

A Day Without the Washington State Patrol

The Washington State Patrol (WSP) makes a difference every single day for the citizens of Washington State. If WSP employees were not working today to provide public safety services to everyone where they live, work, travel and play:

- o 475,393 students could be passengers in one of 9,000 school buses which were not inspected for safety and compliance.
- o 132,150 people would be housed in boarding/nursing homes not inspected for fire safety.
- o 52,500 children would be in child care centers not inspected for fire safety.
- o 4,779 calls for help would not be received through 911 calls to our communications centers.
- o 2,301 individuals would not have access to public information and the services provided by its employees located on the WSP Web site.
- o 2,172 marijuana plants would still be out on the streets along with one growing operation. In addition to marijuana, 162 grams of cocaine, 51.7 grams of methamphetamines, 1 gram of heroin, 6 pills worth of club drugs, and 100 grams of other drugs would still be on the streets.
- o 2,069 background checks would not have been performed; 1,342 of these being background checks for non-profit groups and 682 background checks for profit groups.
- o 1,610 people that were either dangerously speeding, aggressively driving, or driving while under the influence would not be stopped, thus putting our friends, families, and children in harm's way.
- o 1,408 calls for service would not be dispatched to appropriate law enforcement officers for response.
- o 975 people would not have had their fingerprints processed for employment applications and school district registrants.
- o 810 pursuit vehicles would not be on the road to assist motorists, apprehend criminals, stop drunk drivers before they potentially kill themselves or others, etc.
- o 607 sex offenders would not be registered in our state.
- o 359 commercial vehicles would not be inspected for safety and compliance.
- o 128 criminals would not have been arrested and still be at large. These criminals would be free to re-offend.
- o 22 toxicology cases would not be completed.
- o 21 public disclosure requests would not be processed.
- o 11 latent prints would not have been tested, potentially linking a criminal to a crime.
- o 10 people would not be trained for hazardous materials through the Fire Protection Bureau.
- o 5 missing/exploited children would not have the assistance of authorities.
- o 5 DNA cases would not be completed, leaving the families of victims without resolution or keeping the assailants from being linked to the crimes they committed.
- o 4 stolen cars would not have been recovered by our Auto Theft Units.

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- o 2 misdemeanors, 1 felony, and 1 DUI warrant would not have been served. Of those, 1 arrest would not have been made, and \$6839.10 in bail funds would not be acquired.
- o 2 firearms linked to a crime would not be tested through IBIS, a program that tests ballistic patterns and can conclusively match bullets with firearms.
- o 1 call for organ/tissue donations would not be made.

These are just a few of the many services the WSP provide every day to the public. To view more extensive lists please click on the links below:

[WSP Investigative Services Bureau](#)

[WSP Field Operations Bureau](#)

[WSP Fire Protection Bureau](#)

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