

AGENCY AT A *glance*

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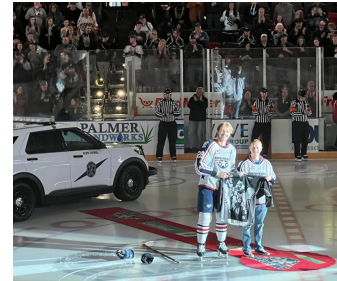
- 1,665 impaired drivers arrested
- 3,874 collisions investigated
- 28 fatality collisions
- 3,820 distracted drivers
- 2,865 seatbelt violations
- 17,044 aggressive driver contacts
- 49,476 excessive speed contacts
- 6,172 CMV inspections

## Trooper Atkinson honored during Tri-City Americans hockey game

**KENNEWICK, Wash.** - Our own Trooper Dean Atkinson Jr. was recognized as a hometown hero at the Tri-City American's hockey game Saturday night.

Trooper Atkinson sustained injuries to his face and hand after being shot during a traffic stop in September 2022. Trooper Atkinson was able to drive himself to the hospital for treatment, and was later airlifted to Harborview Medical Center. He returned home to Walla Walla in early October where he continues focusing on his recovery.

Trooper Atkinson attended Saturday night's game as part of the team's First Responders Night where he was given the opportunity to drop the puck at the start of the game.



## Fire Training Academy: Chainsaws

**NORTH BEND, Wash.** - Recruits at the Washington State Patrol (WSP) Fire Training Academy (FTA) in North Bend practiced utilizing their chainsaws and other firefighting equipment to cut into and open an simulation roof prop this week.

The training enhances their understanding and knowledge of how to vertically ventilate a fire that is in a structure that has a pitched roof, most likely a residence-type structure. The knowledge and experience allows them to have a deeper understanding of how to remove toxic smoke and heat from a structure, and how to drastically improve working conditions for crews fighting the fires inside the structure, which lessen the likelihood the fire will spread to other areas of the structure.



## Remembering OUR FALLEN

### TROOPER TONY RADULESCU



Commissioned: 1995 - EOW: Feb. 23, 2012

Trooper Radulescu is remembered for his magnetic personality, engaging smile, and of course - his endless appetite. A member of the 79th Trooper Basic Training Class, Trooper Radulescu spent his entire 16-year career assigned to District 8 patrolling the highways of Kitsap County. To learn more about Trooper Radulescu, [visit here](#).

## MEDIA Spotlight



### Fire Training Academy

**TRAINING** - Recruits utilize chainsaws and other firefighting equipment to cut into and open a rooftop. This training enhances recruits' understanding an knowledge of how to vertically ventilate a fire with a pitched roof. Learn more and find a video of the training here: [Chainsaw Training Video](#).

## Gathering to honor Trooper Tony



**BREMERTON, Wash.** - Family, friends, and colleagues of fallen WSP Trooper Tony Radulescu joined together to honor his memory on Thursday, Feb. 23, at the WSP District 8 headquarters in Bremerton.



## Arizona man from 2021 MECTF case sentenced to 30 years in federal prison

**SPOKANE COUNTY**

**SPOKANE, Wash.** - A 25-year-old Arizona man arrested by the WSP Eastern Washington Missing and Exploited Children's Task Force (MECTF) detectives and Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) agents in January 2021 was sentenced to 30-years in federal prison on Feb. 16, 2022, for the sexual exploitation of a 12-year-old Spokane girl.

The man was taken into custody after soliciting extremely graphic and sexually explicit messages with the 12-year-old. After learning her true name and age, the 25-year-old man convinced the girl to share where she lived and developed a detailed plan to kidnap, rape, and traffic the minor. When detectives learned the man purchased an airline ticket to travel from Phoenix to Spokane to carry out the crimes, a nationwide extraditable arrest warrant was obtained.

WSP detectives worked in partnership with the Phoenix Police Department (PPD) to execute the arrest warrant and obtained a search warrant of the man's residence, which yielded images, videos, and communications with the 12-year-old girl, as well as a collection of copious amounts of other child sexual abuse material.

The man will serve his 30-year sentence in federal prison after being found guilty of Child Sex Trafficking, Online Enticement, and Child Pornography, Production and Receipt.

## Chain enforcement on passes

**SNOQUALMIE PASS, Wash.** - WSP's Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officers conducted chain enforcement over our state's mountain passes this week. A snowstorm that was expected to cross the entire country started here in Washington with seven-inches of snow falling at Snoqualmie Pass in just six hours on Tuesday night. Great job keeping the roads safe!





**El Protector: Outreach with Douglas Fruit employees**



**BASIN CITY, Wash.** - Trooper Daniel Mosqueda completed a series of traffic safety presentations to 300 Douglas Fruit employees in Basin City on Feb. 15 and Feb. 16. Trooper Mosqueda of the WSP's El Protector program, covered topics of impaired driving, speeding and reckless driving, distracted driving, seatbelt safety, and many other rules of the road. It was his first time speaking to the company, and the two days of presentations were well received, providing an opportunity for in-person Q&A. The DUI goggles were a big hit, and provided the participants an interactive exercise to demonstrate the dangers of impaired driving to the employees. Check out [here](#) to learn more about the El Protector program or [here](#) to follow along with Trooper Mosqueda's outreach efforts.

**PLU students learn about WSP careers**



**TACOMA, Wash.** - WSP's Mary Kellar, a quality process manager with the WSP Crime Lab, visited Pacific Lutheran University to discuss career opportunities with our agency on Wednesday, Feb. 22. Mary spoke with students regarding the educational requirements for the various professions within the WSP, and explained what each section does. Thanks to outreach efforts like these, some of these soon-to-be graduates may find themselves joining the WSP family.

**CVEO recognized for work with El Protector**



**BASIN CITY, Wash.** - WSP Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officer (CVEO) 2 Mireya Antunez-Quebrado was recently awarded a commendation plaque for her hard work and continued assistance with the WSP El Protector program. Officer Antunez-Quebrado first partnered with the El Protector program in 2020 at the Governor's Agriculture Safety Day in Kennewick. Her professionalism and dedication to the community we serve expanded her role within the program. She currently assists with commercial motor vehicle (CMV) traffic safety presentations, mock CMV inspections, traffic safety radio interviews, and community outreach events. Thank you for your great work!

**Bridge to Bridge**



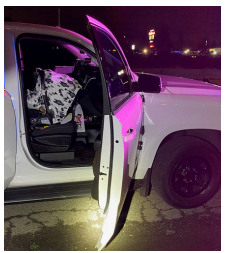
*Emphasis highlights*

*Kitsap, Pierce county emphasis a success*

**EMPHASIS** - Your WSP troopers, commercial vehicle enforcement officers, and members of our allied agencies in two counties banded together to conduct a 24-hour traffic safety emphasis between the Hood Canal Bridge to the Tacoma Narrows Bridge, with a goal of educating and enforcing drivers regarding unsafe driving behaviors. Highlights of the events include District 8 Trooper Krebs removed an impaired driver at 10 a.m. District 1 Trooper Knox removed an impaired driver from our roadways who had their 4-month old child in the car with them. By the end of the 24-hour emphasis, 11 total impaired drivers were taken into custody within Pierce and Kitsap counties.



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**616**  
**CONTACTS**



*Bremerton*  
**Coffee with a Cop**



**BREMERTON, Wash.** - WSP troopers and members of our allied agencies met with community members during a Shop with a Cop event at Starbucks in Bremerton, providing the community to have the opportunity to chat one on one with the officers that serve them.

**Our WSP troopers visiting schools**



**MARYSVILLE, Wash.** - Recruiter Trooper Briar Stanley and PIO Trooper Kelsey Harding visited Marysville Gretchell High School this past week in hopes to provide more information about career opportunities with the WSP, as well as provide a positive interaction with the students in attendance.



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