



WASHINGTON STATE PATROL
ANNUAL REPORT



2019

LETTER FROM THE CHIEF

Thank you for your interest in the Washington State Patrol. 2019 was another year of great service from the members of our organization. Within this document, you will find detail of that service.

Washington State Patrol professionals serve the citizens and guests of the state of Washington. I could not be prouder to know them, to work with them, and to be a part of the leadership and support services they provide.

Members of our personnel, from the Trooper on the side of the road to the Communications Officer responding to 911 calls, to the Crime Lab Scientist testing sexual assault kits, are all dedicated to advocating for public safety. From the pilot offering guidance to officers on the ground in pursuit, to the K-9 officer inspecting our ferries, WSP professionals use every tool available to stop those who violate the law. From the honor guard welcoming a visiting head of state, to the government affairs officers testifying before the legislature, our professionals all serve with integrity, dignity, and respect. From the commercial vehicle officers stopping tragedy before it happens, to those in the field conducting fire inspections, we do not shirk from responsibility. From the dispatcher answering a life-critical call to the clerical support professional making sure we are organized and effective, we are all trained and ready to utilize every tool to make a difference every day.

Our motto is Service with Humility and we have operated with that spirit for 99 years. As we begin to look forward to our centennial celebration in 2021, we are also looking back at our humble beginnings in 1921. Then, several courageous young men set out on motorcycles to cover the entire state. There are a lot more paved roads now in our state than in 1921, and there are a lot more to patrol these roads. Our men and women serve in every county, every town, and city across this large and diverse state. Still, we are now as we were then, and as we will be 100 years hence – a group of people who, with humble hearts, have solemnly pledged allegiance to serve, to do what is right, the right way, and for the right reasons.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John R. Batiste". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Chief John R. Batiste

ABOUT WSP

MISSION

The Washington State Patrol (WSP) makes a difference every day, enhancing the safety and security of our state by providing the best in public safety services

VISION

To be the best public safety agency in the United States

MOTTO

Service with Humility

VALUES

Every employee is a critical member of a team committed to earning the trust and confidence of the public through:

- Strong leadership
- Effective partnerships
- Professional excellence
- Acting with integrity and accountability
- Respecting and protecting individual rights
- A culture of continuous improvement



WSP AT A GLANCE

- 1,113** Commissioned Employees
- 980** Civil Service Employees
- 37** K-9 Officers
- 14** Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officers Graduated
- 41** Troopers Commissioned
- 1,764** Vehicles
- 18,000+** Lane miles of state highway patrolled



Website:

www.wsp.wa.gov



Facebook:

www.facebook.com/WashingtonStatePatrol



Twitter:

www.twitter.com/wastatepatrol



Instagram:

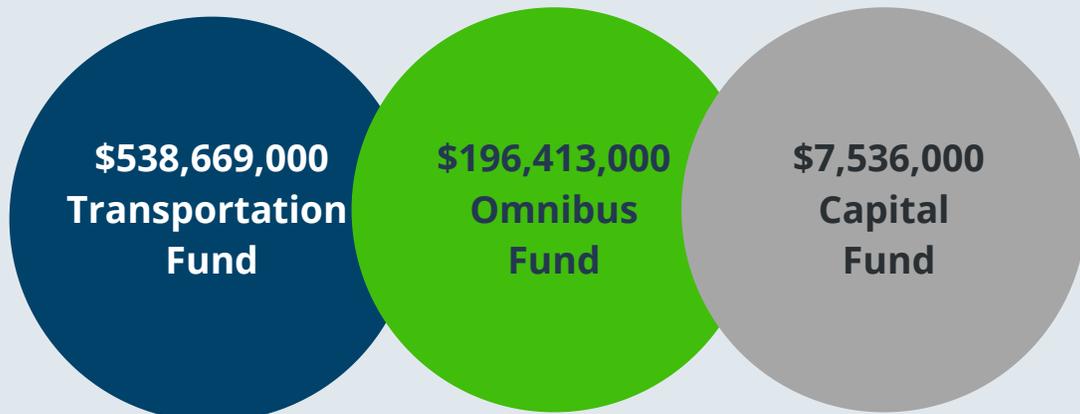
www.instagram.com/wastatepatrol



Blog:

www.wspinsideout.wordpress.com/

WSP manages a budget of
\$742,618,000



KEY MEASUREMENTS

Troopers:

Made more than **1,180,000** contacts
Answered more than **321,000** calls for service
Investigated more than **46,000** collisions
Arrested nearly **15,000** impaired drivers

Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officers:

Contacted **137,073** violators
Performed **94,589** Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) Safety Inspections
Performed **34,800** CMV Safety Inspections at the Ports of Entry
Placed **11,293** commercial vehicles out of service
Performed over **14,075** School Bus Inspections

Major Statewide Violations (Number presented is total contacts)



25,143
Distracted Driving



15,436
DUI



1,599
Felony Warrants



22,830
Following too close



18,983
HOV



2,116
Hit and Run



13,600
Left Lane



6,357
Misdemeanor
Warrants



4,791
Move Over



3,817
Negligent Driving



939
Reckless Driving



35,821
Seatbelt



387,256
Speed

KEY MEASUREMENTS

Auto Theft Task Force

recovered **464** stolen vehicles



made **252** auto theft arrests

Missing and Unidentified Persons Unit

issued

5 Amber Alerts

22 Endangered/Missing Person Alerts

45 Silver Alerts



Interagency Bomb Squad

responded to over

280

explosive devices

suspicious packages

ammunition disposals

bomb calls

bomb threats

VIN Inspectors

completed

34,400



VIN inspections statewide

Special Investigations Sections conducted:

Four child exploitation operations, resulting in:

- **58** total arrests
- **One** suspect caught that had direct access to children

Two human trafficking operations, resulting in:

- **12** total arrests



KEY MEASUREMENTS

Crime Laboratory Division - completed nearly **32,000** requests:

- 169** crime scene related cases
- 4,591** biological evidence and DNA cases
- 1,577** latent fingerprint cases
- 11,060** controlled substances cases
- 2,235** Integrated Ballistic Identification System (IBIS) entry requests
- 557** firearms requests
- 11,089** offender samples received

Toxicology Laboratory Division - received a total of **15,285** cases:



Fire Training Division

- 4,983** students taught
- 213** courses conducted
- 213** departments/agencies serviced

Fire Prevention Division

- 3,916** licenses/certifications issued
- 2,711** fire and life safety inspections
- 5** mobilizations authorized

OUR SUCCESSES



111th Trooper Basic Training Class

On June 26, 2019, 41 new Troopers graduated from the 111th Trooper Basic Training Class and received their commission. They were sworn in by Associate Chief Justice Charles W. Johnson and handed their commission cards by Chief John R. Batiste and Attorney General Bob Ferguson, marking the beginning of their new careers.

WSP is proud of each and every one of our new Troopers for their hard work, dedication, and perseverance toward embarking on a career of Service with Humility.

K-9 Graduation

WSP welcomed four new explosives detection K-9s to the Washington State Patrol's ranks. These K-9s are replacement dogs for current WSP handlers whose K-9s have recently retired.

These very special canines have endured 10 weeks and over 300 hours of intensive training with their handlers to prepare for the new careers ahead of them as explosives detection K-9s.

WSP has one of the largest non-federal K-9 programs in the country, with dozens of K-9s deployed throughout the state. Some work as narcotic detection K-9s, while others work specifically to locate explosives.



OUR SUCCESSES



13th Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officer Graduation

On June 11, 2019, 14 new Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officers (CVEOs) graduated from the 13th CVEO Basic Training Class. Five Troopers also graduated from Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) training, certifying them as Commercial Vehicle Troopers.

These new CVEOs and Commercial Vehicle Troopers will work hard to ensure compliance of the commercial motor vehicle regulations in order to protect infrastructure, prevent accidents, and save lives.

Relaunch of El Protector Program

This year, WSP prepared for the relaunch of the El Protector program. This program was established in 2003, but continues to have a positive impact on reducing traffic-related deaths in the Mid-Columbia region through educational outreach and enforcement activities. Our current El Protector, Trooper Daniel Mosqueda, works to provide Hispanic/Latino community outreach education addressing the leading causes of fatality and serious injury collisions in Washington. He also works to build and promote positive relationships between law enforcement, the community, and our stakeholders. In 2019, the El Protector logo was redesigned, and in early 2020 WSP is releasing an El Protector website as well as launching an El Protector Twitter account.



OUR SUCCESSES

Two NASCIO Awards for Outstanding IT Projects

Washington State Sexual Assault Kit Tracking System was selected as a National Association of State Chief Information Officers (NASCIO) 2019 State Information Technology Recognition Award recipient, in the State Chief Information Officers (CIO) Office Special Recognition category.

The Sexual Assault Kit Tracking System provides accountability and efficiency in processing sexual assault kits in Washington State.



[Washington State Sexual Assault Kit Tracking System Video](#)

Using UAS Technology in Collision and Crime Scene Reconstruction, was selected as NASCIO 2019 State Information Technology Recognition Award recipient in the Emerging and Innovative Technologies category.

WSP's use of Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) has resulted in a significant reduction in road closure time and congestion associated with collision investigations, greatly improved investigative forensic documentation, and improved officer safety as investigations are conducted from the air rather than on the congested roadways.



[Using UAS Technology in Collision and Crime Scene Reconstruction Video](#)

Detectives investigated:

327 felony, fatality and serious injury collisions

193 non-traffic criminal investigations

1,256 criminal investigations initiated

Sexual Assault Kit Tracking System:

510 first time survivor logins

2,350 total survivor logins

Registered portal users:

1,038 medical facilities registered as users

1,006 law enforcement registered as users

OUR SUCCESSES



Homeward Bound Program

The Homeward Bound program, which is administered by the WSP Missing and Unidentified Persons Unit, uses the high visibility of commercial vehicles to increase awareness surrounding missing individuals. Since this program was established, in 2005, three children featured on these trucks have been recovered.

This year, we partnered with Kam-Way Transportation to place three missing persons: Teekah Lewis, Misty Copsey, and Alyssa McLemore on the sides of their vehicles.



Legislative Proposals

The 2019 legislative session was successful for the WSP. We proposed the following three bills that were adopted by the legislature and enacted into law:

- **CDL Safety Belt Exemption (House Bill 1901):** Prohibits operators and passengers of a commercial motor vehicle from exercising the current medical exception to the requirement to wear a safety belt.
- **Color of Stop Lamps on Vehicles (Senate Bill 5937):** Requires all rear commercial motor vehicle lighting devices and reflectors, including stop lamps, to be red, except other signal devices which may be red or amber.
- **Concealed Pistol License Federal Background Check (Substitute Senate Bill 5508):** Clarifies the background check for an original concealed pistol license must be conducted through WSP Criminal Identification Section and must include a fingerprint background check through the FBI.

OUR SUCCESSES

Emphasis Patrols

Throughout the year, WSP conducted focused efforts and patrol emphases funded by the Washington Traffic Safety Commission (WTSC). These emphases continuously support our agency's goal of making people safe on Washington roadways.

For specific emphases as detailed below, extra personnel supplement the efforts of those that are on regular duty.

- Distracted Driving
- Move Over, Slow Down
- On the Road, Off the Phone
- Impaired Driving Emphasis - 4/20
- Click it or Ticket it
- Cinco de Mayo
- Paradiso
- Euro Car Rally
- HoopFest
- It's a Fine Line Motorcycle
- Water Follies
- DUI Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over
- Oyster Run
- OysterFest
- DUI Local Flex HiVE
- WSU Thanksgiving Break
- Speeding Projects
- Littering/Secure Your Load



MEET OUR EXECUTIVE TEAM



CHIEF JOHN R. BATISTE



ASSISTANT CHIEF
JEFFREY R. SASS
FIELD OPERATIONS BUREAU



ASSISTANT CHIEF
JOHNNY R. ALEXANDER
COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT
BUREAU



STATE FIRE MARSHAL
CHARLES P. LEBLANC
FIRE PROTECTION BUREAU



DIRECTOR
LARRY D. HEBERT
FORENSIC LABORATORY
SERVICES BUREAU



ASSISTANT CHIEF
ROBERT E. HUSS
INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES BUREAU



ASSISTANT CHIEF
MARC W. LAMOREAUX
TECHNICAL SERVICES BUREAU

MEET OUR BUREAUS

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF

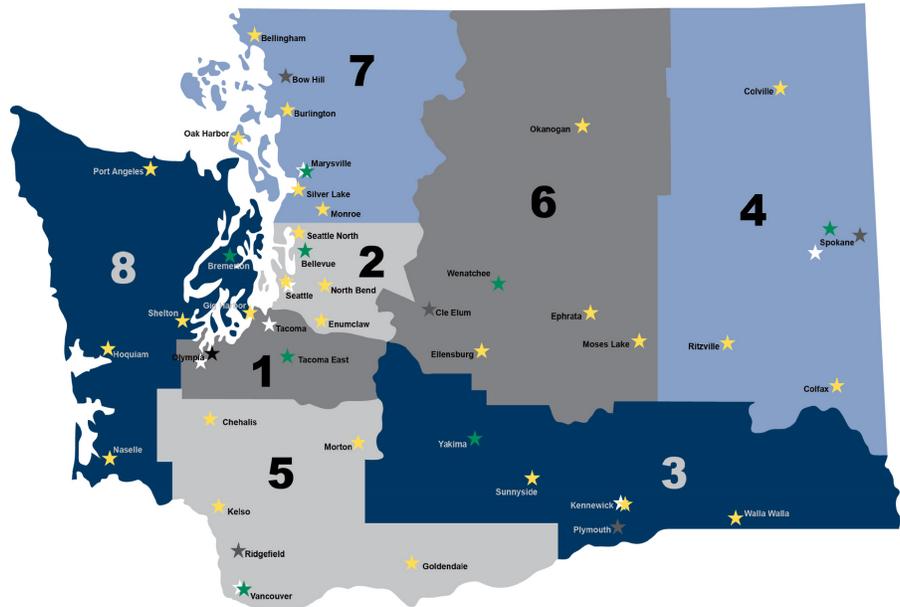
Under the direction of Chief John R. Batiste, the Office of the Chief oversees the day-to-day operations of the agency.

- [Department Psychologist](#)
- [Government and Media Relations](#)
- [Labor and Policy](#)

FIELD OPERATIONS BUREAU

The Field Operations Bureau (FOB) oversees headquarters and eight geographic districts, each facing unique characteristics and challenges. The bureau is responsible for traffic law enforcement, collision investigation, and motorist assistance on over 18,000 lane miles patrolled.

- [FOB Headquarters](#)
- [District 1](#)
- [District 2](#)
- [District 3](#)
- [District 4](#)
- [District 5](#)
- [District 6](#)
- [District 7](#)
- [District 8](#)
- [Chaplaincy Program](#)



COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT BUREAU

The Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Bureau (CVEB) is responsible for promoting and educating the safe travel of commercial vehicles, enhancing safe transportation of school children and protecting the state's infrastructure. CVEB oversees the department fleet, facilities and all equipment throughout the agency while being good stewards of public funds.

- [Budget and Fiscal Services](#)
- [Commercial Vehicle Division](#)
- [Motor Carrier Safety Division](#)
- [Property Management Division](#)

MEET OUR BUREAUS

FIRE PROTECTION BUREAU

The Fire Protection Bureau (FPB) is dedicated to the protection of life, property and environment from the devastation of fire. FPB consists of two divisions, whose services include fire incident reporting, data collection, plan review, fire inspections, fireworks and sprinkler licensing, mobilization resource coordination and firefighter training.

- **Fire Training Division**
- **Fire Prevention Division**

FORENSIC LABORATORY SERVICES BUREAU

The Forensic Laboratory Services Bureau (FLSB) provides a wide range of forensic science expertise to city, county, and state law enforcement, medical examiners and coroners; assisting agencies at crime scenes; preparing evidence for trial and providing expert testimony.

- **Crime Laboratory Division**
- **Impaired Driving Section**
- **Toxicology Laboratory Division**

INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES BUREAU

The Investigative Services Bureau (ISB) provides overall administrative and support services to the traffic and investigative programs of the department, as well as to many other state agencies.

- **Criminal Investigation Division**
- **Criminal Records Division**
- **Homeland Security Division**
- **Investigative Assistance Division**
- **Office of Professional Standards**
- **Special Operations Division**

TECHNICAL SERVICES BUREAU

The Technical Services Bureau (TSB) provides diverse support services to the entire agency, as well as other law enforcement and government agencies throughout the state, and members of the general public.

- **Communications Division**
- **Electronic Services Division**
- **Human Resource Division**
- **Information Technology Division**
- **Risk Management Division**
- **Training Division**