

**WAC 446-10-010 Authority and purpose.** (1) RCW 42.56.070(1) requires each agency to make available for inspection and copying non-exempt "public records" in accordance with published rules. The act defines "public record" to include any "writing containing information relating to the conduct of government or the performance of any governmental or proprietary function prepared, owned, used, or retained" by the agency. RCW 42.56.070(2) requires each agency to set forth "for informational purposes" every law, in addition to the Public Records Act (the act), that exempts or prohibits the disclosure of public records held by that agency.

(2) The purpose of these rules is to establish the procedures the Washington state patrol shall follow in order to provide full access to public records. These rules provide information to persons wishing to request access to public records of the Washington state patrol and establish processes for both requestors and Washington state patrol staff that are designed to best assist members of the public in obtaining such access.

(3) The purpose of the act is to provide the public full access to information concerning the conduct of government, mindful of individuals' privacy rights and the desirability of the efficient administration of government. In carrying out its responsibilities under the act, the Washington state patrol shall be guided by the provisions of the act describing its purposes and interpretation.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 42.56.040 through 46.56.570 [42.56.570]. WSR 07-04-039, § 446-10-010, filed 1/30/07, effective 3/2/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.250. WSR 79-04-037 (Order 79-2), § 446-10-010, filed 3/23/79.]