

Governor's Task Force on Independent Investigations of Police Use of Force

Member Bios

Ben Krauss

Principal, Adaptive Training Solutions

Ben Krauss is the Director of Equity and Inclusion at Gonzaga Prep and adjunct faculty for Eastern Washington University. He has served communities in a public safety capacity as a police officer, analyst, and management consultant. He earned a B.A. from Hawaii Pacific University and a Ph.D. from Washington State University.

Ben's wife Angie is a school principal, and their three children are very active in academics and sports. Favorite family activities include hiking, walks, and time on the water with family and friends.

Brian Moreno

Chair, Commission on Hispanic Affairs

Brian Moreno owns a small business in Othello, received his MBA through WSU, and lives in the Tri-Cities with his family. He currently serves on the Washington State Commission on Hispanic Affairs, the Washington State Leadership Board, as well as the board of directors for the Washington Hospitality Association and the Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Darrell Lowe

Chief, Redmond Police Department

Chief Lowe is a seasoned and accomplished law enforcement professional. Having served for 26 years with the Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD). Chief Lowe is a graduate of the 249th session of the FBI National Academy in Quantico Virginia, Cal-Chiefs Executive Leadership Institute- at Drucker School of Management at Claremont University, and The Safer Communities Institute at the University of Southern California.

Chief Lowe holds a Master's degree in Emergency Services Administration from Cal State University Long Beach, Bachelor's degree in Sociology from Cal State University Northridge. He is a POST Master Instructor, Certified curriculum developer and designer, and published author.

During his career, Chief Lowe worked a variety of Operational assignments at SMPD including Patrol, School Resource Officer, 3rd Street Promenade Bike Patrol, A variety of Administrative assignments Including Internal Affairs, Executive Officer to the Deputy Chief, Executive Officer of both the Operations and Investigations Divisions.

Throughout his tenure, Chief Lowe was very engaged in the Santa Monica community representing the department as a board member of Kiwanis, Boys and Girls club, West-side Inter-faith council, Human Relations Council, Citizens for Racial Justice, Citizens for Police Reform, and a supporter for the Santa Monica Police Activities League (PAL), Police Explorer Post, and the recently launched Juvenile Diversion Program which seeks alternative and Restorative Justice ways to engage and interact with youth who violate the law.

Chief Lowe was the architect of both the Santa Monica Police Department's patrol beat reconfiguration when the Metro light-rail returned to Santa Monica, and its updated Warrant due-diligence protocol.

Chief Lowe was the Department's lead facilitator for its Constitutional Policing, Procedural Justice and Implicit Bias training curriculum training the department's entire (500) personnel.

Emma Catague

Community Police Commission and Filipino Community Center

Emma, a domestic violence survivor, is a dedicated advocate in ending violence against women and children. She has 35 + years of experience in community and labor organizing, advocating for human rights, immigration issues, bilingual education, youth development, employment rights, and working for social change.

A founding mother of the Asian Pacific Islander Women and Family Safety Center (APIWFSC), and former Community Organizer and Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Anti-Human Trafficking Advocate for API Chaya. Emma implements educational programs for Asian & Pacific Islander (API Chaya), formerly known as APIWFSC. She also conducts outreach in underserved communities to organize against domestic violence, sexual assault and trafficking with an emphasis on culturally and linguistically appropriate education methods. She is a former Board member of Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Program (WCSAP). Emma is a Family Violence Prevention Fund (FVPP) consultant for Pacific Territories, a former Praxis International Technical Assistance Consultant for Rural Grantee with a focus on Hawaiian/ Asian & Pacific Islander communities, a peer reviewer for Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women for culturally & linguistically transitional housing grant program, a Commissioner for Seattle Community Police Commission, a member of Serious and Deadly Force Investigation Task Force, and I-940 Community Stakeholders member.

Eric Richey

Whatcom County Prosecutor

Eric Richey was elected Whatcom County Prosecutor in 2018 after 25 years of handling criminal cases in the office. He has served on multiple boards and committees including Brigid Collins Child Advocacy Center, Whatcom County Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services, and the Chuckanut Health Foundation. Eric was born and raised in the Pacific Northwest and received degrees from Western Washington University and the University of Oregon School of Law.

James Schrimpsheer

Police Chief for the City of Algona, Vice President for the Washington State chapter of the Fraternal Order of Police

James has worked in the police profession for the past 25 years. During his career as a peace officer, James has served at all levels of the police profession and has a great foundation of experience. James is also happily married to a 25-year veteran peace officer. James has been active for most of his career in the Fraternal Order of Police, the largest police organization in the country. Not only does James chair the legislative committee for the Washington State chapter, but he is also on the National Legislative Committee which mostly deals with issues between leadership and the rank and file.

As his role as the police chief for the City of Algona, James leads one of the best teams he has ever been a part of in his career. The Algona Police Department, or the "A-Team," as they are known in town, is one of the smallest accredited agencies in the state. James is also active in the King County Chief's association as well as the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs.

Outside of the public safety world, James is an active member of the community where he lives and has served two terms as a council member for the Town of Eatonville chairing relevant committees like public safety, finance, and legislative. James also served time on the Pierce County Regional Policy Committee.

Jay Hollingsworth

John T. Williams Organizing Committee

Jay “Westwind Wolf” Hollingsworth, Mohegan, lives in Seattle. Jay is Chair of the John T. Williams Committee since 2010 and teamed up with the Minority Executive Director’s Police Accountability Task Force in 2010, along with Mother’s for Police Accountability and the ACLU, to sign onto the letter to bring the FBI and the Department of Justice here to investigate the Seattle Police Department on excessive use of force and bias policing. Jay was appointed by Mayor McGinn to serve as a Commissioner for the Community Police Commission and served for six years from March of 2013 until May of 2019. Jay worked with “Not This Time”, the Puyallup Tribe and De-Escalate Washington on the I-940 effort to create the state law as amended in HB 1064.

Jordan Chaney

Founder, Poet Jordan

Jordan Chaney is a Black Indigenous Person of Color, poet, speaker, writer, youth-mentor and all-around creative residing in Pasco, Washington.

In 2018, Jordan co-founded Hope Builders “a court to community pipeline”, and with a team of dedicated community-leaders they created the Community Hope Wall, a hope-based community mural project that raises awareness of the importance of having hope, making art, and listening to the incarcerated youth-voice.

In 2017, Jordan was presented with the Commitment to Diversity award by the African American Community Cultural & Educational Society for his work in the community on race, politics, and social justice.

In 2014, Jordan created Urban Poets Society, a youth-leadership program that promotes public speaking, performance arts, peer-to-peer community engagement and outreach for the disadvantaged and marginalized youths in his community.

He has published three works of poetry and is the author of Art of the Spoken Word – a workbook/curriculum for enhancing communication skills, creativity, and confidence. He is also a guest columnist for the Tri-City Herald.

Jordan Chaney currently mentors youth in the arts at the Benton-Franklin Juvenile Justice Center. Chaney is one of two Tri-Citians appointed by the Governor to serve on this task force.

Katrina Johnson

Charleena Lyles’ cousin and family spokesperson; Families Are The Frontline

Katrina Johnson is the Senior organizer for Voices of Community Activist and Leaders "Vocal-WA" and former Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion "LEAD" Project Manager.

Katrina became a social justice activist/advocate and spokesperson for her family in June of 2017, after her first cousin Charleena Lyles was killed in her home in North Seattle after police officers responded to the location to investigate a burglary Charleena had reported. Katrina is a core member of Families are the Frontline. They provide rapid response to help families across the nation who have lost their loved ones to the police use of deadly force. Katrina works with other families who have lost loved ones to the use of deadly force in Washington state, as well as local nonprofits working to improve policy on the use of lethal force, emphasize de-escalation, reduce instances of deadly force, and improve police-community relations. Katrina gathered signatures for I-940 and supported the resolution negotiated by De-Escalate WA and law enforcement leaders that resulted in House Bill 3003, modifying I-940 after it was adopted by the legislature. Katrina has been a guest speaker in various cities and states on police reform, served as a panelist locally, nationally, and internationally on police reform and state sponsored violence. Katrina organizes events, and authored an op-ed piece for BET.com.

Kimberly Mosolf

Disability Rights Washington

Kimberly is the Director of Disability Rights Washington's Treatment Facilities Program. She is lead counsel for the class in *A.B. vs. D.S.H.S. (Trueblood)*, which focuses on reforming Washington's forensic mental health system. She has also worked to improve jail conditions for people with disabilities and to decriminalize mental illness. As a member of the De-escalate Washington/Initiative 940 Leadership Team, Kimberly has also worked to improve police accountability, provide better de-escalation and mental health training for law enforcement, and to change Washington's police deadly force law. Before joining DRW, Kimberly practiced law in New York City where she worked on behalf of parents caught up in the child welfare system, sex workers, and people with mental illness. Kimberly was born and raised in Seattle, Washington. She is a graduate of Columbia University School of Law.

Livio De La Cruz

Board Member, Black Lives Matter Seattle-King County

Livio De La Cruz (he/him/his) is the treasurer for Black Lives Matter Seattle-King County (BLM). BLM Seattle is a grassroots, volunteer-run, social-justice nonprofit organization focused on the empowerment and liberation of Black folks and other people of color through advocacy and direct action. Livio is a former software engineer and video game developer who is now a law student at Seattle University School of Law. Livio has spent years volunteering for various advocacy groups in Seattle, including helping to gather signatures for Initiative 940. He's currently working as a legal intern for Disability Rights Washington on the Amplifying Voices of Inmates with Disabilities (AVID) program.

Monisha Harrell

Board Chair, Equal Rights Washington

Monisha Harrell also chairs the National LGBTQ Task Force Action Fund. Monisha is a member of the City of Seattle's Community Police Commission and owns Rule Seven, a marketing firm focused on community-driven outreach and engagement.

Monisha has served as co-chair of the City of Seattle's Capitol Hill LGBTQ Public Safety Task Force, an appointee to the City of Seattle's 2017 search committee for the new Director of Police Accountability, and co-chair for the De-Escalate Washington campaign committee in 2018. Monisha was most recently honored as the Greater Seattle Business Association's Community Leader of the Year for 2018.

Nina Martinez

Board Chair, Latino Civic Alliance

Nina Martinez works for the Latino Civic Alliance, a statewide civil rights organization. LCA was involved in the advocacy of Antonio Zambrano-Montes when he was killed by Pasco Police officers in 2015. LCA was appointed to the 2016 joint legislative task force on use of deadly force in policing. Nina has led legislative policies on public safety, immigration and youth services and served on several state-wide task forces including the 2019 Hate Crimes Task force. She served on the De-Escalate leadership team of Initiative 940 and has continued to work on the 940 implementation and rules. LCA works directly with Latinx families in the State of Washington that have lost loved ones to police violence. Latinos make up 13% of the state population and like Black Americans and Native Americans are disproportionately impacted by police use of force.

Puao Savusa

Washington State Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs; City of Seattle Office of Police Accountability

Puao Savusa is currently a Community Engagement Specialist with the City of Seattle, Office of Police Accountability (OPA), where she continues to work closely with community to bridge and build relationships with law enforcement. Puao is a member of the Washington State Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs (CAPAA), Pacific Islander Health Board and committee member for UPRISE that focuses on support and advocacy for Pacific Islander youth and their education. She has a BS in Psychology/Criminal Justice from Washington State University and a MA in Criminal Justice from Seattle University, with a focus on research and evaluation. She comes from a family with a long history of community activists and organizers, focused on Pacific Islander Community here in Washington. Puao and her family reside in White Center, unincorporated Seattle.

Sanetta Hunter

Community Advocate

Sanetta has worked for King County for 26 years and serves as a domestic violence advocate in the prosecutor's office. Sanetta is also the co-director of Heart to Heart Connection, which is an outreach ministry helping to build strong marriages in our community. Her and her husband also pastor a local church called Spirit and Truth Worship Center. Sanetta is an active community advocate in Federal Way and beyond, collaborating with several groups promoting positive change.

Spike Unruh

President, Washington State Troopers Association

Spike Unruh has dedicated his career to serving Washingtonians. For the last 22 years, he has worked as a trooper for the Washington State Patrol, during which time he has held a variety specialty assignments and positions. Spike currently serves as the president of the Washington State Patrol Troopers Association, representing approximately 1000 commissioned troopers and sergeants. Before serving as the Association's president, Spike was a district representative and then the Association's vice president.

Prior to becoming a trooper, Spike was a police officer with the Ephrata Police Department for 3 years. Spike served 8 years in the United States Marine Corps and is a Desert Storm veteran.

Spike is active in his local community and has coached high school football and high school and youth wrestling for 12 years.

Teresa Taylor

Executive Director, Washington Council of Police and Sheriffs

Teresa Taylor is the Executive Director of the Washington Council of Police and Sheriffs. She holds a degree in Business Administration from the Seattle University Albers School of Business and over 30 years of public policy advocacy. Teresa's public policy work includes environmental, utility, land use, construction, and public safety. Her career spans both the private and public sector. Since taking her current position with Washington's largest law enforcement labor advocacy organization, Teresa has been actively involved in consensus supported solutions to law enforcement and community relations reform including development of House Bill 1064 (amending Initiative 940) and the subsequent rulemaking processes.

Tim Reynon

Puyallup Tribal Council Member

Tim Reynon is an enrolled member of the Puyallup Tribe and an elected member of the Puyallup Tribal Council. Tim is currently the Chair of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians' Law & Justice Committee. He previously served as a Co-Chair of De-Escalate WA, the coalition that led the successful Initiative 940 campaign, which was approved by Washington voters in 2018 with nearly 60% of the vote. Tim served on the 2016 Washington State Joint Legislative Task Force on the Use of Deadly Force in Community Policing as a representative of the Governor's Office of Indian Affairs. Prior to his election to Tribal Council in 2014, Tim served the Puyallup Tribe for over 15 years as the Executive Director of Human Resources and as a Tribal Attorney. He earned his Juris Doctorate degree from Brigham Young University's J. Reuben Clark School of Law and his Bachelor of Social Work degree from BYU-Hawaii, where he double majored in Social Work and Political Science. Tim was admitted to the Washington State Bar in 1999 and is a past President of the Northwest Indian Bar Association. In addition to bringing the perspective of Native Americans to the task force, Tim is a voice for the lives of Natives injured or killed by police, including Jackie Salyers, a Puyallup Tribal Member killed by Tacoma Police in 2016.

Tyus Reed

Juvenile Justice Reform Advocate

Tyus was born and raised in Tacoma, specifically the Parkland area. Tyus is 23 years old and was incarcerated in 2014 when he was 17. He spent 3 1/2 years in juvenile facilities followed by a year in an adult facility. During his time in the juvenile facility, Tyus learned who he was and what he wanted to do when he got out. Tyus graduated high school while incarcerated and began involving himself with juvenile justice reform. His time with the Department of Corrections was an eye opener, and he learned a lot about life and people. Tyus was released on December 8th, 2018 and has since been actively involved with juvenile justice reform and helping to create a system that offers the maximum amount of support one would need to be successful.

Waldo Waldron-Ramsey

Criminal Justice Chair, NAACP Alaska Oregon Washington State-Area Conference

Waldo Waldron-Ramsey currently serves as the Criminal Justice Chair for the NAACP Alaska Oregon Washington State-Area Conference and serves on the Executive Board of the Seattle-King County NAACP. The NAACP is the oldest Civil Rights organization in the Nation. Waldo is a Policy Fellow at Washington Community Action Network (WCAN) with a primary focus on Criminal Justice Reform. WCAN is the largest grassroots organization in Washington State with 44,000 members. He serves as board secretary for Fabian's Fund, a non-profit organization. A recent Fabian's Fund project is partnering with prisoner-led organizations to provide resources for liberation higher education in Washington prisons. Waldo also serves on the Legal Foundation of Washington Race Equity Grant Advisory Panel. Born out of serving 33 years of a 48-year exceptional sentence in Washington prisons, a focus of Waldo's work is fighting to end exceptional and life sentences.