

## **COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES NEEDED!**

The Grandview Police Department would like to invite anyone interested in being a Community Representative to apply.

A Community Representative is a volunteer position that helps to bring transparency to local officer involved use of deadly force investigations.

### **WHO CREATED THE COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE POSITIONS?**

In November 2018, Washingtonians passed Initiative 940 with nearly 60 percent of the vote. I-940 requires "completely independent" investigations of all instances when law enforcement uses deadly force resulting in death or substantial bodily harm. The initiative directed the Criminal Justice Training Commission (CJTC) to pass rules defining "completely independent" investigations.

The CJTC passed those rules in December 2019. The rules went into effect on January 6 and carry the force of law.

### **WHAT DO COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES DO?**

I-940 requires that investigative teams appoint "at least two non-law enforcement community representatives who have credibility with and ties to communities impacted by police use of deadly force." The non-law enforcement community representatives play a pivotal role in the investigation. The non-law enforcement representatives must be allowed to vet members of the investigative team to make sure they are independent of the involved agency. Among other things, the investigative team must provide the community representatives the opportunity to review all public statements in advance.

### **HOW DO I BECOME A COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE?**

Make your interest known to the Grandview Police Department (Call 882-2000). We will get you a basic application form.

### **MORE INFORMATION**

Here is a link to the WAC (139-11) that spells out what happens at the state level based on Initiative 940:

<https://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=139-11>

Here is a link to the WAC (139-12) that describes the requirements for an independent investigation and Community Representatives:

<https://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=139-12&full=true>