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Cathy, the SAC email address is invalid per Comcast email: Sac@co.whatcom.wa.us
I would like to add this question:

RE: Undersheriff Doug Chadwick spoke about responding to 9-1-1 mental crisis calls with a co-response consisting of a deputy and a behavioral health specialist because mental crisis calls can escalate fast. He also stated without co-response, if a behavioral health specialist or social worker needed law enforcement assistance there would be a significant time delay due to geographical obstacles reaching remote areas (Maple Falls, etc).

Question: Would WA State HB1310 & HB1054 need to be revised to allow safety for social workers/behavioral health workers to have co-response with law enforcement as Undersheriff Chadwick outlined? If so, how can the revision of the House Bill laws be made to make co-response possible to ensure safety for all is paramount?

Thank you,
Kendra Cook