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2017 District 6 “Detachment of the Year” – Moses Lake

Moses Lake – Washington State Patrol’s Moses Lake Detachment 3 wins District 6 “Detachment of the Year” for the second straight year. Detachment 3 continues their strong efforts towards reducing fatality collisions, injury collisions and their overall performance throughout 2017. The detachment saw a 33% reduction in fatality collisions in support of Target Zero, which strives to have zero traffic fatalities by 2030. The detachment’s teamwork and commitment to both district and agency goals were clearly evident as they achieved high levels of performance.

The Detachment is led by Sergeant Marcus Smith and with his support and leadership, the detachment continues to make a significant difference to the citizens of Grant County. Their efforts resulted in a 24% decrease in DUI collisions. Detachment 3 continues to partner with the Columbia Basin Traffic Safety Task Force, Moses Lake Police Department and the Grant County Sheriff’s Office to conduct joint traffic safety emphases to focus on DUI, speed, distracted driving and occupant restraint enforcement.

Detachment 3 consistently provides superior quality work. Detachment members serve in a variety of specialties to include: Certified Technical (collision) Specialists, Field Training Officers, Weapon Instructors, Washington State Patrol Troopers Association Representative, Rapid Deployment Force, Drug Recognition Experts, Executive Protection Unit, Certified Child Restraint Technicians and Aggressive Driving Apprehension Team members.

“When you consider the amount of specialty positions within the Detachment, the quality of work they produced is even more impressive” – Sergeant Marcus Smith.

Detachment Members:

Sergeant Marcus Smith #148
Trooper Spike Unruh #970
Trooper Sage Schafer #1193
Trooper Chris Kottong #680
Trooper Jeremy Weber #1100 (Transferred to Wenatchee in November, 2017)
Trooper Benjamin Borgman #429
Trooper Connor Paysse #555
Trooper Collin Cumaravel #738
Trooper Michael Valentine #701

The two Moses Lake Detachments cover all of Grant County and portions of Douglas, Okanogan and Adams Counties.

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