Washington State Data Exchange for Public Safety™

Contact Reason Categories

For reportable use-of-force incidents, WADEPS categorizes the initial police-community contact into four categories:

CONTACT REASON	DEFINITION
PUBLIC REQUEST FOR SERVICE	The contact originated from a member of the public requesting assistance or reporting an incident (typically by phone or in-person).
UNIT OR OFFICER INITIATED	The officer initiated the contact without a prior external request (e.g., self-initiated stop).
PLANNED ACTIVITY	The contact occurred as part of a pre-scheduled or coordinated activity (e.g., warrant service, tactical operation).
AGENCY REQUEST FOR SERVICE	The contact was initiated based on a request from another agency or department.

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