

# MEDIA RELEASE

## The Sheriff's Office Invites Community Members To Provide Feedback on the Enhanced Sheriff's Patrol District (ESPD)

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In partnership with the Washington County Board of Commissioners and the Office of Equity Inclusion and Community Engagement, the Sheriff's Office invites community members who live or work in the Enhanced Sheriff's Patrol District (ESPD) to provide feedback on public safety services. ESPD community members can participate in a [digital survey](#) in addition to attending an upcoming virtual listening session. Sheriff Pat Garrett and Undersheriff John Koch will present an overview of the services provided within the ESPD and details on the upcoming 2022 levy. During these listening sessions, ESPD community members are invited to share their opinions on public safety within ESPD.

After both listening sessions are held, the Sheriff's Office will provide the community a summary of each listening session. Additionally, results from the digital survey will be made public after the survey closes.

Listening session dates:

Monday, September 27, 2021, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. ([registration link](#))

Saturday, October 2, 2021, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. ([registration link](#))

The ESPD provides law enforcement services for more than 237,000 community members in the urban areas outside of cities in Washington County, including Bethany, Cedar Mill, Cedar Hills, Aloha, Reedville, Garden Home, Metzger, Rock Creek, Raleigh Hills, Bull Mountain, Bonny Slope, West Slope, Oak Hills, and more. Voters first approved the ESPD in 1987 and all local option levies since then. The ESPD continues an enhanced level of law enforcement services in the district, even with projected population growth. The ESPD provides funding for the immediate response and investigation of major crimes occurring within the ESPD, including homicide, assault, burglary, and domestic violence. Additionally, ESPD helps fund advanced training in crisis intervention and de-escalation strategies for deputies to use when working with individuals experiencing an emotional or mental health crisis.

Community members can check if they reside or if their place of business is located within ESPD at [Who Patrols My Neighborhood](#)

If you would like to send questions to be answered in to be answered during the listening session, please send them to [PublicAffairs@co.washington.or.us](mailto:PublicAffairs@co.washington.or.us). For more information, please go to the [ESPD homepage](#).



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