



# KITSAP COUNTY SHERIFF

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## **Area law enforcement agencies demonstrate capabilities and tactics for visiting Japanese police**

**Silverdale, Wash.** -- A previous solid working relationship with host nation police authorities was the conduit by which Japanese police are now visiting the Puget Sound region, including Kitsap County, to observe and participate in demonstrations of tactical law enforcement operations.

Two police inspectors with the Nagasaki Prefecture Police are presently working with Naval Criminal Investigative Service Special Agents (NCIS Northwest Field Office), Seattle Police Department Patrol and SWAT officers, Special Agents from the FBI Field Office in Seattle, and with sheriff's deputies (crisis negotiators) and the SWAT Team of the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office.

Following a December 2007 shooting incident inside of a sports complex in the City of Sasebo that left two persons dead and three wounded, officials with the Nagasaki Prefecture of Police contacted the NCIS Sasebo, Japan for assistance in critical incident response.

That request soon reached the desk of NCIS Special Agent Richard T. Warner. Fluent in the Japanese language, Warner had spent some 26 years assigned to U. S. Navy forces and installations based in Japan and worked closely with host nation police agencies. Warner is presently the Supervisory Special Agent of the NCIS office in Bremerton.

Subsequent arrangements were coordinated by Warner and finalized for the Nagasaki Police officers to join local law enforcement agencies in exercise scenarios involving SWAT tactical operations, hostage negotiations, police patrol procedures and in weapons familiarization. Their visit to West Sound will culminate with a tour of the Kitsap County Jail.

“I am proud that NCIS has asked the men and women of the Kitsap County Sheriff’s Office to join them in hosting our Japanese police colleagues,” said Sheriff Steve Boyer. “Our deputies and corrections officers are highly dedicated and experienced. They spend considerable time preparing for critical incident contingencies. We are honored to have been selected to work with our guests in police tactical operations and to show them a first class corrections facility.”

The visiting police inspectors are visiting Puget Sound for approximately one week.

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