

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

- 4,340** impaired drivers arrested
- 11,671** collisions investigated
- 81** fatality collisions
- 10,801** distracted drivers
- 9,186** seatbelt violations
- 44,319** aggressive driver contacts
- 127,823** excessive speed contacts
- 16,337** CMV inspections

**INSIDEOUT** Blog

**INTERNATIONAL VISIT:** Tokyo Fire Department visits FTA



**FIRE TRAINING** - Members of the Tokyo Fire Department visited the Washington State Fire Training Academy to learn about volcano eruption response and preparedness. [Learn more here.](#)

**THE RIGHT LANE BLOG:** A focus on distracted driving

**EMPHASIS** - This week's blog focuses on the efforts made during April's distracted driving month, and specifically how the danger increases when it involves commercial vehicles. [Learn more here.](#)



**>> NEXT WEEK**

**117th TBTC Class graduates May 24**



**CONGRATULATIONS** - The 117th Trooper Basic Training Class will graduate Wednesday, May 24, at the Capitol Rotunda. The new troopers will arrive at the diagonal parking lot around noon, with the ceremony beginning at 2 p.m. Join us for the live-streaming of the event on the [WSP YouTube Channel](#).



**National Police Week 2023**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** - Members of the Washington State Patrol (WSP) Honor Guard attended Police Week in Washington D.C. this week, honoring those who gave the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. In addition to placing photographs at the name of each of our agency's 32 fallen, the honor guard also placed a wreath for fallen WSP Highway Patrolman Vernon Fortin who was killed in the line of duty 100 years ago.



**South South Exceptional Woman Award**

**OLYMPIA, Wash.** - Washington State Patrol (WSP) Criminal Investigation Unit (CIU) Detective Sergeant Stacy Moate received the South Sound Exceptional Woman Award from the Soroptimist International Club of Olympia this month. Detective Sergeant Moate was nominated for the difference she makes each day, and by continually going above and beyond in her work. She was honored during the organization's sixth-annual awards banquet on May 6 at the Indian Summer Golf and Country Club. Congratulations and great work!





# YOUR WSP Milepost

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## A LOOK BACK TO OUR HISTORICAL MOMENTS: Mount St. Helens eruption response



**MOUNT ST. HELENS** - The Washington State Patrol (WSP) played a vital role in the response and ongoing recovery efforts during the May 18, 1980 eruption of Mount St. Helens. That role included having then Chief R. W. Landon personally visit and attempt to persuade Harry Truman, the owner of the Mount St. Helens Lodge at Spirit Lodge, to evacuate prior to the eruption. The 83-year-old in-keeper ultimately refused to leave.



## WSP CID detectives attend WHIA conference

**SUQUAMISH, Wash.** - Washington State Patrol's Criminal Investigations Division (CID) detectives from around the state attended the yearly Washington Homicide Investigators Association (WHIA) conference. Participation in this conference is extremely important for the WSP as it teaches our detectives new skills, showcases emerging techniques, and allows detectives to network and team build with stakeholders and peers from around the state.

## Port Townsend trooper selected as International Footprint Association 'Trooper of the Year'



**SUQUAMISH, Wash.** - The Olympic Peninsula Chapter 74 of the International Footprint Association named Port Townsend Trooper Lyndon Schwilke as their 2023 Trooper of the Year. Congratulations, Trooper Schwilke!

## BEHIND THE SCENES: GMR team assists Fire Training Academy with creating training video



**NORTH BEND, Wash.** - Heather Davis and Randal Pullar, members of the Government and Media Relations (GMR) team, visited the Fire Training Academy (FTA) this week to create training videos that will be utilized by future recruits.

**SENSORY FRIENDLY EVENT**  
With Law Enforcement

**Saturday, May 20, 2023**  
Skagit County Fair Grounds  
501 Taylor St., Mount Vernon, Wa 98273

In addition to meeting law enforcement there will be local resources available to your families.

Please contact Trooper Luke Visser to reserve a spot. There are AM/PM times available.

Email Trooper Luke Visser  
[LUKE.VISSER@WSP.WA.GOV](mailto:LUKE.VISSER@WSP.WA.GOV)



Touch



Look Around



Sit Inside

\*This event is designed for children and families with children on the Autism Spectrum.

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# WSP 2023 Annual Award Ceremony



**Trooper Anthony J. Califano, District 7**  
 2022 Chief Will Bachofner Award



**Trooper Shannon T. McKenzie**  
 2022 District 1 Trooper of the Year



**Trooper Ryan W. Hagreen**  
 2022 District 2 Trooper of the Year



**Trooper Matthew D. Heck**  
 2022 District 3 Trooper of the Year



**Trooper Robert A. Spencer**  
 2022 District 4 Trooper of the Year



**Trooper James R. Manning, District 8**  
 2022 Certified Technical Specialist of the Year



**Trooper Jeffrey A. Wallace**  
 2022 District 5 Trooper of the Year



**Trooper Logan A. Swift**  
 2022 District 6 Trooper of the Year



**Trooper Shawn T. Krendl**  
 2022 District 8 Trooper of the Year



**Trooper Judah S. Bergeron**  
 2022 District 2 CTS Trooper of the Year



**Trooper Chad R. Prentice**  
 2022 Beyond the Traffic Stop



**Trooper W. Ross Tylock**  
 2022 District 4 CTS Trooper of the Year



**Trooper Daniel A. Buckley**  
 2022 District 5 CTS Trooper of the Year



**Trooper Tony Olivas**  
 2022 Commercial Vehicle Division (CVD)  
 Trooper of the Year



**Trooper Collin J. Cumaravel**  
 2022 District 6 CTS Trooper of the Year



**Trooper Brian C. Boon**  
 2022 District 7 CTS Trooper of the Year



**Trooper Daniel J. Knox**  
 2022 District 1 Beyond the Traffic Stop



**Trooper Paul M. Woodside**  
 2022 District 3 Beyond the Traffic Stop

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**CVEO 1 Bennett A. Olsson**  
 2022 CVEO of the Year



**Trooper Russell L. Sanders**  
 2022 District 4 Beyond the Traffic Stop



**Trooper Thomas J. Megargle**  
 2022 District 6 Beyond the Traffic Stop



**Trooper Dexter M. Beard**  
 2022 District 7 Beyond the Traffic Stop



**Trooper David L. Carlson**  
 2022 District 8 Beyond the Traffic Stop



**CVEO 2 Rick T. Berry**  
 2022 Port of Entry CVEO of the Year



**Detective Brody Ford**  
 2022 Detective of the Year



**Officer Benito Cervantes Olivas**  
 2022 VIN Officer of the Year





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**CO1 Kristina R. Kitchens, District 4**  
 2022 Communications Officer of the Year



**CO 1 Juliana D. Mueller**  
 2022 District 1 Communications Officer of the Year



**CO 1 Kelly C. Rine**  
 2022 District 2 Communications Officer of the Year



**CO2 Beth A. Wilbanks**  
 2022 District 3 Communications Officer of the Year



**CO 1 Alyssa J. Rhine**  
 2022 District 5 Communications Officer of the Year



**Chaplain Gregory Moore**  
 2022 Chief's Volunteer of the Year Award



**CO 2 Louise A. Maneri**  
 2022 District 7 Communications Officer of the Year



**CO 2 Marka H. Segrest**  
 2022 District 8 Communications Officer of the Year



**Mr. Humberto Rodriguez, Fire Protection Bureau**  
 2022 Civil Service Employee of the Year



**Ms. Deborah Y. Carter**  
 2022 Bureau Civil Service Employee of the Year (CVEB)



**Ms. Melissa Wiles**  
 2022 Bureau Civil Service Employee of the Year (FOB)

**Looking for more photos?**  
**THEY ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE!**

For more images of the event taken by our agency's photographer, Heather Davis, please [visit here](#). In the coming weeks, we will feature those being honored at each District Chief Tour. First stop: District 7!



**Ms. Jenna M. Tellvik**  
 2022 Bureau Civil Service Employee of the Year (FLSB)



**Ms. Jennifer L. Frazier**  
 2022 Bureau Civil Service Employee of the Year (ISB)



**Ms. Louise A. Gibbs**  
 2022 Bureau Civil Service Employee of the Year (OOC)