

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

- 4,511 impaired drivers arrested
- 12,481 collisions investigated
- 87 fatality collisions
- 11,250 distracted drivers
- 9,846 seatbelt violations
- 46,534 aggressive driver contacts
- 133,608 excessive speed contacts
- 16,996 CMV inspections

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Chief tours across the state continue

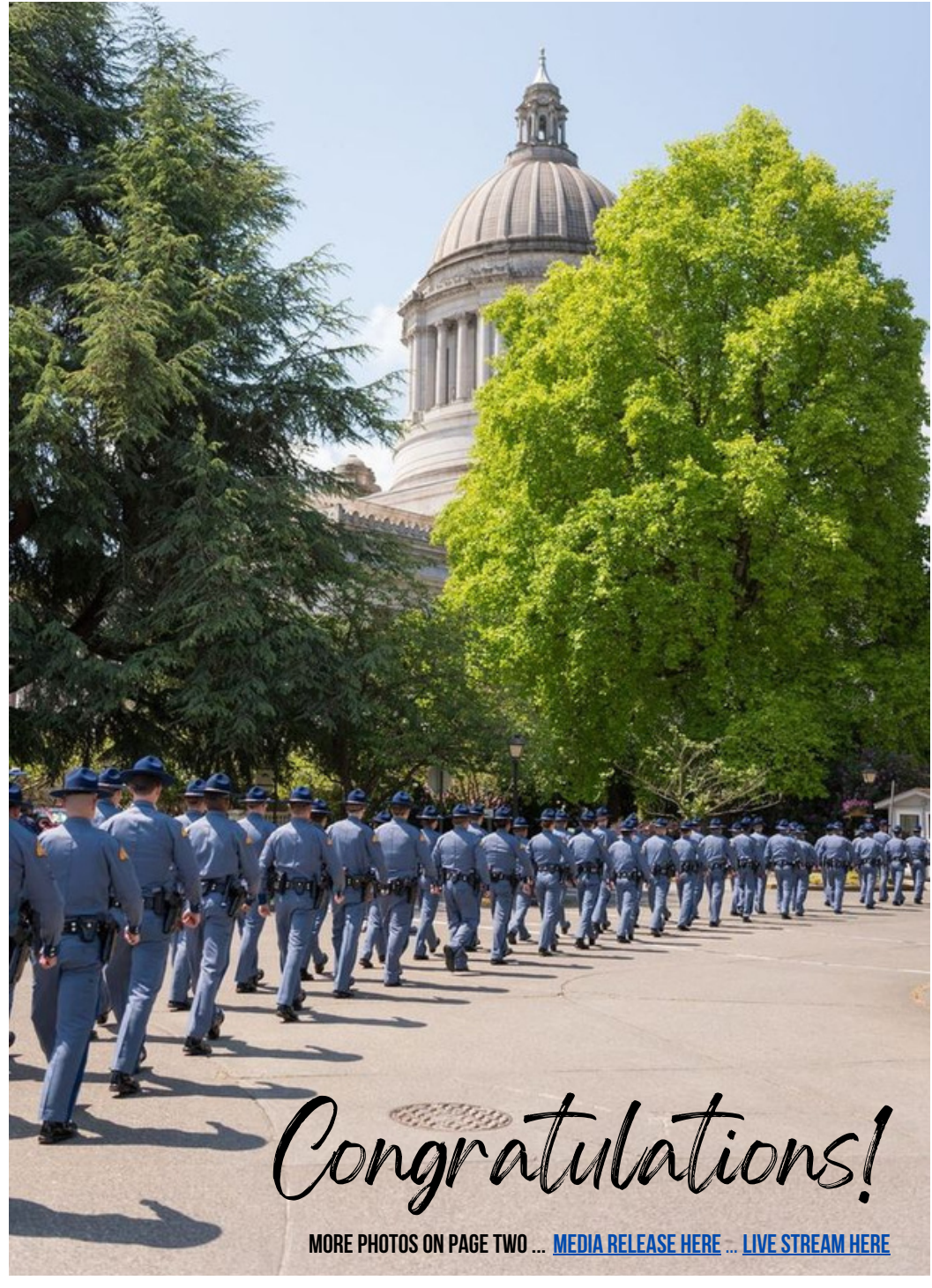
DISTRICT TOURS - The Chief has visited Districts 7, 2 and 8 so far - next stop, District 5. Check back next week for photos from the District 2 and District 8 tours.



HAVE IDEAS YOU WANT TO SHARE?

SEND THEM IN - We strive to highlight the amazing work across the agency. If you have something happening in your division or district you would like to see highlighted in a future edition of *The Milepost*, please e-mail pio@wsp.wa.gov.

WSP's 117th TBTC Graduates



Congratulations!

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VIN Basic 2023 conducted in May



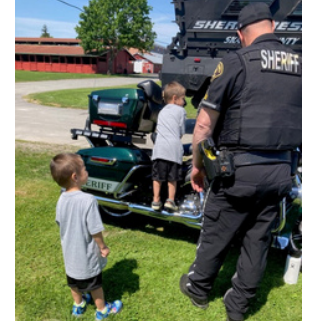
TACOMA, Wash. - The Washington State Patrol (WSP) conducted the VIN Identification Basics 2023 course in Tacoma the week of May 8-12. It is an annual course presented by the WSP Criminal Investigations Division. The course includes the basics and more in-depth training of VIN identification essential for anyone who is more likely to encounter altered VINs, stolen vehicles, cloned, and VIN switched vehicles, or vehicles missing VINs. The course is required for all new VIN officers and WSP Commercial Vehicle Towing and Wrecking Yard troopers. It is highly recommended for any commercial vehicle enforcement officer (CVEO), detective, law enforcement, code enforcement, health or ecology inspector who regularly investigate or inspect vehicles as part of their formal duties, as well as any WSP, DOL, or

NICB support personnel who assist with VIN issues. The 32-hour training provides a complete understanding of how to identify a vehicle using all of the unique identifiers applied during manufacturing. The class discusses abandoned and junk vehicles, obliterated identifiers, chemical restoration, and basic/advanced identification techniques. The class provides hands-on instruction with vehicle identification at the Insurance Auto Auction (IAA) in Puyallup, as well as hands on training of chemical processing for obliterated stamped VINs. The 2023 class included five new WSP VIN officers, one trooper, one WSP CVEO, several code enforcement officers from Lewis and Skagit counties, officers from Tumwater Police Department, Yakima Police Department, as well as two Special Provincial Constables

from British Columbia and one auto theft sergeant from Alberta. British Columbia Special Provincial Constables Murray and Selver, Alberta ALERT Auto Theft Sergeant Shoebotham, along with NICB Investigative Specialist Alberta O'Connell, Special Agent Ruth Medeiros, and Supervisory Special Agent John Anderson assisted at IAA with the hands on vehicle identification. Certificates of completion were provided for each student and were presented by CID Captain Trisena Sharff. The course instructors include Lead Instructor Donna LaMarca (VIN Auto Theft Help Desk), VIN Officer Kevin Forrester, and Tow and Wrecking Trooper Troy Giddings. Congratulations to everyone who successfully completed the course!

Autism Outreach event a success

MOUNT VERNON, Wash. - Washington State Patrol (WSP) troopers in Skagit County along with Skagit County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) and Oak Harbor Police Department (OHPD) participated in an Autism Outreach Event at the Skagit County Fairgrounds last Sunday. A total of 70 attendees from 20 families were treated to having time to speak with representatives from a variety of agencies, including Skagit County Public Health, DSHS, Skagit Search and Rescue, and Apple Health. Caseworkers were on site to assist those with autism find and seek jobs. Apple Health assisted a family of six sign up for health insurance. On the law enforcement side, a young man had complete avoidance of emergency vehicles prior to the event but by the end of the event was able to touch and even sit inside a patrol vehicle. Trooper Luke Visser partnered with SCSO Deputy Chief Baldwin to co-host the event. Patrick McGregor with the WSP's Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) office also attended the event. Great job to everyone involved and we look forward to seeing how this event evolves in 2024!



Welcome to our 43 newest troopers



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WSP DISTRICT 7: Chief's Tour



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