

SEATTLE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Chris Andersen is the Director of the Domestic Violence Unit at the Seattle City Attorney's Office and co-chair of the Regional Domestic Violence Firearms Enforcement Unit-- a multi-jurisdictional unit dedicated to removing firearms from domestic abusers. Chris started his career in the King County Prosecutor's Office as the homicide unit paralegal in 2001 and then became a deputy prosecutor in 2004. He rotated through the domestic violence unit, juvenile division, felony trial teams and was a supervisor in the district court unit. He was also a member of the complex prosecutions and investigations division, currently the special operations unit, and was responsible for investigating and prosecuting complex fraud and elder abuse cases. Chris was a guest speaker at the 2017 national Gun Violence Prevention Conference in Washington DC and at the Domestic Violence Symposium in 2016 and 2017 regarding firearms and domestic violence. Chris is an active member of the multi-jurisdictional Domestic Violence Prevention Council and Criminal Justice Committee.

KING COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

David Martin is a Senior Deputy Prosecutor for the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office (KCPAO) in Seattle, Washington. He serves as supervisor of the KCPAO Domestic Violence (DV) unit and co-manager of the Regional Domestic Violence Firearms Unit. Most of his 20 year career as a prosecutor has been spent in the Domestic Violence Unit. He serves on several DV task forces and workgroups, is co-chair of the National Association of Prosecuting Attorney's Domestic Violence Committee, and past commissioner for the American Bar Association Commission on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. David has authored several of Washington's new criminal DV laws including removal of the marital rape exception, stalking reform, batterer treatment, felony DV sentencing reform, strangulation, and repeat DV assault. He is coauthor of Washington's statewide DV prosecution manual, articles on strangulation, and recantation. David has served on the board of multiple community based domestic violence groups including New Beginnings and Lifewire. He provides training on DV locally, nationally, and internationally. David is the recipient of the Prosecuting Attorney's Outstanding Trial Advocacy award, Lifewire Norm Maleng award, Consejo Founder's Award, and the Coalition Ending Gender Based Violence System Change award.

ALLIANCE FOR GUN RESPONSIBILITY FOUNDATION

Renée Hopkins is CEO for the Alliance for Gun Responsibility Foundation, Renée oversees the development and execution of the Alliance's strategic plan for its 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and electoral activities. Renée also served as Executive Director of the Seattle Police Foundation (SPF) for twelve years. Renée began her public service career in 1995 as a VISTA Volunteer at a Volunteers of America (VOA) teen homeless shelter in Spokane, Washington.

Tallman Trask first joined the Alliance for Gun Responsibility Foundation in 2014. While filling a variety of communications roles, he helped pass Initiative 594, which expanded background checks in our state, and Initiative 1491, which established Washington's Extreme Risk Protection Order law. Following brief stints working with national gun violence prevention organizations and local progressive campaigns, he returned to the Alliance in 2018 to help guide policy development and the Initiative 1639 campaign. He now serves as the Policy and Advocacy Director at the Alliance.

FACILITATORS

Maureen McGregor is the Strategic Engagement Manager at the Alliance for Gun Responsibility Foundation. In 2018, she was part of the campaign team that helped pass I-1639 - the most comprehensive gun violence prevention law in Washington State history. In 2019, she transitioned to the Alliance and now works to strengthen the coalition partnerships and engage new communities in the fight to prevent gun violence.



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REGIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FIREARMS ENFORCEMENT UNIT

Divina Agbisi is the Court Order Problem Solver with the Regional DV Firearms Enforcement Unit. In this role, she acts as a liaison for law enforcement, court staff and the public when court orders are identified as having technical flaws that impact their ability to be entered, served or enforced. She ensures that flawed orders are corrected in a timely manner and sent on to the appropriate law enforcement jurisdiction. Prior to working as the Court Order Problem Solver, she worked for 18 years for the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, including 15 years as a Domestic Violence Paralegal.

Theresa Phillips is a firearms coordinator with the Regional Domestic Violence Firearms Enforcement Unit. Along with her fellow Coordinator, Sabath Huttle, she is forging a new path in the realm of victim advocacy. Combining traditional advocacy work with investigative research, Theresa collects information from victims regarding their abusers' access to guns, shares this information with law enforcement and prosecutors in the Unit, and provides victims with resources about safety planning and community support services. Theresa was a part of the Unit's pilot program that began in July 2017. She has worked with victims for 15 years, primarily as a victim advocate with the Seattle City Attorney's Office. She holds a MSW from the University of Washington.

Lorinda Tsai is a Firearms Advocate with the Regional Domestic Violence Firearms Enforcement Unit. In this role, she works with petitioners, law enforcement agencies, and other partners to remove guns from respondents who are court ordered to relinquish their firearms. She has worked in the domestic violence field for over 15 years as a victim advocate, with 10 of those years as a Protection Order Advocate in the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

Kimberly Wyatt is a Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney with the newly-formed Domestic Violence Regional Firearms Enforcement Unit working on Extreme Risk Protection Orders, firearm compliance cases and high risk DV firearm offenders. She has been with the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office since 2001, and has spent over half her career working on domestic violence cases. Prior to her work on DV firearm cases, Kim started and served as a co-located prosecutor with the City of Seattle Attorney's Office-Domestic Violence Unit. In this role, Kim served as a liaison between the City of Seattle Attorney's Office, Seattle Police Department-DV Unit, and KCPAO. Kim's work included identifying misdemeanor DV, stalking, and child abuse cases for felony charges. Kim is nationally trained as a Professional Trainer on Stalking Victimization with the Office of Violence Against Women-Department of Justice. In 2013, Kim was certified to train on Strangulation cases at the Advanced Strangulation Course for Trainers and Experts in San Diego, CA. Kim most recently presented at Seattle University School of Law's DV Symposium in 2017. Kim received her B.A. from Pepperdine University, and her J.D. cum laude from Seattle University School of Law.

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Adelyn Allchin is the Director of Public Health Research at Educational Fund to Stop Gun Violence. She is passionate about translating research to create, implement, and evaluate evidence-based policies that will improve public health. She collaborates with a diverse array of researchers, advocates, and mental health practitioners to develop model policies that focus on proven risk factors for dangerousness. She currently focuses on implementation and evaluation of risk-based firearm removal policies such as Domestic Violence Restraining Orders and Extreme Risk Protection Orders.

PIERCE COUNTY

Craig Roberts has been a Pierce County employee for 33 years. His work in the Pierce County Clerk's Office focused on innovative ways to increase access to protective orders for victims of domestic violence. This work paved the way for electronic Protection Order filing and focused on co-locating professionals to more effectively serve victims of domestic violence. Craig has been a member of the leadership team at the Crystal Judson Family Justice since its doors opened in 2005 and became the center Director in 2017.

SEATTLE POLICE DEPT

Sergeant Eric Pisonski oversees the Seattle Police Department's Crisis Response Unit (CRU). He is a lead instructor and created trainings for Tactical De-Escalation and 'Officer Approaches to De-Escalation' for the BJA sponsored VALOR training nationally and the FBI regionally. He served as an instructor for the City's Race and Social Justice Initiative (RSJI) and Listen and Explain with Equity and Dignity (LEED) training, and as a moderator for both the 40-hr CIT course and the FBI Hostage Negotiator training. He is a member of Washington's "Safer Homes - Suicide Aware" Taskforce, and has served as a subject matter expert for multiple legislative forums. Sergeant Pisonski presented at the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) - Integrating Communications, Assessment, and Tactics (ICAT) seminar as a subject matter expert. He was also a key speaker at the 2017 NAMI-Delaware annual conference.

Det. Joe Stankovich joined the Atlanta Police Department in 1998, where he was assigned as a bike unit at the Midtown Mini-Precinct before transferring to regular patrol operations in Downtown Atlanta. He later became a background Detective and Recruiter for the department. In 2005, he moved to the Seattle Police Department and was assigned to patrol at the North Precinct. He later worked in the Community Policing Team in the north-end. In 2017, he transferred to the Force Investigations Team investigating Officer Involved Shootings, uses of force, and in-custody deaths. He joined the DV Order Service and Firearms and Recovery Unit last year.

SPOKANE POLICE DEPT

Sgt Jordan Ferguson has over thirty years of law enforcement experience and has been with the Spokane Police Department since 1999. He completed a Masters in Criminal Justice at Washington State University in the summer of 2018 with an academic focus on how fear affects us. He is currently assigned to the Major Crimes Domestic Violence Unit where his responsibilities and experiences have been some of the most demanding, yet rewarding, of his 30-year career.

YWCA PIERCE COUNTY

Miriam Burnett joined the non-profit world in 1987, after being a full-time craft artist for 12 years. In 2005, she became the CEO of the YWCA Pierce County, which perfectly aligns with her mission of making a difference one step and one person at a time. Miriam serves on the board of the State of WA Dept. of Commerce Building Communities Fund and the Mary Redman Foundation and is a member of Tacoma Rotary 8, the Pierce County Human Services Coalition and a senior fellow of the American Leadership Forum. In 2011, she received the Weyerhaeuser Companies "Martin Luther King Living the Dream Award" and in 2014 she received the "Redeeming the Prophetic Vision Social Justice Award." She was also named a "Woman of Influence" by the Business Examiner in 2010, and in 2018, she was named "Citizen of the Year" by South Sound Magazine.

