



Renton Police Department

Community Representative Volunteer

In 2018, Washington State voters passed Initiative 940: the Law Enforcement Training and Community Safety Act (LETCSA). Rules set forth in the law included the creation of a community representative that would work with an independent investigative team should there be an officer involved shooting within our jurisdiction. The goal is to enhance accountability and increase trust to improve the legitimacy of policing; the members will assess whether the process of the investigation is conducted in a trustworthy manner and complies with intended standards.

The City of Renton's Police Department is actively seeking Renton residents who wish to serve on the department's Community Representative Team (CRT). Members of this team will be tasked with reviewing all aspects of the investigation during a law-enforcement-involved shooting, ensuring that the process was done in a trustworthy manner and complies with intended standards.

The duties of the community representative include:

- Willingness to serve as a community representative, when called upon, following an officer-involved shooting.
- Ability to successfully complete the application and screening process which includes a criminal background check, documented proof of community involvement and/or examples of participation with local community groups.
- Ability to commit to a minimum term of three (3) years.
- Ability to attend an initial orientation and participate in on-going training (most likely evenings and/or weekends)
- Participation is voluntary and participants are not compensated.
- Sign a binding confidentiality agreement at the beginning of each use-of-deadly-force investigation that you participate in, which remains in effect until the prosecutor of jurisdiction either declines to file charges or the criminal case concludes.
- Participate in a review of the qualifications of Valley Independent Investigations Team (VIIT) investigators.
- Review a conflict-of-interest assessment tool, provided by VIIT, within 72 hours of the commencement of each investigation in which you participate.
- Attend investigative briefings by the Chief of Police.
- Review the investigative file when it is completed.
- Review press releases and other communications to the media prior their release to the public.

Selection Process:

- Oral Interview: Selected applicants will be invited to an oral interview panel to review their qualifications.
- A list of applicants passing the interview and background process will be provided to the Chief of Police for final selection.
- Upon selection and acceptance, orientation and training will be scheduled.

For information or questions, please contact: Deputy Chief Jon Schuldt
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Applications can only be submitted through the City of Renton's website: rentonwa.gov/representative.

Deadline for applications is March 13, 2020.

"The Renton Police Department values collaborative working partnerships between the police and community members to enhance public safety." – Ed VanValey, Renton Chief of Police