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Hello!

Because it's August, things are starting to heat up outside...and in the Secure Automated Firearms E-check (SAFE) project too!

This month I just wanted to bring everyone up to date on where we are at with the SAFE project and the formation of our new Firearms Background Division.

First off, we are making excellent progress with the development of SAFE. We are doing weekly 'sprints' that allow our vendor to build small parts of the system, test them, and demonstrate them to us for approval. You would not believe how many things have to be programmed/coded/created just to put a data field on an electronic form. Our hope is to be able to provide a few screen shots of the FFL 'portal' (the interface you all will use to submit the background checks and get the results) in the next few months. I'd also like to mention, that we have several FFLs involved in the project who will be providing direct feedback on those interfaces, so that we deliver a system you all WANT to use because of its design, functionality, and ease of use.

Second, our Division is growing! We have hired a unit supervisor for our Quality Assurance and Training Unit. This unit is currently responsible for training all Washington State law enforcement agencies how to conduct the enhanced background checks for handguns, semiautomatic rifles, and concealed pistol licenses. But, once we begin hiring in 2023 for the employees who will be processing the checks you submit (actually, the ones that SAFE doesn't automatically make an instant determination on), they will be training those new employees, and ensuring they are kept up to date on any changes in laws or policies. With this latest hire, we are up to a whopping six employees...on our way to 60+ next year. So...if you know anyone who might be interested in a State job in Olympia who has experience in the firearms field, please let them know to start looking early next year! All of our jobs are posted at [www.careers.wa.gov](http://www.careers.wa.gov)

Also, we have topics that we want to communicate out to all of you and will continue to do so. However, if you have any topics you would like us to cover, or questions you would like answered, please don't hesitate to respond to this email with that information!

Thank you,

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