# CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK
# CITY COUNCIL
# AGENDA COVER SHEET

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| **Meeting Date** | July 9, 2026 |
| **Originating Department** | Police |
| **Contact Person** | Interim Police Chief Diego Zanella |
| **Title** | Resolution 26-2090/Authorizing the Mayor to sign an Amendment to the Interlocal agreement with the Coalition of Small Police Agencies (CSPA) to approve the University of Washington Police Department's request to join CSPA |

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**Legislative History**

- First Presentation July 9, 2026 Regular Meeting

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**Attachments:**

1. Resolution 26-2090
2. Coalition of Small Police Agencies Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Addendum No.1 University of Washington Police Department
3. Coalition of Small Police Agencies Interlocal Cooperation Agreement

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**Executive Summary**

The University of Washington Police Department (UWPD) would like to join the Coalition of Small Police Agencies (CSPA).

**Background**

The CSPA is a collaborative organization made up of independent municipal police departments in King County, Washington, and it was created in 2002 to give small police agencies a stronger collective voice and to allow them to share resources that would otherwise be too expensive for individual departments to maintain. This coalition is comprised of the following police agencies: Algona PD, Black Diamond PD, Clyde Hill PD, Duvall PD, Enumclaw PD, Issaquah PD, Lake Forest Park PD, Medina PD, Mercer Island PD, Normandy Park PD, Pacific PD, and Snoqualmie PD. The CSPA's purpose is to allow participating agencies to provide mutual law enforcement assistance, cooperation, training and resources.

UWPD's leadership believes that becoming a member of the CSPA would be mutually beneficial and would strengthen the capabilities of all participating agencies. In addition to providing personnel and operational support, UWPD can offer several resources that would enhance the coalition's overall readiness and training opportunities. Some of the benefits include:

•**Training Facilities**: UWPD has multiple classrooms, conference rooms, and buildings that can be utilized for meetings, training, tabletop exercises, and tactical scenarios.

•**Central Location**: UWPD campus is centrally located within the region, making it an ideal venue for training, planning sessions, and staging during regional incidents.

•**Mobile Command Post**: UWPD maintains a state-of-the-art Mobile Command Vehicle that can be deployed to support major incidents, planned events, or extended operations requiring an Incident Command Post.

•**Campus Law Enforcement Perspective**: The CSPA currently does not include a campus police agency. UWPD participation would bring unique expertise in protecting educational environments, managing large public gatherings, coordinating with educational institutions, and responding to incidents involving students, faculty, and visitors.

•**Instructional Resources**: UWPD has numerous certified firearms, defensive tactics, tactical, and other specialized instructors who can assist with regional training and help maintain high operational standards.

•**Driver Training Venue**: UWPD has access to several large parking lots that can be used for emergency vehicle operations training, including EVOC drills, precision driving, and other practical exercises.

•**Regional Collaboration**: UWPD participation would strengthen interagency relationships, improve interoperability, and provide additional personnel and resources during critical incidents.

UWPD will be allowed to join as a full member for a limited term of one calendar year for evaluation purposes.

**Fiscal & Policy Implications**

Although the CSPA is not permanently funded by the State of Washington, it has received state grant funding in the past. The CSPA's ongoing operations are primarily supported by the annual dues paid by member agencies, various grants, and other revenues associated with coalition activities.

UWPD participation would not result in any additional financial cost to the CSPA or to the City of Lake Forest Park.

**Alternatives**

| ***Options*** | ***Results*** |
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| • UWPD's request is granted | UWPD will join the CSPA for one year |
| • UWPD's request is denied | The CSPA will stay the same |
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**Staff Recommendation**

At this time, all the CSPA agencies agreed to UWPD's request. Lake Forest Park Police Department's Interim Chief D. Zanella agrees with UWPD's request to join the CSPA.