

AGENCY AT A
glance
 SO FAR THIS YEAR...

- 3,882** impaired drivers arrested
- 10,566** collisions investigated
- 67** fatality collisions
- 9,483** distracted drivers
- 7,674** seatbelt violations
- 39,574** aggressive driver contacts
- 114,452** excessive speed contacts
- 14,359** CMV inspections

Statewide 'Arrive Alive' emphasis today

One third of the 300 fatality crashes investigated by WSP in 2022 involved an impaired driver.

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HIGH VISIBILITY EMPHASIS PATROLS
 STATEWIDE - MAY 5, 2023

STATEWIDE - The Washington State Patrol (WSP) is partnering with allied law enforcement agencies across the state to conduct a High Visibility Emphasis (HVE) patrol aimed at reducing serious injury and fatality collision, as well as deterring and interdicting crime. The 24-hour emphasis utilizes agency collected data to help our troopers determine which areas will make the largest impact in saving lives, with saturation patrols during peak collision times. Of the more than 10,200 collisions investigated in the first four months of 2023, 177 involved serious injuries while 64 ended in fatalities. In 2022, troopers investigated 10,579 collisions - 95 of which were fatalities in the same time frame.

International Firefighters' Day 2023

STATEWIDE - International Firefighters' Day was May 4. Thank you to firefighters across the state and around the world for their dedicated service, with special gratitude to the fire service personnel who serve our Washington State Fire Marshal's Office and Washington State Fire Training Academy.

Fire service personnel across Washington State responded to nearly one million incidents in communities throughout 2022, including fires, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) calls, and countless other emergencies.

CVEB: New Entrant Program success



OLYMPIA, Wash. - The Washington State Patrol (WSP) Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Bureau's New Entrant detachment completed an astounding 1,533 safety audit investigations throughout 2022. This was only achievable with the addition of a Transportation Specialist position in August of 2022, which alleviated the daunting task of contacting each new motor carrier in Washington. Previously, one of the investigators took on the primary role of calling, e-mailing, and sending letters to establish a motor carrier's operation. This is required for every new motor carrier in the state with a USDOT number. Often, other officers in the detachment would help out with making contacts as well. Adding the Transportation Specialist freed up one officer to get back to investigations, and allow for streamlining the process with a single point of contact for all motor carriers.

Aviation's Tactical Flight Officer program

OLYMPIA, Wash. - The Washington State Patrol (WSP) Aviation Section is able to support the agency with the use of some very specialized equipment. The Cessna 206, FLIR camera, and all associated software and hardware make it possible to work anywhere, anytime of day. We can proactively locate speeding, aggressive, and reckless drivers, DUIs, LoJack hits, hazards on the freeway, as well as assist with eluding vehicles, suspect searches, and provide details for scenes and incidents from a different point of view.



The skilled abilities and combined efforts of the aircraft, consisting of a pilot (top right) and Tactical Flight Officer (TFO) (bottom right), are necessary for successful mission outcomes. The pilot works to ensure the aircraft is operated safely and legally, while providing the best viewing advantage for the camera, but the job of the TFO is just as important; the TFO is in charge of the camera, and all that equipment.



The TFO is responsible for coordinating resources, as well as providing probable cause and safety information to units on the ground. The TFO acts as the eyes and voice of the aircraft and requires skills to manage multiple tasks at once. During incidents, such as assisting with a pursuit, the TFO is required to operate the camera utilizing an advanced "gaming" style controller with multiple modes and functions, communicate with the ground to provide locations and direction via radio, cell phone, and computer - all while continuously communicating with the pilot.

The Aviation Section could not provide these services on a weekly basis without the help of our reserve TFO's from the field. We currently utilize reserve TFO's from District 2, District 7, and District 8 for our weekly Target Zero Aerial Patrols (TZAP) missions. The Aviation Section provides TFO's training on operating the equipment and systems, and they rotate throughout the year, typically one week at a time. They would not be able to do what they do without the help and support of the Field Operations Bureau.

For more on the WSP Aviation Section, see page three.

remember MIPA is

Missing Indigenous Person Alert

National Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Awareness Day

AWARENESS - Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Awareness Day is May 5. Events are being held across the state and nation, bringing public awareness, inspiring discussion, and renewing commitment to work with our Native communities with the goal of bringing our missing home and finding justice for their loved ones.

The Washington State Patrol (WSP) is proud of the dedicated work by our agency's tribal liaisons do each day to continue building relationships with the numerous Native communities across the state, including working closely with our agency's Missing and Unidentified persons Unit (MPUP) in the development of the Missing Indigenous Person Alert (MIPA). The MIPA system has already been used 56 times in its first year of implementation, leading to numerous successful recoveries. To learn more, visit [here](#).

NEXT WEEK: WSP Bomb squad in-service



AWARENESS - The Washington State Patrol (WSP) Bomb Squad held their annual in-service training at the Washington State Fire Training Academy (FTA) in North Bend last week. Check out next week's edition of *The Milepost* to learn about the program.

YOUR WSP Milepost

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Troopers participate in Cops N Bobbers event

ELLENSBURG, Wash. - Washington State Patrol (WSP) Trooper Swift and Trooper Eilers attended the third-annual Ryan Thompson Cops N Bobbers event at the end of last month. More than 400 people attended to show their support of the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office.



Troopers attend Moses Lake 'Touch a Truck' event



MOSES LAKE, Wash. - Washington State Patrol (WSP) Trooper Palmer attended the Moses Lake 'Touch a Truck' event at the end of April. Great job going the extra mile with the communities we serve.

CVD focusing on log trucks

FORKS, Wash. - Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officers (CVEOs) and troopers worked together last week, emphasizing on log truck inspections near Forks.



Mock DUI event shows realities of impaired driving



BELLINGHAM, Wash. - District 7 troopers joined allied agencies at the Meridian High School's Mock DUI collision event Thursday. The event is intended to be for educational purposes, showing the real consequences related to impaired or distracted driving. The event was part of a senior project.

WSP participates in Cops vs Teachers basketball game



LAKEWOOD, Wash. - The Washington State Patrol (WSP) was honored to participate in the annual Cops vs. Teachers Basketball Game at the end of April. Assistant Chief Bendiksen and Trooper Crabtree played alongside officers from Puyallup Police Department, Pierce County Sheriff's Office, and Tacoma Police Department. The game began as a way to remember the four Lakewood Police Department officers who were killed in the line of duty in 2009, and has continued as a way to honor their legacy. The event evolved into a charity raising funds to support numerous non-profit organizations and families.

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The Aviation Section



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