

New Use-of-Force Reporting



Chapter 10.118 RCW

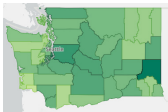
State law now requires all Washington law enforcement agencies to provide standardized data about reportable use-of-force incidents to a centralized database. The goal is to improve transparency, build community trust, and support evidence-based decision-making.



Washington State Data Exchange for Public Safety

WADEPS is the state-appointed custodian of the standardized use-of-force incident data. WADEPS provides a secure data sharing portal and manages the online public dashboard showcasing data from all agencies.

Visit wadeeps.org for details and resources.



The Public Dashboard

The WADEPS dashboard is an incident-based, rate-of-force visualization tool that provides context for use-of-force incidents by integrating additional data sets, such as community census data, agency characteristics, and incident-based CAD data on all calls for service.



Reportable Uses of Force

Established by an advisory group convened by the Attorney General, the WADEPS reportable uses of force include those directly specified in Chapter 10.118 RCW, as well as any type of force that results in substantial bodily harm, great bodily harm, or fatality.

Visit wadeeps.org/the-data to review reportable types of force and the required incident data.



Officer Privacy is a Top Priority

Personally identifiable information such as officer names and badge numbers will be de-identified in the public dashboard using a confidential WADEPS ID number and established research-based privacy protocols.



Your WADEPS account

All commissioned officers will have access to view any use-of-force records associated with their name. WADEPS is partnering with CJTC to mirror officer demographics, which maintains the integrity of your profile information and helps reduce duplicate data entry for use-of-force records.



Next Steps for Commissioned Officers

1. Review your CJTC student account profile

Verify your name, agency, and other personal information is up to date in your CJTC student profile. This data will be mirrored in WADEPS and applied to any reportable uses of force you are associated with. Changes made to your CJTC profile will be passed to WADEPS with two weeks.

In particular, verify the email address you use to log in to CJTC. This is the email address you will use to access the WADEPS Reporting Tool.

2. Complete online training

An overview of the legislative mandate and the required data elements is available in your Acadis LMS account. The course is eligible for 1.75 hours of in-service credit. Follow your agency's protocol for training.

If your agency procedures include officers creating individual use-of-force records in the WADEPS Reporting Tool, a second training course on WADEPS data entry is also available in Acadis.*

3. Activate your WADEPS account

It's a quick five-minute process using the email address associated with your CJTC student account. Multifactor authentication (MFA) is required. **Step-by-step instructions are available at wadeeps.org/activation.**

4. Review your WADEPS profile

The information in the WADEPS Reporting Tool is mirrored from your CJTC profile. Verify your information is correct. Updates or changes must be made with CJTC and will be pushed to WADEPS within two weeks.

5. View your confidential WADEPS ID

This unique, alpha-numeric code will replace your name in use-of-force incident data displayed on the public dashboard. **The code is only visible in your private WADEPS profile page** and is computationally secured by 256-bit encryption.

6. Report use of force as required by your agency

General information about the data required for WADEPS is provided in the training. Follow your agency protocols to meet RCW requirements.

* Contact your agency training coordinator if the WADEPS training is not visible in your Acadis student account. A short, voluntary feedback survey will be sent to officers who complete WADEPS training.