

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

- 3,399** impaired drivers arrested
- 9,377** collisions investigated
- 58** fatality collisions
- 8,367** distracted drivers
- 6,500** seatbelt violations
- 34,648** aggressive driver contacts
- 100,742** excessive speed contacts
- 12,504** CMV inspections

MEDIA *Spotlight*



23-01 Fire Training Academy Graduation

LIVE STREAM - Catch Thursday's ceremony of the Washington State Patrol (WSP) Fire Training Academy's graduation of the 23-01 class held at Snoqualmie Ridge Golf Course on our agency's YouTube channel [here](#).

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 March 2023:

911 **27,513**
9-1-1 calls answered



House honors Trooper Atkinson



OLYMPIA, Wash. - Trooper Dean Atkinson was honored Monday by Representative Mark Klicker and the House of Representatives at the Washington State Capitol for his exemplary service and bravery. "The House of Representatives expresses its gratitude, respect, and admiration to Trooper Dean Atkinson, Jr., for his bravery in the line of fire," says the Resolution, which was framed and presented to Trooper Atkinson.
 Trooper Atkinson was shot in the hand and face while on duty Sept. 22, 2022. While seriously injured, the Walla Walla trooper found the strength to drive himself to the hospital. Dean, his family, friends, and our agency immediately felt, saw, and heard the outpour of support from the community. Trooper Atkinson is doing well in recovery. He is in physical therapy and is determined and eager to wear the French blue uniform again.



National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week
 April 9-15, 2023

Thank you for answering the call

THANK YOU - Every year, we spend a week thanking and recognize our hardworking telecommunications officers and call takers who work around the clock, 365 days a year fielding emergency calls from the public and helping keep track of commissioned personnel working the roadways.
 National Telecommunicators Week was from April 9 to April 15. Be sure to check out our agency social media platforms, including Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter to see how we celebrated these amazing folks. One such example is highlighting **Communications Officer 3 Suzanne Sorensen** (pictured right), who celebrated 40 years with the WSP on March 1. We are grateful for Suzanne's contributions to our agency and those she leads and trains. She is a great example of the dedication that all of our communications officers embody. Our agency communications officer's years of service, whether four months or 40 years on the job, is truly appreciated, as well as their commitment to "Service with Humility."



- Check out related videos:**
- Assistant Chief Lamoreaux** speaks on his experience and the importance of communications officers
 - Communications Officer 3 Chris Cooper** shares the 6Ws of a 9-1-1 call
 - Assistant Chief Bendiksen** shares a special thank you



WSP competes at WSIC in Pasco



PASCO, Wash. - Our agency's commercial vehicle enforcement officers (CVEOs) competed in the Washington State Inspectors Championship (WSIC). The WSIC is aimed at bringing representatives from industry, law enforcement agencies, and others committed to commercial vehicle safety together and celebrating the contributions everyone is making to keep Washington highways safe for all.
 This year, CVEO 2 Amanda Collins won overall first place at the WSIC. As the winner, Collins goes on to represent Washington State at the North American Inspectors Championship (NAIC) where top commercial motor vehicle inspectors from across the state compete.
 Through education and enforcement, CVEs work hard to ensure compliance of commercial motor vehicle regulations in order to protect infrastructure, prevent collisions, and save lives. This is accomplished by conducting driver and vehicle inspections, as well as enforcing size, weight, and load laws.



Community outreach: Haller Elementary



SEQUIM, Wash. - Washington State Patrol (WSP) Trooper Freeman visited Haller Elementary School in Sequim at the end of last month for an appreciation lunch. The school's goal is to create a positive relationship with law enforcement officers serving in their community. WSP was honored to be able to attend and participate.

Community outreach: Criminal Records

LACEY, Wash. - Washington State Patrol (WSP) Fingerprint Supervisor Carl Dimock and Fingerprint Technician 2 Shanelle Memmott of the Criminal Records Division, Identification and Background Check Section, Fingerprint Unit visited Chambers Prairie Elementary School in Lacey on April 13, 2023 to teach one kindergarten class about fingerprints. The students were educated on what fingerprints are and how we all have a unique set of prints based upon the pattern types found within each one.

The students were also fingerprinted by the two technicians along with the teacher of the class and the principal of the school.

After observing their own prints, the students were able to determine what type of fingerprint patterns they had on each of their fingers. In addition, they were also able to compare their fingerprints with other classmates' fingerprints to see how they are different. The kindergartners also asked many great questions. Most importantly, the students learned about the various duties and roles within the Fingerprint Unit and how being a fingerprint technician contributes to enhancing the safety and security of our community.

The fingerprint technicians received a positive response from the principal, teacher, and students who all found fingerprints fascinating and were excited to learn about them. The Criminal Records Division recognizes the importance of community outreach. We are hopeful this visit will open more opportunities to visit students of all ages and give them some ideas when planning their futures and careers.



WSP's 117th TBTC training continues, graduation nears

STATEWIDE - Our Washington State Patrol (WSP) trooper cadets of the 117th Trooper Basic Training Class (TBTC) continue honing their skills during their coaching trip alongside field training officers. The cadets will soon graduate as troopers next month. Best of luck in the rest of your training!



Motors assist with collision tech class

SHELTON, Wash. - Our Washington State Patrol (WSP) motors troopers assisted with the most recent Collision Technical Specialist course earlier this year. The focus was giving the new CTS troopers an idea of what to look for when investigating a motorcycle collision, and how the different dynamics can affect their overall investigation. Great collaboration by all!



IDAHO - WSP Recruiter Trooper Axtman completed a trip to Idaho and Utah seeking out future troopers, resulting in this stunning photo fro

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Move Over, Slow Down emphasis continues



STATEWIDE - The Move Over, Slow Down campaign continues across the state, with the final push taking place in District 6 on April 27. Highlights over the past few weeks include: District 4 Trooper Gerrer, Trooper Slemph, Trooper Stone, Trooper Olivas, Trooper Senger, Sgt. Tennant, and Sgt. Riddell participated in a three hour emphasis on April 20 as part of the ongoing statewide "Move Over, Slow Down" emphasis in cooperation with the Washington Traffic Safety Commission (WTSC) and the Tow and Recovery Association of Washington (TRAW). Their efforts resulted in 61 total contacts, including 30 for drivers failing to move over, in addition to eight speed violations and 15 commercial vehicle inspections. District 3 joined together for a kick off before reminding their communities of the importance of slowing down and moving over. District 3 met with local tow companies as well at the Kitsap Mall in Silverdale before conducting their area emphasis patrols. District 7 hosted a week-long emphasis, including several media blasts on social media highlighting the dangers of not choosing to slow down or move over. Thank you to everyone who has participated so far in helping spread this important message to help keep our roads and those who respond to incidents on those roadways safe.

Remember to

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