

We support passing of LC 16, LC 17, LC 18 and LC 19. They are much needed police reform. Policing has become too militant, with an ever-increasing arsenal of weapons used against law-abiding citizens. Excuses after abuses have to stop. Prevention is the better way.

LC 19 will promote accountability by making disciplinary records public rather than sweeping them under the rug. LC 18 likewise promotes accountability by requiring police to identify themselves.

Use-of-force reports, mandated by LC 20, are critical tools for police oversight. They should also be welcomed by police themselves, as training tools.

LC 17 makes a start at protecting innocent citizens from dangerous, even life-threatening crowd control weapons.

Another dangerous trend is police cooperation with armed self-proclaimed militia. I have seen this in both John Day and Portland and it was front and center at Kenosha.

Again, we support passing of these bills.

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