

Our History

2005
AUGUST

The Seattle P-I runs the first of its series [Conduct Unbecoming](#), which highlights problems with police practices within the Sheriff's Office. These articles spark dialogue about the need for oversight of the Sheriff's Office.



2009
MAY

The original authority established under Ordinance 15611 is revised through the King County Council's adoption of [Ordinance Enactment 16511](#), which reflects modified OLEO rights and responsibilities that reflect negotiations with KCPOG.



2015
NOVEMBER

King County voters approve [Charter Amendment 1](#), expanding the scope of OLEO's authority including independent investigations. The Charter amendment also enhances the role of OLEO's community advisory committee.



2017

Some of OLEO's expanded authority remains in collective bargaining with the KCPOG.

2006
OCTOBER

The King County Council creates the Office of Law Enforcement Oversight via [Ordinance Enactment 15611](#). The Office is intended to ensure the integrity, transparency, and accountability of the King County Sheriff's Office in misconduct investigations and to foster greater community trust in the Sheriff's Office. The King County Police Officer's Guild (KCPOG) promptly challenges OLEO's oversight role as an Unfair Labor Practice, which takes nearly three years to resolve.



2011
OCTOBER

OLEO begins operations.



2017
APRIL

The King County Council adopts [Ordinance Enactment 18500](#) to implement Charter Amendment 1.

