

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

- 2,080 impaired drivers arrested
- 5,626 collisions investigated
- 38 fatality collisions
- 4,858 distracted drivers
- 3,742 seatbelt violations
- 21,491 aggressive driver contacts
- 62,719 excessive speed contacts
- 7,836 CMV inspections

Remembering **OUR FALLEN** TROOPER ALLEN E. LUDDEN



Commissioned: 1936 - EOW: March 2, 1987
Trooper Ludden served in the WSP for 18 months. Prior to joining the patrol, the World War I veteran worked as a sign maker in Aberdeen, as well as a mechanic in Spokane.
[Visit here to learn more about Trooper Ludden.](#)

COMMS *Call-log*

Our Washington State Patrol (WSP) communications officer's across the state handle a variety of calls from those in need 24/7. Below is a glimpse of the work they handled throughout February 2023:



22,670 9-1-1 calls



69,143 CAD incidents
(Logs for traffic stops, calls for service, etc.)

Three promote during March ceremony



OLYMPIA, Wash. - Three Washington State Patrol (WSP) employees were recognized during the March promotional ceremony on Thursday. Ms. Julie A. Milham promoted to Food Services Manager 2 within the Training Division. She previously served the agency as Cook 2 at the Training Division. Ms. Amandeep Puri promoted to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Officer within the DEI Office. She previously served her position within the Human Resources Division (HRD). Sergeant John P. Bryant promoted to his role in District 5 - Vancouver. He previously was serving the agency as a trooper in District 6 - Wenatchee. You can watch the ceremony [here](#).

EHS invites crime lab to speak



ENUMCLAW, Wash. - The Washington State Patrol's Mary Kellar, a quality process manager of the WSP Crime Laboratory Division, was invited to speak to high school juniors and seniors about career opportunities within the agency at Enumclaw High School last week. After an overview presentation, Mary provided ample time for numerous questions and answers from the students who appeared inspired by the numerous opportunities within the agency.

Statewide campaign began today



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 beginning today and continuing through April. 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.
To learn more about the emphasis and those partnering in the efforts, visit [here](#).

Remember to **MOVE OVER OR SLOW DOWN** AT EMERGENCY OR WORK ZONES
RCW 46.61.212

- UPCOMING DATES:**
- District 1: March 10
 - District 5: March 12
 - District 2: March 21 - 24
 - District 7: March 26 - April 1
 - District 8: April 7
 - District 3: April 16
 - District 4: April 16 - 22
 - District 6: April 27





Daylight Savings
SUNDAY, MARCH 12



REMEMBER: Clocks spring ahead this weekend

STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE - Daylight Savings Time begins this Sunday at 2 a.m., meaning it's a great time to remind everyone to test your smoke alarms in addition to changing your clocks.

Working smoke alarms are a critical element of home fire safety by giving you and your family an early warning in the event of a fire. Between 2018 and 2021, Washington State fire agencies reported more than 5,800 building fires with no working smoke alarms - and more than 5,000 additional fires where the status of the fire alarm was unknown.

To learn more, [visit here](#).



INSIDEOUT
Blog

GET TO KNOW: Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal Esther Hernandez



HIGHLIGHT: Get to know Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal Hernandez, a 20-year employee of the Washington State Patrol as part of a State Fire Marshal's Women's History Month series. [Learn more here](#).



THE RIGHT LANE: The Safety Measurement System



BASICS - Our agency's Commercial Vehicle Enforcement officers (CVEOs) and troopers work alongside the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) in a joint mission to prevent collisions, injuries and fatalities related to large trucks and buses on our roadways. Learn about the Safety Measurement System and how that helps achieve that mission [here](#).



VIRTUAL 'CAR' SHOW - AVIATION EDITION

WSP visits Pasco high school



PASCO, Wash. - Washington State Patrol (WSP) Trooper Mosqueda visited Chiawana High School in Pasco at the end of last month to share driving safety information and meet with the students.



WSU spring break emphasis now

PULLMAN, Wash. - The Washington State Patrol (WSP) is conducting emphasis patrols through March 19 as Washington State University (WSU) students travel across the state for spring break. District 4 troopers in Spokane, Whitman, and Adams counties, along with District 6 troopers in Grant and Kittitas counties, are focusing their efforts on collision causing violations to include excessive speed, distracted driving, and impaired driving during the emphasis. Those traveling across the state should prepare for winter travel condition possibilities. Plan to pack a small emergency kit with food, water, blankets, warm clothing, and emergency flares. Check with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) for road conditions, and don't forget to pack chains in case they are needed traveling over the mountain passes. Follow the emphasis along by using the #BeSafeCougs on Instagram and Twitter. For more, [visit here](#).



CHECK IN: Fire Training Academy



NORTH BEND, Wash. - Members of the RA2301 Fire Training Academy (FTA) Class took their official class photo earlier this week. They also learned how to fight vehicle fires and forcible entry training at the academy in North Bend.

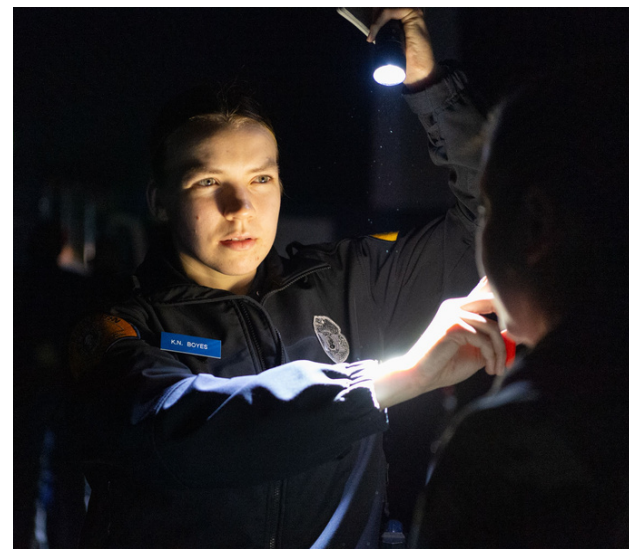
Cadets practice field sobriety tests during controlled drinking session

SHELTON, Wash. - The 117th Trooper Basic Training Class (TBTC) practiced conducting Standardized Field Sobriety Tests (SFSTs) - this time during the culminating controlled drinking session held within the WSP Academy multi-purpose room last Friday, March 3.

The supervised controlled drinking session included the help of members from our agency's non-commissioned employees. The volunteers are provided a monitored and controlled amount of alcohol. After reaching the pre-determined level of impairment, the employees perform SFSTs under the instruction of the cadets. The tests are conducted under the supervision of trained SFST and Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) instructors. The volunteers reach different levels of impairment to enable cadets the opportunity to observe the true effects of differing levels of impairment in a safe and controlled environment. With these skills, we can expect to reduce the number of impaired driving serious injury and fatality collisions.

SFSTs include the Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus (HGN), Walk and Turn, and One Leg Stand tests to help determine the level of impairment. After the tests were completed, the cadet would discuss what they observed with their respective SFST or DRE instructors, then explain whether or not in the real world they would place the volunteer under arrest for impaired driving.

A huge thank you to the non-commissioned volunteers who took the time to help the cadets obtain the real-life knowledge they need as they embark on their coaching trips next week. Thank you to all the DRE and SFST instructors who helped guide and hone the cadet's skills during the lab, including guest instructors from our allied agency partners. The event's success was also thanks to the coordinated efforts of the Impaired Driving Section (IDS) and Academy staff to help put on another successful program. We also thank the academy kitchen staff for providing boxed lunches to all the volunteers during the supervised event.



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