



January 22, 2016

Chiefs and Sheriff,

This letter is intended to memorialize our recent discussions and serve as notice of intent to terminate the participation of the agencies comprising the King County Investigative Response Team (KCIRT), under Section 5 of the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement to provide law enforcement mutual aid and mobilization in the event of a law enforcement involved fatal or serious injury incident.

A meeting of the KCIRT Board was held on November 2, 2015 during which time the future of KCIRT was discussed with the participating Chiefs and Sheriff of King County. At this meeting all of the agencies present indicated their desire to terminate their participation. A second meeting was then held on January 4, 2016 as part of the Eastside Chiefs meeting where further discussion was had about the viability of continuing with KCIRT under our current conditions and agency participation.

As of January 6, 2016, the Chiefs and Sheriff of the following agencies have stated their desire to terminate their agency's participation in the King County Investigative Response Team:

Bellevue Police Department	Kirkland Police Department
Black Diamond Police Department	Mercer Island Police Department
Bothell Police Department	Redmond Police Department
Issaquah Police Department	Snoqualmie Police Department
King County Sheriff's Office	Washington State Patrol

Section 5 of the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement states, in part, "any party may terminate its participation in the Agreement by giving 60 days' notice of termination to all participating parties hereto. The withdrawal of any party shall not, however, automatically result in the dissolution of KCIRT, but rather the withdrawing party shall, after the effective date of the withdrawal, no longer be considered a party under this Agreement."

With this notice, I would suggest that each agency head consult with their legal advisor as to any requirement to notify your elected official(s) or signing authority of their desire to terminate their participation in this Interlocal Cooperative Agreement.

In closing, I would remind everyone that all of the agencies involved with KCIRT have expressed the desire to continue our excellent working relationship and their willingness to provide assistance to other agencies upon receiving a request. Both the Bellevue Police Department and the King County Sheriff's Office have indicated their willingness to provide support to other agencies in the event that you have an officer involved use of force incident that requires investigative assistance.

Ron Gibson  
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Current KCIRT Chair

