
- Financial planning & management
- Leadership skills

- Communication skills
- Operational planning & management

### **Key Responsibilities**

. Provides overall leadership for the successful operation of WSALPHO

. Communicates effectively with the WSALPHO Chair, WSAC Deputy Director, key partners, partner agencies, and other local public health organizations both statewide and nationally.

. Advises WSAC on public health issues.

. Participates in various legislative activities (bill analysis, lobbying, ensure state agencies understand local public health needs).

### **Desired Qualifications**

. A Master's degree involving major study in public health, public administration or a related field appropriate for the position.

. Five years of progressively responsible experience, including management and supervisory responsibility for varied technical and administrative staff.

### **Additional Information**

Full job bulletin and position description may be viewed at [www.WSALPHO.org](http://www.WSALPHO.org).

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## ***Training & Upcoming Events***

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**Washington Counties** – [wacounties.org/Calendar of Events](http://wacounties.org/Calendar%20of%20Events)

**County Training Institute** – [www.countytraininginstitute.org](http://www.countytraininginstitute.org)

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Registration form is attached to this journal.

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## Courthouse Ramblings

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### Former County Auditor Donahue Dies

by John Craig, *The Spokesman-Review*

Colleagues remember him as great public servant

Retired Spokane County auditor Bill Donahue, who died Monday night, was recalled by colleagues as a gentleman.

“That sounds kind of old-fashioned today,” said Spokane County Clerk Tom Fallquist, a longtime friend.

But he and Treasurer Skip Chilberg applied the description without reservation.

“I never heard a bitter word from Bill,” said Chilberg, a former county commissioner who worked with Donahue for a dozen years. “I never heard him say an unkind word about anyone. He was always a gentleman and a great public servant.”

“If you had a personal problem, he would always listen,” said Auditor Vicky Dalton, who worked for Donahue for 10 years before succeeding him in office in January 1999. “He faced every one of his issues with such grace.”

Donahue, 69, spent most of his life in a wheelchair and died of a virulent infection in a wound related to his paraplegia, friends said.

He lost the use of his legs in a 1964 car crash, the same year he earned a [liberal arts](#) degree from Eastern [Oregon College](#) – now Eastern Oregon University – in La Grande.

Donahue swam for exercise and had a passion for wheelchair basketball.

He also had a passion for Spokane County’s landmark courthouse and excelled at putting its history into context, Dalton said.

Donahue joined the auditor’s office as a clerical supervisor in 1968. He had just earned a second bachelor’s degree, in administration and accounting, from Eastern Washington State College, now Eastern Washington University.

Washington Secretary of State Sam Reed described Donahue as an election reformer who “played a major role in gaining vote-by-mail, voter [registration](#) by mail, a revised recall process for public officials and much more.”

The Republican Reed said Democrat Donahue was respected by legislators on both sides of the aisle, and “a few phone calls from Bill Donahue would turn around votes in no time.” Donahue was appointed auditor in July 1982 when Vernon Ohland stepped down – a couple of months after Fallquist was named county clerk.

“I always kidded him that I had seniority over him,” Fallquist said. He, Dalton and Chilberg agreed Donahue liked humor.

Donahue took his work seriously but not himself, Fallquist said.

“Without question, in my mind he was the kindest, most caring individual I have known,” Fallquist said.



"For me, he redefined the term honorable as it relates to public servants.

"When you put all of that together, he was one of a kind, and I miss him a great deal already."

Funeral information is pending.

## **Former Cowlitz County Sheriff Les Nelson Dies at 88**

*by Don Jenkins / The Daily News | Posted: Saturday, February 27, 2010 11:31 pm*

Les Nelson, a three-term Cowlitz County sheriff who was credited with saving lives by bluntly warning in 1980 that Mount St. Helens was about to blow apart, died Saturday at the age of 88.

Nelson died at the [Hospice Care](#) Center in Longview at approximately 10:15 a.m. He was surrounded in his last moments by about 20 family members, including his wife of 59 years, Wanda, and son Mark Nelson, the current Cowlitz County sheriff. "We were singing and praying and having family time," Mark Nelson said.

Nelson was elected sheriff in 1974. After 12 years on the job, he retired at the end of this third term and joked that if he ever ran for sheriff again, it would be somewhere without a volcano.

"I couldn't image a tougher time to be sheriff," said retired Daily News reporter Bud May, whose beat included the sheriff's office.

The mountain began rumbling in the spring of 1980, and Nelson urged reluctant and sometimes skeptical residents to take it seriously.

The blast came May 18 and killed 57 people, but Nelson prevented the death toll from being higher, former Cowlitz County Commissioner Van Youngquist said.

"In my opinion, we couldn't have had a better sheriff at that time than Les Nelson," Youngquist said. "He had a way of talking to the public and calming them, and they had faith in him."

Mark Nelson, who was a reserve deputy at the time, said his father cut through the uncertainty about the dangers the mountain posed. "He said it doesn't take a scientist to know that if a side of a mountain is growing nine feet a day, something really bad is going to happen."

Les Nelson was born Dec. 28, 1921, in Colorado and rode high mountain valleys as a ranch foreman. He moved west to shoe horses in logging camps. According to son Mark, Les Nelson began his law enforcement [career](#) by chance in 1950. A deputy who was quitting and asked Nelson to take his job because he would fit into the departing deputy's uniform.

Nelson worked off-and-on for the sheriff's office for a decade before becoming a full-time deputy in 1960.

In the early 1960s, Nelson was the only deputy in the jail when a female inmate started a fire. Nelson crawled through the smoke-filled jail to unlock cells and get 13 inmates out safely.

Nelson's interest in inmates' [welfare](#) extended to bringing them to his home for dinner. "I think he just wanted them exposed to family," Mark Nelson said.

Les Nelson had "his heart broken many times" by offenders who weren't able to straighten out their lives, but he never stopped trying to see the good in everyone, Mark Nelson said. "He treated everybody respectfully."

Nelson mixed his job and family life in other ways. Mark Nelson recalled taking a family trip to see relatives in Walla Walla with a handcuffed man sitting in the backseat between himself and his brother Wayne. Les Nelson dropped the man off at the state prison there and only years later did Mark learn that the man had killed his wife.

May, who was on the police beat when Nelson began his law enforcement career, recalled that Nelson's popularity helped when an inmate who had been a professional boxer kicked at him from behind bars and knocked the cell's keys out of Nelson's hand.

The keys landed in the cell, and two "Kelso toughs" who were also in the cell got the keys back for him.

"Those guys didn't have any use for law enforcement, but because it was Les, they'd do anything for him," May said. "I don't think there will ever be another Les Nelson. He was one of a kind - a gentleman who had his heart and soul in the job."

Retired Cowlitz County sheriff Bill Mahoney was looking for a job in Western Washington in 1977. After talking to Nelson for about 10 minutes, he decided to come to Cowlitz County.

"This was one of two places I was interested in working at. When I found out about Les Nelson, that pretty much sealed it. This is where I wanted to come," Mahoney said.

Mahoney said he learned a lot from Nelson - not so much technical stuff, like how to dust for fingerprints, but a lot about how to treat people.

"I learned a lot from that man. A lot of things I did later in my career, I learned from Les Nelson."

In a 1983 Daily News' profile, Nelson answered critics who said he was too much of a kindly father figure and not enough of a hard-nosed administrator. "You can't orchestrate with a ball bat. You orchestrate with a thin baton. It doesn't inflict pain, but it gives direction," he said.

Nelson rose in the sheriff's office during the 1960s and became undersheriff. In 1970, he ran as a Republican for sheriff. He lost and went to work for Weyerhaeuser as security manager. He ran again in 1974 for sheriff, this time as a Democrat, and won.

In 2009, some 23 years after Les Nelson retired, Mark Nelson was sworn-in as sheriff. Les Nelson, who had suffered a stroke and had some dementia, was unable to attend his son's swearing-in. But family and friends later gathered at the Longview nursing home where Les lived. There, Wayne Nelson, who retired last year as Kelso police chief after 35 years with the department, pinned their father's old badge on Mark.

Mark Nelson said his father was aware his son had become sheriff and cracked why he would want to do that. "That was an incredibly precious time," Mark Nelson said.

Besides wife Wanda and sons Mark and Wayne, survivors include daughters Dyann Crayne of Kelso and Rosemary Purcell of Longview, and son Jay Nelson of Kalama. Funeral arrangements are pending. The family requests memorials be made to the Cowlitz County Sheriff's Chaplaincy.

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# Attachments

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## Welcome to the U.S. Communities Purchasing & Finance Agency

### (U.S. Communities) website <http://www.uscommunities.org/>

The Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO), the National Association of Counties (NACo), the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP), the National League of Cities (NLC), and the United States Conference of Mayors (USCM), jointly sponsor the

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**Ray Burnett,**  
**Commissioner of Purchases and Supplies**  
**Kansas City, MO.**



# Washington Association of Coroners and Medical Examiners

## WACME Class Registration

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Registry certification for medicolegal death investigators can be obtained through The American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators, Inc. (<http://www.slu.edu/organizations/abmdi/>). This is the basic level of certification. Investigators who have demonstrated the skills to successfully complete registry certification and meet the board's requirements may apply for a higher level of certification in the future when this becomes available. The purpose of certification is to demonstrate that the investigator has the necessary knowledge and skills to perform medicolegal death investigations.

Priority will be given to Coroner, Medical Examiner, and Prosecutor/Coroner personnel. **SPACE IS LIMITED TO 40 STUDENTS (ONE SLOT PER COUNTY)**. All others wishing to register will be allowed as space provides and will be considered after March 26. *Attendees must attend the entire session to receive training credit.*

**Cost:** Training Course is being provided by WACME and no fee is required. Some meals included.

**Registration:** Contact Kathie with WACO, send to 206 Tenth Avenue SE, Olympia, WA 98501.  
Email: [khouts@wacounties.org](mailto:khouts@wacounties.org), Phone: 360-753-7319, Fax: 360-664-2812.  
Deadline for registrations is March 26, 2010.

**Training Date:** April 12-16, 2010

**Training Location:** Cowlitz Regional Conference Center, NE Loowit Room, 1900 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Longview, WA.

**Lodging Location:** Comfort Inn/Kelso, 440 Three Rivers Drive, Kelso, WA 98626. A block of non-smoking rooms is being held at the hotel at a special rate of \$76.99 plus tax. Rooms include a free full breakfast. The Registrants are required to make their own reservations. Reservations Phone: 1-360-425-4600

**Questions:** Contact WACO at 206 Tenth Avenue SE, Olympia, WA 98501.  
Email: [khouts@wacounties.org](mailto:khouts@wacounties.org), Phone: 360-753-7319, Fax: 360-664-2812

# Medicolegal Death Investigator Training

April 12-16, 2010

## PREREGISTRATION:

Preregistration is required. **Registration deadline is March 26, 2010.**

Please complete this application and send to:

WACO, Attn: Kathie Houts, 206 10<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Olympia WA 98501

[khouts@wacounties.org](mailto:khouts@wacounties.org)

Phone: (360) 753-7319

Fax: (360) 664-2812

## GENERAL COURSE APPLICATION

Applicants Name (Last)		(First)	(Middle)
Title/Rank:	Last four of Social Sec #:		Agency:
Agency Mailing Address: (Street or PO Box)		(City)	(State) (Zip)
Agency Phone:	Agency Fax:	Email Address:	

## Additional Applicants

Applicants Name:	Title	e-mail

**NOTE FOR PROSECUTORS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT: PLEASE INDICATE ON THIS FORM IF YOU ARE A DEPUTY CORONER. Reimbursement will be paid to Coroners, Medical Examiners, Prosecutor/Coroners and staff for lodging, per diem and mileage. Mileage reimbursement will only be paid to registrants who live 50 miles or more from the training.**