



# Fife Police Department

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**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION TEAM – COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE**  
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Following the passage of Initiative 940, the Washington State legislature passed SHB 1064 requiring that all police use of deadly force that results in death, substantial bodily harm, or great bodily harm requires an investigation completely independent of the involved agency. The new law in Washington State is called the Law Enforcement Training and Community Safety Act. One of the requirements for independent investigations is that at least two non-law enforcement community representatives assist with aspects of the investigation process.

Pierce County law enforcement leaders, including Fife, have entered into a written agreement to create a multi-agency Independent Investigative Team (ITT) to investigate all police use of deadly force incidents regionally in Pierce County. Each regional team is required to create a roster of citizens willing to serve as non-law enforcement community representatives.

The Fife Police Department is seeking two members of the Fife community who are willing to serve as non-law enforcement community representatives if/when an independent investigation becomes necessary. If selected, the duties of the non-law enforcement community representatives shall include: A) vetting, interviewing, and selection of ITT investigators; B) reviewing conflict of interest statements from investigators; C) attending briefings with the involved agency's chief or sheriff; D) having access to the investigation file when it is completed; E) receiving a copy of all press releases and communication to the media prior to release; and F) reviewing notification of equipment use of an involved agency.

Community representatives will be provided training on use of force and best practices involving use of force. This is a non-compensated volunteer position of significant importance. Credibility with and ties to communities impacted by police use of deadly force is desirable.

If you are interested, please submit a letter of interest describing your background, community involvement and interest in serving as a citizen representative to the Fife Police Department, ATTN: Chief Peter Fisher 3737 Pacific Hwy E. STE 110 Fife, WA 98424 no later than close of business on Friday, July 10, 2020.

If you would like additional information or have any questions about this opportunity, please contact Chief Peter Fisher via email at [pfisher@cityoffife.org](mailto:pfisher@cityoffife.org) or via phone at (253) 896-8266.