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On Saturday, March 11, 2023, the Skagit-Island Multiple Agency Response Team (SMART) was activated at the request of the Snohomish County Multiple Agency Response Team (SMART) to investigate an officer involved shooting in the 800 block of 91st Place SW, Everett, WA. The Snohomish County Region One SWAT Team was involved and the request was made to meet independent investigation requirements.

The Washington State Legislature enacted WAC 139-12-030 (2019) establishing requirements for how agencies conduct independent investigation's involving police deadly force use. The intent was to enhance public trust and investigation integrity by providing independence, transparency, communication, a credible process, and credible investigators performing that process.

Within these requirements, the Independent Investigation Team is required to have Citizen Representatives assigned, Family Liaison Representatives for the involved families, determine if Tribal membership is associated and assign a Tribal Liaison accordingly. These are required before we are able to release investigation progress/information to the public.

Additionally, the law requires SMART's investigation remain totally separate from the involved agencies including the sharing of any investigation information with them until the case is filed with a prosecutor.

Skagit-Island Multiple Agency Response Team is committed to a credible process that complies with Washington State law.

Lieutenant Mike Moore