

Traffic Safety Services

The **Field Operations Bureau (FOB)** provides education and enforcement on our states highways, focusing on four core mission areas: **DUI, seat belts, aggressive driving, and dangerous speeding.** Statewide, citations have been up in all of our core mission areas. Using professional discretion and with the understanding that education plays a key role in traffic safety, uniformed troopers gave out citations in approximately 31% of their traffic stops.

These education and enforcement efforts are significantly and positively correlated to improved safety on all of Washington State's highways, where the number of injury and fatal collisions are down.

Along the side of the road, troopers assisted the motoring public over 11,000 times per month, or 380 times per day, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. When a citizen's car had a flat tire, broke down, or ran out of gas, or when people were lost or had other roadside emergencies, troopers were there to help.

The **Aggressive Driving Apprehension Team (ADAT)** program is a proactive effort to locate and arrest those drivers who drive aggressively. The ADAT program utilizes 40 unmarked/ unconventional police vehicles around the state equipped with mobile video cameras to detect and apprehend aggressive drivers. These vehicles are strategically located where data shows aggressive driving is most likely to occur.

The **Aviation Section** assists troopers in traffic safety by providing aerial assistance to troopers for speed enforcement and aggressive driving.



Pilots are also able to track suspects traveling at speeds which are unsafe to troopers in high traffic areas.

Vessel and Terminal Security (VATS) was implemented in Districts 2, 7, and 8 to provide a safer environment for all motorists by expanding the scope of traffic control and law enforcement services on Washington State ferry routes. Traffic management and public safety have improved since the Patrol began providing service at ferry terminals and on vessels.

Canine Units provide security for the Washington State Ferry System (terminals and ferries) and other transportation-related premises. In addition to sweeps at local schools and businesses, the teams have also conducted evidence searches for local agencies, assisted the Patrol's Executive Protection Unit and the United States Secret Service, Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The **Commercial Vehicle Division (CVD)**, through education and enforcement, ensures compliance with commercial motor vehicle regulations to protect resources, prevent accidents, and save lives.



The **CVD School Bus Inspection Program**, in partnership with the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, works to ensure the safe transportation of school children through the inspection of over 9,000 school buses annually.

Investigative Services

The **Sex Offender Registry** (<http://ml.waspc.org/Accept.aspx>) provides quarterly address comparisons, which have identified hundreds of incorrect addresses provided at the time offenders registered. This new partnership between the WSP, State Printer, and the local sheriff's offices will help improve offender accountability and public safety.

Fingerprint/ Background Checks are provided by the Identification Section of WSP for the public and other agencies throughout the state.



The **Crime Laboratory Division (CLD)** operates four full-service crime laboratories in Seattle, Tacoma, Marysville, and Spokane and limited-service crime laboratories in Kelso, Kennewick, and Tumwater. The laboratories provide quality forensic services for criminal justice agencies within the state of Washington.

The **Toxicology Laboratory** performs drug and alcohol testing for coroners, medical examiners, law enforcement agencies, prosecuting attorneys, and the State Liquor Control Board in all 39 Washington counties. The laboratory receives 8,000 cases per year, of which approximately 50 percent are law enforcement DUI cases and 50 percent are coroner/medical examiner cases.

The **Criminal Investigation Division (CID)** conducts investigations into vehicular homicides, vehicular assaults, felony hit-and-runs, auto thefts, and threats against elected officials. The division also provides investigative follow-up to all felony crimes discovered by uniformed line troopers, allowing the trooper to return to his/her primary traffic enforcement duties.

The **Missing Children Clearinghouse (MCC)** coordinates the exchange of information between law enforcement agencies, citizens, schools, the Department of Social and Health Services, and other interested groups regarding the location and return of missing children.

The **Missing and Exploited Children Task Force (MECTF)** is a multi-agency task force that assists law enforcement, state and federal agencies, and the proper custodial parent(s) or guardian(s) by conducting investigations on missing, abducted, and exploited children through referrals, on-site assistance, case management, and training.

Emergency Assistance

The **Technical Services Bureau** (TSB) provides many diverse services to the entire department, other law enforcement and government agencies, and members of the general public. The WSP Communications Centers answer about 820,000 911 calls statewide each year.

The WSP Office of Government and Media Relations heads the **AMBER Alert** program in Washington State. In 2004, the AMBER Alert 911 Web portal was launched nationwide using new technology and resources to improve communication in order to find missing children faster. To sign up, please visit this URL: <http://www.amberalert911.com/>

Fire Protection Services

The **Office of the State Fire Marshal, Fire Protection Bureau** (FPB), provides services to fire districts, government agencies, members of the media, and the general public. These services include:

- Fire investigations;
- Fire incident reporting and data collection;
- Fire code review and adoption;
- Construction plan review for fire sprinkler and alarm systems; and
- Fire inspections of high-risk occupancies housing elderly and vulnerable populations.

In addition, the bureau regulates the fireworks and sprinkler industry through a licensing program.



The State Fire Training Academy provides training to the state's fire departments and districts.

The Fire Protection Bureau also provides coordination of Washington State fire service resources for mobilization during natural or human-caused disasters. Terrorism and hazardous materials training, fire and life safety prevention education, and public information services are also responsibilities of the Fire Protection Bureau.

Education Services

The "**El Protector**" program has been designed to engage the Hispanic/Latino community in District 3. This program places special emphasis on people with limited English-Speaking abilities. In addition, this bilingual/bicultural program provides public education through dialogue with the Hispanic/Latino community, instead of focusing specifically on enforcement measures.

Troopers and other qualified State Patrol employees also provide displays and participate in county and state fairs, local health and safety fairs, and recruiting booths at job fairs. We have recruiters statewide. You can request a community outreach activity by calling any local State Patrol office.

District 1, Tacoma: (253) 536-6210
District 2, Bellevue: (425) 649-4370
District 3, Union Gap: (509) 249-6708
District 4, Spokane: (509) 227-6566
District 5, Vancouver: (360) 260-6333
District 6, Wenatchee: (509) 663-9721
District 7, Marysville: (360) 658-2588
District 8, Bremerton: (360) 478-4646
WSP Headquarters: (360) 753-6540

Or visit the following URL:
<http://www.wsp.wa.gov/newsfaqs/pio.htm>
to contact a local officer.



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