

## **Department of Emergency Management**

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## **EMERGENCY WORKER BACKGROUND CHECK POLICY**

Once your application is received it is reviewed by the Sheriff's Department. Numerous databases are reviewed in evaluating the application.

- 1.) Driver's license- tickets, DUI's, restrictions. Driver License must be issued from Washington State if living in this state, unless applicant is military or a military family member.
- 2.)Criminal Databases- Any negative contact by law enforcement will be considered a disqualifier. Does not have to result in an arrest. Evaluating behavior. Items considered: Restraining Orders; Protection Orders; Arrests and/or convictions; listed as a person of interest in a police report.

If a derogatory comment as listed above is discovered during the background, DEM will advise the applicant that their request for an emergency workers card has been denied. It is the responsibility of the applicant to provide to the Sheriff's SAR commander the circumstances of why the incident should not be considered. The applicant can obtain information on the records on file by making a "Public Disclosure Request" through the South Sound 9-1-1 Agency (www.southsound911.org).

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