



WASHINGTON STATE CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING COMMISSION

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Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission Honors Ill Children with Celebration

The Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission (WSCJTC) will hold its Chief For a Day celebration on Thursday, August 28, 2008.

In partnership with local law enforcement agencies and hospitals, Chief For a Day is about celebrating the lives of children who have been diagnosed with a life-threatening or chronic illness. The hope is to provide these children with a day of fun they will never forget and to become a part of their precious lives. It is a celebration of life for all.

This year 15 law enforcement agencies were selected to sponsor a child from their community to participate in the event. Each law enforcement agency will provide their honorary "Chief" or "Sheriff" with a hand-tailored uniform and a gift basket which will include items for the child and their family such as toys, movie passes, gas cards, various gift cards, and much more. This year's Chiefs and Sheriffs range in age from 3 to 11 years old and will be sponsored by the following agencies:

Bothell Police Department
Forks Police Department
King County Sheriff's Office
Kirkland Police Department
Lacey Police Department
Mukilteo Police Department
Port of Seattle Police Department
Port Orchard Police Department
Redmond Police Department
Seattle Police Department
Snohomish County Sheriff's Office
Stillaguamish Police Department
Tacoma Police Department
WA Department of Fish and Wildlife
Washington State Patrol

The children and their families will be transported to the WSCJTC by police escort, in patrol cars and limousines, which will arrive at approximately 10:30 AM. Lieutenant Governor Brad Owen will then lead the swearing in ceremony at 11 AM. The new Chiefs and Sheriff will then have lunch with the Basic Law Enforcement Academy recruits, staff, and guests at noon, and will then participate in outside presentations by law enforcement agencies including K-9 units, bicycle patrols, SWAT, rifle units, a police helicopter, and more.

Special parking on campus for the media has been designated and will be open at 9 AM. Media interested in covering this event may contact Cheryl Price at WSCJTC by phone at 206/835-7358 or by email at cprice@cjtc.state.wa.us no later than 2 PM on August 25.

A flyer for the event can be found at [this link](#).