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In 2023, the Washington State Patrol's Firearms Background Division (FBD) will hire and train its employees as directed in Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 2467 (E2SHB 2467) in preparation for a "soft launch" of its Secure Automated Firearms E-check (SAFE) system. While Washington State will soon be considered a centralized, single-point of contact for firearm sales, local law enforcement agencies will continue to conduct the background checks for Concealed Pistol Licenses (CPLs) and the Disposition of Firearms (DOF), or release of firearms from evidence.

The FBD realizes the importance of running a National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) background check for firearms as well as CPLs and DOF. We are happy to continue to offer online NICS training for law enforcement agencies in 2023. The FBD will offer these classes quarterly and will have no size limit. Dates and times for these trainings will be announced in December.

If you have any question please email firearms at firearms@wsp.wa.gov

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