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49 Washington State Patrol Troopers Sworn In

Shelton, Wash. – At a ceremony held at the Training Division this afternoon, 49 Washington State Patrol (WSP) troopers were sworn in by Justice Susan Owens of the Washington State Supreme Court. They were presented their commission cards by Assistant Chief Jeff R. Sass, who welcomed them into an organization known and trusted by the citizens of Washington State.

After completing over 1,000 hours of training, these men and women will join Washington's premier law enforcement organization. The Washington State Patrol Academy produces approximately three cadet classes each biennium, which accounts for about 100 to 120 new troopers. Historically, only about four to six percent of the total number of applicants makes the grade to become WSP troopers.

"The 49 cadets graduating today endured a rigorous application process, extensive background investigation, and received the best training, unmatched anywhere else in the nation. Today, they will join the ranks of Washington's finest, as troopers of the Washington State Patrol, a tradition that began 99 years ago on June 21, 1921, when sixteen brave men kick-started their Indian motorcycles, strapped on an armband and started a proud tradition known today as the Washington State Patrol," said Chief John Batiste.

During the ceremony, the Core Values Award was presented to Trooper Samuel T. Harshberger. This award is presented to the trooper cadet who most typifies the Training Division Core Values, which includes strong leadership, effective partnerships, professional excellence, acting with integrity and accountability, respecting and protecting individual rights, and earning the trust and confidence of the public. The recipient of this award was determined by an anonymous vote of the cadet's classmates, and is sponsored by the Washington State Patrol Memorial Foundation. This award honors the most recent State Patrol employee to give their life in service to the citizens of the state of Washington. Trooper Justin R. Schaffer died in the line of duty on March 24, 2020. The award was presented today in Trooper Schaffer's honor by his wife, Sandra Schaffer. In addition to this award, Captain Mark R. Tegard presented five trooper cadets with awards.

These awards included:

Top Academic Award

Presented to **Trooper Carol Ann E. Fuchs**; this award recognizes the outstanding efforts of the cadet who attains the highest grade point average compiled over 30 exams and quizzes. The class average GPA for the 113th Trooper Basic Training Class was 91%; Trooper Fuchs' GPA was an impressive 95%.

Top Driving Award

Presented to **Trooper Jeremy N. Martin**; this award recognizes the highest level of proficiency with respect to driving skills and techniques, decision-making and mind-set, and steady and constant improvement through each phase of drivers training.

Top Firearms Award

Presented to **Trooper Jace M. Steele**; this award recognizes the highest level of proficiency with all weapon systems, marksmanship scores and skills, and demonstration of sound judgment during practical encounter scenarios.

Top Physical Fitness

Presented to **Trooper Patrick R. Homa**; this award recognizes the highest level of drive and tenacity in physical fitness testing and training. The recipient of this award consistently performed at the top of the Trooper Basic Training Class during physical training.

Top Control Tactics Award

Presented to **Trooper Cody L. Robinson**; this award recognizes the highest level of proficiency in control tactics techniques, to include self-defense, handcuffing, searching, and use of force thought process.

Top Collision Investigation Award

Presented to **Trooper Jace M. Steele**; this award recognizes the highest level of proficiency regarding collision investigation, including mathematical computation, scene investigation, information and evidence gathering, report writing, and teamwork.

Top Overall Cadet Award

Presented to **Trooper Patrick R. Homa**; this award recognizes the trooper cadet who demonstrated great courage to overcome obstacles, unwavering dedication to stay focused on reaching their goals, and their ability to give 100% in every aspect of their training. Trooper Homa demonstrated the necessary skills, abilities, and judgment to be an excellent trooper, and he made extra efforts to make continuous improvements.

Full list of the 113th TBTC attached. For more information, visit www.wsp.wa.gov.

113th Trooper Basic Training Class

	Name	Number	Final Assignment	Home Town
1	Adams, Jessica A.	760	Okanogan	Malott
2	Ahn, Hyungjun	424	Tacoma	Yelm
3	Arceo, Montana C.	629	Marysville	Walla Walla
4	Bonnell, Rebecca A.	1299	Bellevue	Olympia
5	Boyd, Parker C.	1148	Bellevue	Normandy Park
6	Buddin, Dustin D.	962	Monroe	Arlington
7	Candelaria, Silverio S.	324	Goldendale	Vancouver
8	Carrillo-Varela, Magaly	1099	Yakima	Yakima
9	Childs, Regan A.	347	Marysville	Deer Park
10	Clark, Benjamin M.	320	Olympia	Tumwater
11	Corner, Christopher L.	339	Tacoma	Vancouver
12	Donwen, Nathan L.	950	Bellevue	Puyallup
13	Erwin, KeShawn J.	1123	Bellevue	Tacoma
14	Flaig, Kyle E.	973	Chehalis	Centralia
15	Fletcher, Jacob W.	1226	Bellingham	Sumas
16	Fuchs, Carol Ann E.	1101	Bellevue	Tacoma
17	Grasseth, Skylor J.	556	Monroe	Cathlamet
18	Harding, Kelsey M.	718	Marysville	Arlington
19	Harshberger, Samuel T.	1083	Monroe	Airway Heights
20	Hicks, Lauren K.	884	Yakima	Selah
21	Homa, Patrick R.	1266	Bellevue	Auburn
22	Hudson, Caleb M.	544	Monroe	St. John
23	Jewell, Jeb S.	1234	Shelton	Chehalis
24	Kroner, Mitchel J.	918	Grandview	Pasco
25	MacKinnon, Cameron A.	1257	Monroe	Lynden
26	Martin, Jaremy N.	1198	Burlington	Lynden
27	McClelland, Shane R.	833	Pt. Townsend	Bremerton
28	Miller, Cody L.	807	Tacoma	Roy
29	Miller, Shelby N.	1059	Tacoma	Dupont
30	Morgan, Brittan H.	919	Tacoma	Lacey
31	Murray, Jonathon K.	530	Olympia	Olympia
32	Olson, Jacob W.	861	Marysville	Stanwood

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33	Osmer, Cameron M.	1151	Bellevue	Issaquah
34	Perkins, Bryan R.	1010	Bellevue	Lynnwood
35	Raber, Jared J.	1292	Okanogan	East Wenatchee
36	Radillo Diaz, Vidal	432	Grandview	Yakima
37	Robinson, Cody L.	867	Monroe	Montesano
38	Rohrbaugh, Eion R.	1156	Monroe	Spokane
39	Schick, Carter L.	1077	Olympia	Olympia
40	Schoenborn, David L.	510	Goldendale	Winlock
41	Schultz, Clementine S.	619	Marysville	Salkum
42	Silva, Cruz M.	1250	Bellevue	Puyallup
43	Steele, Jace M.	353	Marysville	Monroe
44	Sullivan, Liam C.	1254	Burlington	Mt. Vernon
45	Taylor, Aspen M.	797	Tacoma	Tacoma
46	Weatherwax, Katherine M.	648	Pt. Townsend	Bremerton
47	Weigel, Lars D.	447	Okanogan	Omak
48	York, Jamon L.	491	Tacoma	Olympia
49	Young, Mark	740	Tacoma	Tumwater