

New Use-of-Force Reporting



A new state law

Chapter 10.118 RCW requires all Washington state law enforcement agencies to provide standardized data about 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 new standardized use-of-force incident data. WADEPS provides secure data sharing options for agency administrators and officers and will manage the online public dashboard showcasing data from all agencies.

The WADEPS dashboard will provide 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.



Your privacy and time are top priorities

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. WADEPS is partnering with CJTC to reduce duplicate data entry by mirroring officer demographics and through hosting training in preparation for the dashboard launch in September.



What you will need to do

Three steps to success.

1. Complete online training

A overview of WADEPS and the required data elements will be available in your Acadis LMS account beginning Monday, June 9. The course is eligible for 1.75 hours (*corrected*) of in-service credit.

2. Activate your WADEPS ID and profile

It's a quick five-minute process. When your agency is ready to proceed, active officers will receive an email from wa.deps@wsu.edu with instructions. Multifactor authentication (MFA) is required and you will have the option use a third-party application of your choice.

3. Report use of force as required by your agency

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