

**WACE FALL CONFERENCE - September 20-22, 2006**

**Conference Classes:**

**LIAR, LIAR! COMMUNICATION CLASS—Wednesday, 9/20**

Janaki Severy will be doing the presentation on body language, how to detect deceit, eye movement and many other items. This is a full day class and we are expecting a lot of fun things!

**CODE ENFORCEMENT AND THE CONSTITUTION—Thursday, 9/21**

Speaker Carl McCarthy, former WACE board member. Masters in Land Use Law, current code enforcement officer.

A common statement heard in today's society is "You are taking my constitutional rights away from me."

This class will involve the 4th, 5th, and 14th amendments and will provide code enforcement case law for back up. This is a very good class!

**SIGNS AND THE LAW BEFORE THE 3RD DISTRICT COURT—Thursday, 9/21**

Speaker Debbie Farris, City of Redmond, will present this case.

It is very possible this sign case, going through the courts, could have an effect on laws we all have on the books, as it could set a precedent. Due to requests for this class, Debbie will go from the beginning to the current status at the time of the conference. It has been said that the decisions re: signs could affect our sign laws statewide. It will be an interesting class.

**HOW TO TESTIFY IN A LEGAL SETTING - Thursday, 9/21**

Speaker: Attorney Larry Mitchell

Larry is the Redmond City Attorney, former WACE board member and a good advocate for Code Enforcement.

**GANGS, GRAFFITI, TATTOOS, WANNA BES AND GONNA BES - Friday, 9/22**

Speakers: Gabe Morales of Seattle King County and Walla Walla Gang Task Force

Every day we hear on both radio and TV about gang and graffiti problems. Many officers are assigned the task of graffiti control, and of keeping it painted out. This class will define the Gangs in Washington State. How do you approach them if you find yourself in an area they control? How do you tell gang marking from other graffiti? How do you work to keep yourself safe in this growing problem? Gabe trains in many areas including the Police Departments and the jails. He will be able to answer your questions. A short presentation will be given by Walla Walla Gang Task Force comparing Eastern Washington gangs to Western Washington Gangs.

**Conference Fee**

Fee for the Conference is \$225 per member, \$265 for non-members. This includes lunch on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and dinner on Thursday night.

To register go to [www.wace1.org](http://www.wace1.org) and click on the Registration Form PDF. Print and complete the form. Mail both the form and fee to:

Washington Association of Code Enforcement  
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## **AFTER HOURS FUN FOR WACE CONFERENCE**

*Bring your beautiful gift baskets and we will also have a fun and exciting Scavenger Hunt!*

### **Wednesday Evening—Fun and Games!**

Volleyball will be set up on the lawn area outside the pool.

Bring your favorite table game or join in a game of cards, dominos, etc. A great time for old friends, to meet new people and just have fun!

### **Thursday Evening - Mountain Springs Lodge BBQ and Horseback Riding, Hiking, Feed the Fish and enjoy the beauty!**

We have spent several evenings at this beautiful Ranch resort. Their hospitality is wonderful, the food exceptional, horses are friendly, hiking trails beautiful and the fish are always hungry! (No hooks of course) This is included in your conference fee.

**Location: Icicle Inn, Leavenworth, WA**

**For Reservations call (509) 548-7000**

Conference Room Rates per night:

1 Bed, 1 Person           \$85.00

1 Bed, 2 People           \$95.00

2 Beds, 2-4 People       \$95.00

For more information, questions or complaints, please contact WACE President Brenda Wood or call (425) 387-9074.

***Please come join us for an informative, fun-filled conference!***

### **President's Message**

It is a wonderful feeling, to be celebrating our 17<sup>th</sup> Conference Anniversary. It is also great to have the Newsletter up and running again. It is an honor to represent this wonderful association.

September 05 we were bulging at the seams when we welcomed the CIA from Washington DC, and Homeland security with their very impressive new mobile office unit. Learning what to watch for in the field, in major target areas of terrorists was a mind opener. The staging houses to prepare for their target were quite the eye opener. The photos, taken away from their agents, included our coast line, and our large corporations as targets. This was a great heads up! We had high reviews on this conference.

Spring we met at the Salish Lodge, above the Snoqualmie Falls. Our subject matter was staying healthy and safe in the field. Our speakers alerted us to diseases we can catch in the field, and how to protect ourselves. We were told to let your doctor know what things you are subjected to in the field when having your physical. Vaccinations against all available diseases were discussed, and recommended. A drawing was held at the end of the day for a free WACE trip. That was very exciting.

We have a great working board. At our first board meeting, following elections, each Executive Board member set up their committee. They have gone full steam ahead with actual working committees.

I was honored to attend the AACE Conference in October. We had some wonderful training. The Presidents from each State met for their annual meeting. The topic from all over America was Officer Safety. We had the horror stories from each State, the deaths of officers killed on duty, and the lack of tough laws to protect us. We decided to go back to our State and get a bill working through Olympia to make assault of a Code Enforcement Officer a felony. I requested First Vice President Craig Salzman, to form a legislative committee to get this in the works.

They have done a stellar job!

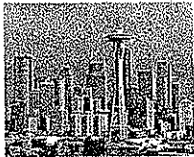
The conference this year is full of great speakers! In addition the Executive Board and the Board of Directors, worked on "Something Fun to Do" in social and fun settings. These are of course after the normal 8 hour day in class, and are set up to encourage attendees to meet new friends, and not sit in their room because they don't know anyone. It has been fun planning, so it will have to be great fun for Wednesday and Thursday night.

A special thanks to the all volunteer Executive Board and the Board of Directors. Working a full load at a jurisdiction and, working WACE is a full plate. Representing the broad spectrum of jurisdictions is often times a challenge. We have a very energetic board, and we appreciate all of the members who have stepped forward to join a committee. We send a big thanks to Joyce, for volunteering to get the Code Word up and running again. If you have a story please send it to me, written in word as an attachment. Be sure you visit [www/wace1.com](http://www/wace1.com)!

My thanks and best wishes out there, Please work Safe,  
Brenda Wood, President



Welcome to Washington, the Evergreen State



### Gift Baskets



Please remember to bring your city gift baskets! WACE will use your baskets as prizes and surprises during our conference. This something that cities have participated in for years and we sure have had some fun with this!



Add A Cuddle Toy, Coffee Mug, or Balloon to really personalize your gift



## WACE 2006 FALL SCAVENGER HUNT

WACE officers and board members have put together a scavenger hunt to be kicked off on September 20, 2006 at the Best Western Icicle Inn, in Leavenworth Washington!



Appetizers, refreshments, volleyball and games will be provided in the lawn area by the pool from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.



### THE HUNT IS ON!

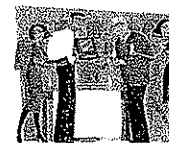


- This year, in an effort to gather our members together so that you can meet each other and begin to get to know each other, we have organized WACE's first ever scavenger hunt!
- Please sign up at the registration table if you wish to participate by 10am, Wednesday, the 20<sup>th</sup>.



### SCAVENGER HUNT!

The hunt kicks off at 6:30 p.m. Go to the lawn area by the pool to obtain your clues from Betty Cruz (City of Federal Way) and Spring Wathen (City of Everett). The total number of people interested in participating will be split up into an even number of teams. Each team will be given their first clue at 6:30 p.m. sharp! You will then venture off-site to find your next clue. The team who makes it to the end of the hunt first, will be awarded a full dinner at one of the best restaurant's in Leavenworth, at WACE's expense! Appetizers will be provided for all those who make it to the end! Please join us for a night of fun and adventure as you get to know you're fellow CEO's!



## WACE Legislative Proposal

Since last winter a group has been working on a legislative proposal to provide enhanced legal protection to Code Enforcement Officers, similar to the protections for Police or Firefighters. California adopted a similar law SB 919 in 2004. This law identifies and defines Code Enforcement Officers and provides additional penalties for assaults on Officers.

As a group our organization needs to lobby our local Legislators to encourage the adoption of similar protections in Washington. I also need to provide stories of assaults and threats against our membership to the Legislators that will prove the need for this type of legislation.

Please forward any anecdotes, stories or reports to me at [csalzman@ci.kirkland.wa.us](mailto:csalzman@ci.kirkland.wa.us).

We will be meeting with the Legislator on September 15 and will provide an update at the Fall Conference.

I would like to thank the members of the committee as well, Chris Grabowski, Martin Nordby, Jon Schmidt and Raj Johal. We also have had help and assistance from Jim Gough and Brenda Wood.

### **What California did to protect their Code Enforcement Officers:**

Here is an example of what the state of California has adopted and what we would like to see accomplished in Washington State.

### **What exactly is SB 919?**

It defines the code enforcement officer as a classification under penal code section 241(9) (A) and (B) and it grants code enforcement officers greater protection under California Penal Code (CPC) sections 241 and 243.

### **What greater protection am I given under California Penal Code (CPC) 241 and 243?**

CPC 241(b) and 243(b) have been amended to include code enforcement officers. These sections deal with assault and battery and provide greater fines and penalties when committed on a code enforcement officer along with the other protected classes named in the sections.

### **Why is this legislation important to me?**

There are some significant reasons. First and most importantly, CPC 241(b) and 243(b) recognizes and validates our work in the code enforcement profession as hazardous by including us with other protected classifications i.e., peace officer, firefighter, emergency medical technician, mobile intensive care paramedic, lifeguard, process server, traffic officer, custodial officer, and animal control officer. By naming code enforcement officers as a classification in the penal code, the code enforcement profession as a whole is given greater professional validation and recognition. That in turn gives each of us as a code enforcement officer greater professional recognition.

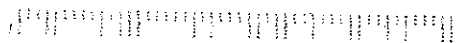
### **Does the new law give me peace officer status?**

No. We are given only the benefits and protections as stated in CPC sections 241 and 243.

### **Will the new law change my retirement benefits?**

No. CPC sections 241 and 243 have no impact or bearing on your retirement plan, formula or benefits.

Our goal is to protect the health and welfare of Washington State Code Enforcement Officers while performing their assigned duties. There have been a number of incidents throughout the United States involving Code Enforcement Officers that have resulted in serious injury and death while performing their duties.



**Meet the Editor**

Hello!

My name is Joyce DeVries. I am the Code Compliance Officer for Klickitat County, located in Goldendale, WA.

I have been in this capacity since January 2004. I am still very "green", but learning lots every day. Since I am the only Compliance Officer - there's always more to be done than time to do it!

I have been a member of WACE since beginning this assignment. I currently hold ICC certifications for both Property Maintenance & Housing Inspector and Zoning Inspector.

I have attended the WACE fall conferences and found them to be very educational and fun. They have helped me get to know others in the same field, many of whom have a wealth of knowledge and experience, which they are more than willing to share.

I consider this another learning tool and am looking forward to the newsletter task, your submission of articles, your suggestions for improvements, etc.

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