



Washington State Patrol

Service With Humility



Chief John R. Batiste



Chief John R. Batiste is the 21st Chief of the Washington State Patrol. Governor Christine Gregoire appointed Chief Batiste on February 14, 2005. The Washington State Patrol is the largest public safety, law enforcement agency in the state.

The Washington State Patrol is a statewide general authority Washington law enforcement agency employing over 2,300 (1,150 sworn and 1,150 professional support staff) personnel with a biennial budget of \$369 million. Chief Batiste oversees the day-to-day management of the agency's five bureaus: Field Operations Bureau, Fire Protection Bureau (State Fire Marshal), Forensic Laboratory Services Bureau (statewide Crime Lab), Investigative Services Bureau, and Technical Services Bureau.

Chief Batiste began his career with the Washington State Patrol in March 1976. He has promoted through the ranks of Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain, and Deputy Chief. Chief Batiste obtained his Bachelor's Degree in Law Enforcement Administration from City University and is a graduate of Northwestern University's Center for Public Safety School of Police Staff and Command, as well as a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Executive Institute

Chief Batiste has been involved in a variety of activities and organizations, including his work with the Kenya National Police Force to create a National Police Chaplain Program and the South African National Police Force to assist with training and procedures on ethical policing.

Chief Batiste is an Executive Board Member of the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs; Executive Board Member for the Western States Information Network; Washington Criminal Justice Training Commissioner; Washington Traffic Safety Commissioner; International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Executive Board Member; General Chair of the IACP State & Provincial Police Division; and member of the Forensic Investigation Council and Governor's Emergency Management Council.