

AGENCY AT A *glance*
 SO FAR THIS YEAR...

- 2,318 impaired drivers arrested
- 6,198 collisions investigated
- 42 fatality collisions
- 5,469 distracted drivers
- 4,249 seatbelt violations
- 23,957 aggressive driver contacts
- 69,727 excessive speed contacts
- 8,726 CMV inspections

Remembering
OUR FALLEN
 TROOPER STEVEN L. FRINK



Commissioned: 1985 - EOW: March 22, 1993

Trooper Frink began his WSP career as a member of the 62nd Trooper Basic Training Class (TBTC). Prior to the WSP, he joined the United States Army where he served as a member of the military police stationed in Germany. After joining the WSP, Trooper Frink was called to active duty during Desert Storm in 1991.

[Visit here to learn more about Trooper Frink.](#)

INSIDEOUT
Blog

GET TO KNOW:
 Assistant Division Commander
 Katie Rasmussen



HIGHLIGHT: Get to know Assistant Division Commander Katie Rasmussen as part of the State Fire Marshal's Women's History Month series. [Learn more here.](#)

K9 teams train to stay sharp



MARYSVILLE, Wash. - Our Washington State Patrol (WSP) Homeland Security Division (HSD) K9 teams train routinely to hone their skills - especially when it comes to keeping folks traveling on the state ferry systems safe. Members of the Region 3 team based out of District 7 met last month to work with their K9 partners on the detection explosive devices. The K9 teams involved in the February training included Trooper Bacon and K9 Sadie, Trooper Betts and K9 Harley, Trooper Keffler and K9 Mia, Trooper Legler and K9 Heppy, Trooper Nichols and K9 Maggie, Trooper McKorkle and K9 Calum, and Trooper Lundin and K9 Oakley. More images from their training will be shared in future editions of *The Milepost*.



Kiwanis recognizes local trooper



KENNEWICK, Wash. - Congratulations to Trooper Litchfield who was recently recognized by the local Kiwanis Chapter for his efforts in community outreach throughout 2022. This kind of connectedness and involvement with our community is a fantastic example of our mission to serve the people of our state with humility.

Community Outreach: WSP Motors



LAKE STEVENS, Wash. - District 7 motors troopers visited students at Lake Country Preschool earlier this week. Trooper Prether, Trooper Shelby, and Trooper Virant spoke with the students and showed them their patrol vehicles and motorcycles. The troopers also brought some junior trooper stickers and WSP pencils - which were a huge hit!



Kids Fest

PORT ANGELES, Wash. - WSP troopers in District 8 joined their allied emergency responder agencies in supporting Clallam County Kidsfest at the Clallam County Courthouse last week. The event included crafts, free gifts, and educational opportunities for the kiddos in attendance.



MOVE OVER, SLOW DOWN CAMPAIGN CONTINUES



MOVE OVER, SLOW DOWN - The Washington State Patrol (WSP) is partnering with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), the Towing and Recovery Association of Washington (TRAW), and the Washington Traffic Safety Commission (WTSC) to conduct a 'Move Over, Slow Down' campaign that began last Friday, March 10, in District 1 - Tacoma, continuing to District 5 last Sunday. Emphasis patrols will be conducted throughout the state during the next two months focused on educating drivers on the importance of **RCW 46.61.212** - a law which requires motorists to move over or slow down when approaching emergency or work zones.

- UPCOMING EVENTS ACROSS THE STATE**
- DISTRICT 2: MARCH 21 - 24
 - DISTRICT 3: APRIL 16
 - DISTRICT 7: MARCH 26 - APRIL 1
 - DISTRICT 4: APRIL 16 - 22
 - DISTRICT 8: APRIL 7
 - DISTRICT 6: APRIL 27



TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE EMPHASIS AND THOSE PARTNERING IN THE EFFORTS, VISIT HERE.

Rapid Deployment Force (RDF) In-Service 2023

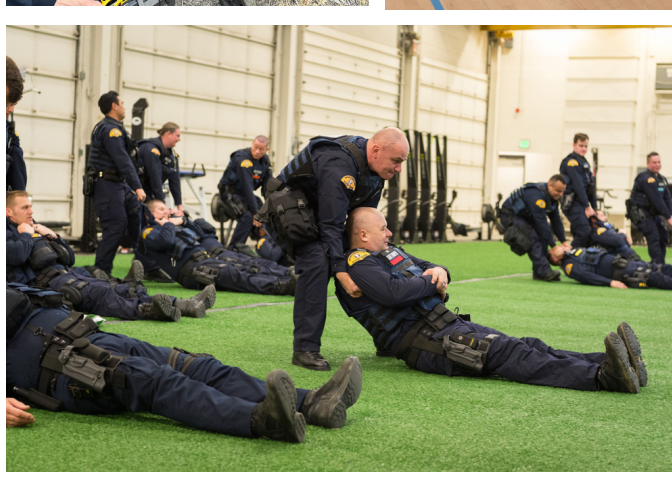


YAKIMA, Wash. - The Washington State Patrol (WSP) Rapid Deployment Force (RDF) held the team's annual in-service training at the Yakima Training Center last week.

Team members from across the state gathered to go over legal updates, equipment and vehicle operations, emergency preparedness training, use of force policies, de-escalation tactics, crowd control techniques, team building, and practical exercises. Members of the WSP Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team also attended to assist with training, as well as certify on less lethal tools. **Chief John Batiste** and **Assistant Chief Dan Atchison** visited the training and held a question and answer session with the team.

A special thank you to everyone who worked so hard to organize and put the training together, including the various district command staffs and guest instructors. A special thank you to **Shannon Blevins**, **Beverly Wood** (the true minds behind the organizing) and **Vio Mihai** for his assistance with setting up various structures utilized during the practical exercises, as well as being on hand for assistance throughout the training. An extra thank you to the hardworking crew who kept the team members fed throughout the weekend.

Commissioned personnel interested in joining the RDF team are encouraged to contact their chain of command for future cross training opportunities. **RDF Team members will begin receiving a 5 percent pay incentive while serving on active employments beginning July 1, 2023.**



honesty - integrity - accountability - attention to detail - work ethic