

Patti Cole-Tindall

Title/Rank: Interim Sheriff

Department: King County Sheriff's Office

Service: 30 years public service (almost 10 in law enforcement)



On January 1st, 2022, King County Executive Dow Constantine appointed Patricia Cole- Tindall as the Interim Sheriff for the King County Sheriff's Office. Patti will serve in that capacity until a process for identifying a permanent Sheriff has been completed.

Before her previous promotion to Undersheriff, in the summer of 2020, Patti served as the Chief of the Technical Services Division for almost five years. Prior to joining the King County Sheriff's Office in October of 2015, Cole-Tindall served as the director of the King County Office of Labor Relations for six years.

Patti's previous experiences include serving as an internal affairs investigator for the County's Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention, and an assistant director of that department's Community Corrections Division. At the state Employment Security Department, she was responsible for the regional investigative program that detected fraud and theft of unemployment benefits. She was also a special agent for the Washington State Gambling Commission and completed the Basic Law Enforcement Academy.

More recently, she served as a key advisor to the King County Executive and County Council on strategic planning, labor policy development and employment law as the Director of Labor Relations. She concurrently served as the interim director of the Office of Law Enforcement Oversight (OLEO), working with staff, the Sheriff's Office, and the public to improve services and promote awareness of the role of civilian oversight in King County.

While she was Undersheriff, Cole-Tindall was responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Sheriff's Office together with the team of three Division Chiefs. She oversaw the development and implementation of the King County Sheriff's Office Strategic Plan and examination and strengthening of the Sheriff's Office complaint and use of force review processes.

Patti is a member of the Washington Sheriff and Police Chiefs Association (WASPC) as well as the Major County Sheriffs Association (MCSA). Patti also holds a Master of Administration from Troy State University and a Bachelor of Arts in Public Relations, Business Administration from Central Washington University. Additionally, Patti graduated from the Basic Law Enforcement Training Academy.

Patti enjoys traveling and spending time with friends and her two sons.