Title 218 WAC  
FORENSIC INVESTIGATIONS COUNCIL

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WAC 218-04-010 Purpose and duties. The forensic investigations council is established pursuant to chapter 398, Laws of 1995. The purpose of the forensic investigations council is to:

(1) Preserve and enhance the state crime laboratory;
(2) Fund the death investigation system and to make related state and local institutions more efficient;
(3) Preserve and enhance the state toxicology laboratory;
(4) Provide resources necessary for the performance, by qualified pathologists, of autopsies;
(5) Improve the performance of death investigations and the criminal justice system through the formal training of county coroners and county medical examiners;
(6) Establish and maintain a dental identification system; and

(7) Provide flexibility so that any county may establish a county morgue when it serves the public interest.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 34.05.020. 96-16-062, § 218-04-010, filed 8/5/96, effective 9/5/96.]

WAC 218-04-020 Membership. The forensic investigations council consists of twelve members, selected by the governor, as follows: One county coroner; one county prosecutor who also serves as ex officio county coroner; one county medical examiner; one county sheriff; one chief of police; the chief of the state patrol; two members of a county legislative authority; and one pathologist who is currently in private practice; and two members of a city legislative authority.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 34.05.020. 96-16-062, § 218-04-020, filed 8/5/96, effective 9/5/96.]

WAC 218-04-030 Officers. There shall be a chair and vice-chair elected from the members of the council. The chair does not vote except in case of a tie vote.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 34.05.020. 96-16-062, § 218-04-030, filed 8/5/96, effective 9/5/96.]

WAC 218-04-040 Meetings. (1) The forensic investigations council shall hold its regular meetings on the fourth Fri-