

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

- 1,903** impaired drivers arrested
- 4,945** collisions investigated
- 35** fatality collisions
- 4,465** distracted drivers
- 3,374** seatbelt violations
- 19,700** aggressive driver contacts
- 57,485** excessive speed contacts
- 7,226** CMV inspections

Remembering
OUR FALLEN
TROOPER JAMES S. GAIN



Commissioned: 1968 - EOW: March 2, 1987

Trooper Gain was a member of the 41st Trooper Basic Training Class who served the majority of his career within his hometown of Vancouver, Wash. Before joining the WSP, Trooper Gain worked alongside his father at the family-owned auto parts store where his love for automotive restoration grew.

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

MEDIA *Spotlight*



Remember me: Annie

ONE LESS STORY - Meet 19-year-old Annie, a Washington resident who at just 5-years-old lost her mom, her mom's fiancée, and two close family friends. At the time of the tragedy, Annie and her family were living in Oregon.

Sadly all four were killed when an impaired driver struck their vehicle while pulled over on the shoulder of Interstate 84.

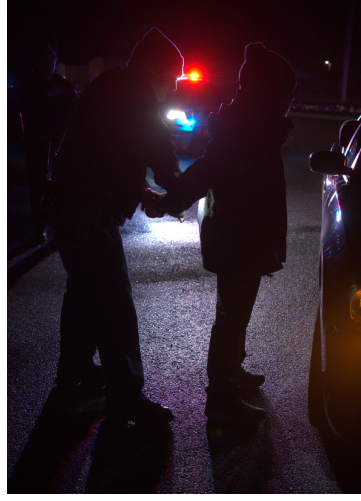
Visit [here](#) to learn more about Annie's story.

FTO's coaching cadets during academy traffic stop practicals

SHELTON, Wash. - Washington State Patrol (WSP) Field Training Officers (FTOs) attended FTO Basic Training Class at the academy in Shelton this week.

In addition to being prepped for the upcoming 117th Trooper Basic Training Class (TBTC) coaching trip later this month, the coaches assisted with a variety of practical exercises, including conducting nighttime traffic stops. The coaches served as observers, as well as actors the individuals cadets would contact. Each cadet would practice performing standardized field sobriety tests, conducting an arrest, and proper searches incident to arrest.

Following each stop, the coaches and cadets would debrief and provide immediate feedback before moving onto another traffic stop practical.



New Retirees: **Congratulations, thank you for your dedication**

SINCEREST THANK YOU - The Washington State Patrol celebrated the retirement of two dedicated employees this past week: **District 6 Captain Clossner** officially retired this month after serving 31 years with the WSP, as well as **District 5 VIN Officer Suzanne Esquivel** after serving 23 years with the agency.

Both were recognized during ceremonies at their respective districts, surrounded by family, friends, and colleagues.

Thank you both, and best luck in your next chapters.



Honoring Trooper Gain on 36th anniversary



VANCOUVER, Wash. - District 5 personnel gathered to honor and remember fallen WSP Trooper James Gain on the anniversary of his end of watch. Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officer (CVEO) 2 Turner, retired WSP Lieutenant Holstrom, Sgt. Kessler, and Sgt. Merritt visited the site to pay their respects to our fallen colleague.

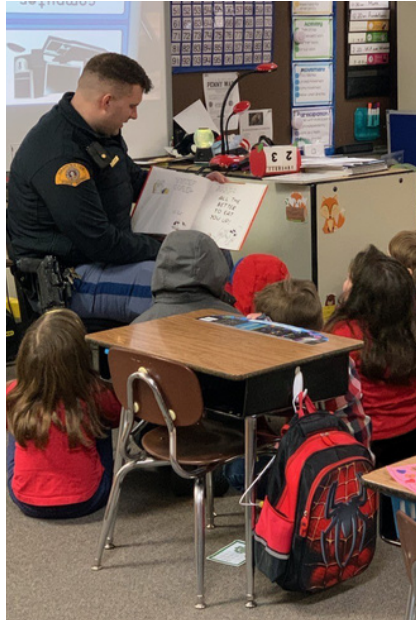
Fleet preparing patrol cars for upcoming coaching trip

OLYMPIA, Wash. - The Washington State Patrol (WSP) Fleet section has been working around the clock to prepare patrol vehicles for the 117th Trooper Basic Training Class (TBTC) who will be starting their coaching trip later this month. Cadets met with Law Enforcement Equipment Technician (LEET) Lead Paul Grijalva this week to pick up some of the vehicles. The cars are brought back to the academy where the cadets prepare them for final inspections, as well as load up their gear as they prep for the next phase of their training. Thank you to all the folks at Fleet for their hard work in ensuring everyone can be ready to serve our community.



WSP supports Read Across America

COMMUNITY OUTREACH - WSP troopers and communications officers across the state participated in the annual Read Across America event this week. Thank you to everyone who took the time to read to the elementary school students, including: District 4 Communications Officer 1 Melissa McCollum and Trooper Nance, District 8 Trooper Weatherwax, Trooper Krebs, and Sgt. Hagadone, as well as District 1 Trooper John Dattilo.



Volunteering to clean up SR 304



BREMERTON, Wash. - WSP troopers in Bremerton volunteered their time to clean up their newly adopted section of roadway along on state Route 304 on Friday. Trooper Weatherwax, Trooper Burge, Sgt. Orlowski, and Capt. Mjor, along with the assistance of a WSDOT crew member spent two hours collecting more than 30 bags of trash.



Taking the plunge for Special Olympics

LAKE STEVENS, Wash. - WSP participated in this year's 2023 Polar Plunge for the Special Olympics at North Cove Park last week. Trooper Harding and Trooper Knudsen joined law enforcement from allied agencies, including the Marysville Police Department, Lake Stevens Police Department and Bothell Police Department. Together they jumped into the freezing temperatures as part of a fundraiser for Special Olympics Washington. Thank you to both troopers for braving the freezing temperatures for such a great cause!



D7 troopers talk career opportunities with WSP

STANWOOD, Wash. - District 7 troopers spent the past week reaching out to local schools, talking with the students about law enforcement and career opportunities within the WSP. Trooper Harding spoke to students at Stanwood Middle School while Trooper Dalton and Trooper Olson attended lunches at Cedarcrest Middle School to answer questions about traffic safety, as well as check out the troopers' patrol cars. Great job for reaching out and making that connection with the community we serve!



investing in the communities we serve with integrity and humility