



STATE OF WASHINGTON
WASHINGTON STATE PATROL

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CHIEF JOHN R. BATISTE

Chief John R. Batiste is the 21st Chief of the Washington State Patrol. Governor Christine Gregoire originally appointed Chief Batiste on February 14, 2005. On January 16, 2013, Governor Jay Inslee reappointed Chief Batiste to continue to lead the Washington State Patrol.

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 2,146 (1,067 sworn and 1,079 professional support staff) personnel with a biennial budget of \$506.9 million. Chief Batiste oversees the day-to-day operations and manages the agency's six bureaus: Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Bureau, Field Operations Bureau, Fire Protection Bureau (State Fire Marshal), Forensic Laboratory Services Bureau (statewide crime laboratories), 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; member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and Past General Chair of the IACP State and Provincial Police Division; American Association of Motor Vehicles Region IV Board Member; Member of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives; and serves on the Washington State Forensic Investigation Council and Governor's Emergency Management Council.

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