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PROSSER POLICE DEPARTMENT SEEKS COMMUNITY MEMBER VOLUNTEERS FOR UNIT INVESTIGATING OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTINGS

The Prosser Police Department is seeking two people to serve as the city's community representatives to a unit investigating officer-involved shootings.

The Regional Special Investigations Unit is a multi-agency team organized to conduct independent investigations of officer-involved shootings, or in-custody deaths. In the past, police departments would either investigate their own officers' actions, or ask an outside agency to conduct the investigation.

The Regional Special Investigations Unit is comprised of investigators from law enforcement agencies from Benton, Franklin, and Walla Walla Counties.

A section of the state's administrative code now requires civilians from each law enforcement jurisdiction to participate with the unit, as part of the legislation establishing standards for officers' use of lethal force.

The civilians will not conduct the investigation, but will participate in the selection of investigators in the unit, review conflict of interest statements for investigators assigned to an incident in their community, attend briefings and be given copies of news releases from the unit prior to their release to journalists.

Prosser residents interested in serving are asked to contact Police Chief Giles at 509-786-1500 or dgiles@ci.prosser.wa.us.