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Hello!

We have (or rather we will have) reached a significant milestone in our project this month. We are nearing the point where we will actually use the Secure Automated Firearms E-Check (SAFE) system with a few of you for real background checks, in a process known as a 'pilot'. This is where we get to see how close we got with the design compared to how it needs to function in the real world. Pilots shake out the bugs and processes that don't work, and will allow us to fix those issues before we start migrating the rest of the state on to SAFE. We are on track to launch our pilot with already identified FFLs by the end of June.

Speaking of migrating all of the Washington FFLs...we'd like to share our plan for moving all of you onto using SAFE. We're required to have everyone moved by January 1, 2024, but we are really trying to get it done before the holidays, as we know the holidays are busy for you all, and the last thing you need is to be worrying about some new computer system. J

We'll be rolling out the migration in one month long phases, by county, from least number of FFLs to most. The phase calendar is below, and as you can see, we start with counties with only one FFL, and end with all 114 FFLs in King County. This way, we can 'throttle' the rollout a bit, in case we need to slow down or speed up depending on how things go. As part of the migration process, each FFL can expect an official letter in the next few weeks from the Washington State Patrol Firearms Background Division mailed to the mailing address on file, which will contain a unique code that will be needed for the initial setup of the FFL business in SAFE. Please see the attached example of what to expect. There is a link in the letter that will take you to our webpage, where we will soon have online training available on how to use the system, onboard employees, and manage an FFL business in SAFE.

As we complete each county's migration, we will be notifying the local law enforcement agencies in that county, so they will know to stop processing Firearm Transfer Applications (FTA) for FFLs in their county or other counties who have already migrated. Also to note, once an FFL has been migrated to using SAFE, FBI e-Check will no longer be available for use for them.

Assuming our pilot in June goes well, we will begin the 'soft launch' migration in mid to late July, allowing us to hopefully complete the migration by the end of October.

County	# of FFLs	Phase
Columbia	1	1
Garfield	1	1
San Juan	1	1
Skamania	1	1
Asotin	2	1
Douglas	2	1
Wahkiakum	2	1
Adams	3	1
Lincoln	3	1
Pend Oreille	3	1
Franklin	4	1
Klickitat	4	1
Ferry	5	1
Jefferson	5	1
Pacific	5	1
Whitman	5	1
Okanogan	9	1
Mason	10	1
Walla Walla	10	1
Chelan	11	2
Kittitas	12	2
Skagit	12	2
Grant	15	2
Stevens	15	2
Grays Harbor	17	2
Whatcom	18	2
Cowlitz	19	2
Lewis	19	2
Columbia	20	2
Kitsap	24	2
Thurston	24	2
Island	26	2
Benton	29	2
Yakima	31	3
Clark	52	3
Spokane	54	3
Pierce	69	3
Snohomish	77	3
King	114	3

Thank you,

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