

Statement from the Yakima Valley Law Enforcement Executives

Regarding County Coroner Jim Curtice

March 12th 2025

We are empathetic to those who struggle with drug and alcohol addiction, and we have seen how it impacts our communities. We support programs that help people recover from this terrible disease and believe in redemption when they recover and become productive members of society again.

However, Jim Curtice is an elected official and the head of an agency that works closely with law enforcement. He is responsible for a vital part of the successful prosecution of death investigations in Yakima County. His behavior has violated public trust and compromised his office and his ability to be an effective leader working with law enforcement again.

Even though we are empathetic to Coroner Curtice's struggles and sincerely hope he can have a lasting recovery, some lines can't be crossed, and specific behaviors cannot be tolerated. Coroner Curtice's well-documented behavior has forced the remaining staff at the Coroner's office to work unsustainable hours, which could jeopardize cases. His resignation will allow the current Coroner's office employees to heal and return to full staffing.

Therefore, we urge Coroner Jim Curtice to do the honorable thing and resign from his position immediately.

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