KCSO Advisory Board
December 2022 Update

Background

In May 2022, the King County Executive and King County Sheriff announced the plan to create a King County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) Advisory Board. The purpose of the KCSO Advisory Board is to gather a diverse set of public safety experts and advocates to support and advise both the Sheriff and the King County Executive (Executive) on creating a just, dynamic, and responsive public safety system.

Objectives of the advisory board include:

- Advise Executive and the King County Sheriff on policy concepts and implementation;
- Serve as the community voice on public safety and law enforcement issues; and
- Create a forum for trust building between law enforcement and community.

The Advisory Board will have between 10 and 15 members, drawn from the following categories:

- Unincorporated Rural King County;
- Unincorporated Urban King County;
- KCSO Contract Cities;
- Community Groups; and
- Business Groups

Additionally, the Advisory Board will strive for a diverse set of participants, including representatives from BIPOC communities, youth, and those with prior justice system involvement.

Current Status

The King County Executive and Sheriff will announce recruitment for KCSO Advisory Board members in mid-December. Individuals interested in serving on the Advisory Board will submit a letter of interest explaining their desire and qualifications for serving on the Board. The applicants will also identify in their letter which of the membership categories they represent.

KCSO intends to review Advisory Board applicants in late January. The first meeting of the Board will occur in March when the Sheriff is done with her Criminal Justice Training Center work.

Initial tasks for the Advisory Board will be the completion of the board charter and development of an initial work plan.

If you have any questions about the KCSO Advisory Board, please contact Mark Ellerbrook at mellerbrook@kingcounty.gov.