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King County Trooper Earns *Washington's Most Wanted* Officer of the Month Award

For the first time, a Washington State Patrol Trooper has been named Q-13 Fox's *Washington's Most Wanted* Officer of the Month.

Trooper Bree Barton received the September award due in part to her bravery and courageous actions during a traffic stop with an impaired driver that turned into a fight for her life, followed by a high speed pursuit lasting over 20 miles through King and Pierce Counties. Even though Trooper Barton sustained serious injuries during the fight, she continued the pursuit which resulted in the apprehension of her assailant.

As Trooper Barton receives the award on this weekend's episodes of *Washington's Most Wanted* she will explain the details behind the incident and how her training and courageous actions saved her own life and put her assailant behind bars.

The show will air this Friday at 9:30 p.m. on MyQ2. It will also air on Friday and Saturday at 10:30 p.m. on Q-13 Fox. The show will also air on Fox 28, Spokane, Saturday at 10:30 p.m., Fox 11, Tri Cities, Saturday at 10:00 p.m., and Fox 41, Yakima, Saturday at 10 p.m.

Trooper Barton has worked in south King County for approximately three years. She is assigned to a line detachment and is also a Drug Recognition Expert and a member of the WSP Honor Guard.

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