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**Subject:** WSP Firearms Background Division Update - November 2023

Hello –

Only 23 days until the official start of the holiday season, Black Friday!

I mention this because, although we had a statutory mandate to have SAFE up and operational by January 1, 2024, this has always been the target date we had strived to have SAFE ready by. I'm pleased to say we've met that goal (over a month early I might add...!) and the only thing left is for the remaining FFLs out there to onboard and start using SAFE! For anyone who is waiting, please remember...

- We are not assessing any fees (including the \$18 SAR fee) until January 1, 2024
- We take care of sending the Firearm Transfer Application (FTA) information to Department of Licensing
- You don't have to report denied applicants anymore to WASPC once you're using SAFE

To fill out the rest of this email, I'm going to share some statistical information for those of you who enjoy that sort of thing...

Since we started conducting background checks on August 8, 2023 we have had over 19,000 background checks submitted! We had 4430 submitted in September, but over 14,000 in October, as the last phase of FFLs started to onboard and use SAFE. We have had a total of 318 denials.

Our highest submission day, so far, was October 27<sup>th</sup>, when we had 793 checks submitted. This is expected to climb to around 1800/day when everyone is using SAFE.

Our implementation plan assumed a 'lights out' auto-adjudication rate of 35%...we are at 38%. Every one of those, means the fastest possible background check we can deliver. Our records so far: Proceed – 56 minutes (on a handgun, no less!). Deny - 1 minute 12 seconds.

We have 505 FFLs registered to use SAFE, with 300 having submitted at least one background check.

Also, as a reminder:

Any denied person is required by RCW 43.43.823 to receive information about the right to appeal. If they provided an email address at the time the application was submitted, we will automatically email them the document with the appropriate information already filled out. Otherwise, the FFL is required to print out (or email) the **WSP Denied Applicant Notification and Appeal Form** which is available in the background check status screen during the 5 days the denial is on your dashboard.

Thank you,

Kevin

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