

# Recommendation Submission

CPC -This response is in reference to recommendation # 26-3

CPC -Area Command NW/COC

APD -Responsible SME: \_\_\_\_\_

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**RECOMMENDATION** (One (1) recommendation per submission.  
Recommendation/Reasoning must be 500 words or less for submission):

Following a discussion on members of the public causing a disturbance by walking around with a hatchet in a public area, a member of the NW Council wanted to provide a recommendation for increased training for Emergency Communication operators, keeping in mind our state and federal rights to carry weapons.

This is primarily in reference to some unhoused individuals carrying weapons for their safety, some of whom may be afflicted with drug addiction or mental issues. the Northwest Area Command CPC and the Council of Chairs propose the following Public Safety Recommendation:

Recommendations: Northwest Area Command CPC proposes the following for addressing Public Safety

1. Expand training for those answering 242-COPS calls to include assessing possible public safety issues that may arise from individuals being reported as having weapons in areas that host numerous public users, including but not limited to: parks, schools, theaters, stadiums, community centers, senior centers, recreational areas, public pools, shopping centers, day care centers, youth centers, etc.
2. Following the assessment and for protection of the public, a call to police to be dispatched to those public areas to assess whether said individual(s) with their weapons should be removed from the area for

public's safety and, if necessary, contact ACS to render help to those individual(s). 3. Review SOP 2-19, Response to Behavioral Health, 2-19-5 (The following portion of the SOP may speak to the concern I had brought up at the council meeting as regarding the homeless man at the park trail having an ax)

Under 2-19-5, Assessing Risk, I read the following:

A. Most people affected by a behavioral health disorder or who are in a behavioral health crisis are not dangerous. However, some may present dangerous behavior under certain circumstances or conditions. Sworn personnel should assess whether someone may be a danger to themselves, the officer, or others by considering the following:

1. The individual's access to weapons; (It goes on to state other possible situations)

B. Individuals affected by a behavioral health disorder or crisis may rapidly change their conduct or demeanor from calm and responsive to physically active and agitated or non-responsive