The Enhanced Sheriff Patrol District (ESPD) provides urban unincorporated Washington County residents a mechanism to increase public safety service levels. Initially formed in 1987, the ESPD responds to the specific safety needs of densely populated areas with more businesses and schools.

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ESPD SERVICES

Rapid response to 911 calls and police services similar to neighboring cities

- ESPD requires adequate staffing levels to meet the needs of a growing community. Beyond the traditional staff level of about .50 officers-per-1,000 residents, ESPD maintains about 1.00 officer-per-1,000 residents. Maintaining this staffing level is essential for WCSO to provide immediate 9-1-1 response and follow-up investigations.
- Find out more at bit.ly/3HUnO1i

A Mental Health Response Team -Crisis response from a deputy and a mental health clinician

- Focused on providing a safe and compassionate response to mental health calls and calls involving people in crisis
- Long term assistance goals by connecting those in crisis with resources and criminal justice system diversion plans
- Find out more at bit.ly/MHRT WCSO

Community resources for people impacted by houselessness

- The Sheriff's Office Houseless Outreach Programs and Engagement (HOPE) Team works directly with those impacted by houselessness
- Deputies respond to law enforcement needs, address community concerns, assess risks, and conduct training for other staff
- HOPE partners with other county services and independent outreach and shelters to connect people with available resources
- Find out more at bit.ly/WCSO HOPE

Advanced training in crisis intervention and de-escalation

- All certified staff training emphasizes de-escalation for every call type
- Mandatory ongoing crisis intervention training
- Focused training for staff on crisis intervention teams to appropriately respond to escalated situations
- Find out more at bit.ly/WCSO CIT

Public safety response to increased drug abuse and overdose

- Westside Interagency Narcotics (WIN) Team enforces drug laws, investigates and dismantles drug trafficking organizations, and trains other law enforcement officers for street-level narcotics investigations
- WIN is also a participating member of the Washington County Overdose Response Team focused on public health issues related to drug use
- Response to rapidly growing counterfeit pill threat; confiscation and community education through a One Pill Can Kill campaign
- Find out more at bit.ly/WIN_WCSO and bit.ly/WCSO OnePillCanKill

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT ESPD SERVICES, including who your service provider is, please visit: <a href="https://but.nlm.nih.gov/but.





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