

## **IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

August 17, 2020

## **MEDIA CONTACTS**

Wendy Haddow, Tacoma Police Department Public Information Officer, 253-591-5968 whaddow@cityoftacoma.org

## Independent Investigation Team (IIT) Community Representative Application

**Tacoma, Wash.** —The City of Tacoma is seeking members of the Tacoma community willing to serve as Community Representatives on the newly formed Independent Investigation Team (IIT) on behalf of the Tacoma Police Department.

The IIT was formed in response to the passage of Washington State Initiative 940 in 2018 and Senate House Bill 1064 in 2019 requiring independent investigations into incidents where the use of deadly force by a peace officer results in death, substantial bodily harm, or great bodily harm. These investigations are completed in the same manner as a criminal investigation and state law requires them to be conducted outside of the involved agency.

The Independent Investigative Team (IIT) will consist of a team of qualified and certified peace officer investigators and at least two non-law enforcement community representatives who operate completely independent of any involved agency to conduct investigations of police deadly force incidents.

This position will require the community representative to pass a department/agency background check and attend training that is relevant to officer involved deadly force incidents. The Non-Law Enforcement Community Representative must sign a binding confidentiality agreement at the beginning of each police use of deadly force incident investigation.

The length of commitment to this position is up to 4 years; however, commitment duration may be adjusted based on the needs of the department/agency and the individual's willingness to serve. The final decision regarding length of commitment will be decided by the Chief of Police.

This is a non-paid, volunteer position. For more information go to:

https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/tacoma/jobs/2812995/volunteer-opportunity-independent-investigation-team-community-representative