



## Washington State Fraternal Order of Police

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### ***Law enforcement association finds growth and support in Pierce County.***

**(Tacoma, WA, March 24, 2019)** The Washington State Fraternal Order of Police (WAFOP) is pleased to announce the newly chartered Tahoma Lodge #36. The Tahoma Lodge consists of law enforcement officers that work in and around the Pierce County region. Founding members include representation from Pierce County Sheriff's Office, Lakewood Police Department, Milton Police Department and Orting Police Department. The organization welcomes officers from all agencies throughout the region.

As an association the FOP represents nearly 3,000 officers in Washington and over 345,000 nationwide through the National Lodge. Regional lodges are spread throughout the state and represent over 40 bargaining units. FOP members work at the local, state and federal level and include associate members that represent records, communications and other law enforcement support departments. The FOP proudly represents law enforcement officers from the time they leave the academy throughout their well-earned retirement.

WAFOP active membership is open to any full-time law enforcement officer with arrest power who is employed by or retired from a government entity, regardless of rank. Associate Membership is extended to individuals associated with Law Enforcement.

WAFOP offers all of its members a robust benefit package that includes access to the FOP Legal Defense Plan, free college benefit, tuition reimbursement and discounted home and auto insurance. Group members receive the same benefits as well as access to Long and Short-Term Disability and a Medical Health Savings Trust.

***“The FOP is proud to answer the call from our law enforcement brothers and sisters in the Pierce County area and charter Tahoma Lodge #36. We enthusiastically welcome these officers to the network of over 20 lodges statewide and 345,000 members nationwide.”***  
***WAFOP President, Marco Monteblanco***

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