

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Last month in my update I opened with the news that the Stay at Home Order had been extended, it looks like this month a similar opener is fitting.

While the stay at home order is extended through the end of May there is some signs of easing restrictions and variances for counties that haven't had a significant COVID 19 impact. For those counties receiving those variances it will be interesting to watch how they work with neighboring counties to avoid an influx of people wanting to access some currently shuttered businesses and services within their own counties. It is likely that good coordination between neighboring county law enforcement agencies will be necessary to ensure that the change in restrictions don't create a public safety issue.

Throughout April I have been able to speak to many of you about how the stay at home order and the concerns about personal infection have impacted you and heard your perspective on the issue. I've been able to hear from Corrections and patrol as well as command and labor leaders.

Collectively your stories are compelling and something that needs to be memorialized for the future.

Through this pandemic society has reevaluated and celebrated many essential professions in our country's workforce, many that are frequently under-appreciated.

It is my hope that throughout this public health emergency there is broad acknowledgement of law enforcement officers maintaining their level of service and security to their community in the midst of all the uncertainty.

In this issue of The Informant I did a brief report our of our COVID 19 survey and its impact on the profession. If you haven't already completed the survey, I encourage you to add your feedback.

As always, I like to plug the FOP's great benefits. In this issue we are featuring our partnerships with California Casualty and their contest to win 5,000 worth of Stihl equipment as well as their specially designed for law enforcement home and auto policies.

We also want to remind you about Aetna's partnership with the FOP that has created a Medicare Advantage plan for retirement eligible FOP members but is also developing a FOP exclusive medical benefit plan that can take you from hire to retire, seamlessly!



# WAFOP SCHOLARSHIP

The Washington State FOP Memorial Foundation Scholarship is open for applications through the end of this month. The scholarship is open to any student pursuing educational goals in college, trade or technical schools.

Please visit [www.wafop.com](http://www.wafop.com) to apply or click link in image below.



## Do you Zoom?

Does your lodge need to meet but don't have the resources? WAFOP has a Zoom account that you can schedule to use if necessary.

Don't forget that as the Executive Director I'd love to virtually "see" all of you and encourage you to contact me if you'd like to access the account.

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