



Senator Dale E. Brandland

Elected to the state Senate in 2002 and 2006, Senator Dale Brandland represented Washington's 42nd District, a community he has served as both a Bellingham police officer as well as Whatcom County Sheriff.

Growing up in Port Angeles, Brandland entered the armed services and became interested in law enforcement while serving as a base police officer. After spending two years at Port Orchard Community College Brandland entered Washington State University knowing that the Police Science major would eventually lead him to land a position in his desired field; law enforcement.

After graduating college with a wife, two kids and a police science major he landed a position in Bellingham as a police officer for the city. While serving there he was a K-9 officer, a crime scene investigator, and road sergeant.

After being asked to run for Whatcom County Sheriff and initially saying no, he was elected in 1992. During his election campaigns he maintained that a good Sheriff should step down after 12 years, and in 2002 he ran and was elected in his first campaign for Washington state Senator for the 42nd District. Initially approached to run as a Representative, he instead decided to campaign for the Senate seat and has represented the 42nd District ever since.

Senator Brandland served on the Ways and Means committee as the Ranking Republican Member on the Capital Budget committee, and on the Human Services and Corrections and Early Learning and K-12 Education committees.

In his community Brandland has served as past president of the Washington State Sheriff and Police Chiefs Association and the past chair of the United Way of Whatcom County.

Elective Office: Senate 2002 and 2006, term expired January 2011.

Leadership: Republican Whip, 2007-present; Republican Caucus Vice Chair, 2005-06; Majority Caucus Vice Chair, 2003-04.

Standing Committees (2007-9): Ways and Means (Ranking Republican Member, Capital Budget); Human Services and Corrections; Early Learning and K-12 Education.

Military Service: United States Navy, 1968-1969.

Employment: Whatcom County Sheriff 1992-2003; Bellingham Police Officer.

Special Committees: Organized Crime Advisory Board; Joint Task Force on Child Safety; Joint Task Force on Criminal Background Checks; Joint Select Committee on Public Health Financing; Capital Projects Advisory Review Board (CPARB); Ecosystem Coordination Board/Puget Sound Partnership, 2007-present; Capital Campus Design Advisory Board, 2007-present; K-12 School Construction Infrastructure Task Force, Co-Chair, 2007-present; School Disciplinary Action Task Force, 2008.

Honors and Recognitions: Cornerstone Award, Association of Washington Business, 2005; Whatcom Alliance for Healthcare Access Award for Leadership, 2005; Washington State Coalition for Homeless Certificate of Appreciation, 2005; National recognition for expertise in border issues; Associated General Contractors 2004 Legislator of the Year Award; Washington Association of County Clerks 2003 Legislative Star Award; Legislator of the Year 2006 – Washington State Medical Association; 2008 Guardian of Small Business Award, National Federation of Independent Business.

Community Activities: Past president, Washington State Sheriff and Police Chiefs Association; Past Chair, United Way of Whatcom County; Whatcom County Mental Health Advisory Board; Whatcom Hospice Foundation, board member; Boys and Girls Club, board member; Boys and Girls Club of Whatcom County, Pacesetter Award 2006.

Education: Washington State University, graduated 1975 with a degree in police science and administration; FBI National Academy, graduated 1998.

Personal: Dale and his wife, Jean, live in rural Whatcom County. They have two children and five grandchildren.