

### WSP investigated 305 fatality collisions in 2022

# **CVEO 18th Basic Training Class begins**

State Patrol's (WSP) 18th Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officer (CVEO) Basic Class began earlier this month.

The 13-member class began their 24-week training on Jan. 3 at the WSP Academy in Shelton. The new recruits will be focused on studying laws and regulation surrounding commercial motor vehicles. The training includes 14 weeks of classroom and 10 weeks of field training working alongside a field training officer.

To each new recruit, welcome to the WSP family, and best of luck in your training. We look forward to soon seeing you out on our highways ensuring the safety of our communities.

### 88 new WSP troopers graduated in 2022



# 2022 a busy year for WSP specialty teams



BOMB SOUAD: The WSP Bomb Squad responded to more than 300 calls throughout 2022, including 19 bomb threats, 85 commercial ammo/fireworks incidents, 87 explosives/hazardous device calls, 44 IED/IIDs, 32 special events (including SWAT assists), and 35 reports of suspicious items. One call resulted in the recovery of 35 improvised explosive devices on a Yelm property after they were discovered during an estate clean up





NORTH BEND, Wash, -The Washington State Fire Training Academy successfully graduated three recruit academies during 2022, which included 99 new firefighters. The instructors taught an additional 240 courses throughout the year to more than 5,300 students, including fire service, marine, regional

direct delivery, national

fire academy training,

and other training

courses.

Aviation logged

1,426 hours during

436 flights

ITD completed 44,280 work

orders, answered 31,676

calls, & responded to

19,559 help emails.



### Summary: Investigative Assistance Division (IAD)



IAD: The WSP Investigative Assistance Division is made up of a variety of taskforces and teams, including the High Tech Crime Unit, Missing and Unidentified Persons Unit (MUPU), Missing and Exploited Children Task Force (MECTF), Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team, and the Cannabis Enforcement Response Team (CERT). The WSP also has narcotics trooper detective serving on federal and regional task forces across the state. The WSP's detectives within the division not only lead

their own investigations, but are often tasked to assist allied agencies across the region with the hope of improving the quality of life for those in our state.

MECTF detectives conducted two child sexual exploitation operations (Net Nanny) in Grant and Lewis counties resulting in the arrest of 19 individuals. This was the return of larger, multi-agency operations since the

pandemic began. MUPU issued four Amber Alerts, 50 Silver Alerts, 8 Endangered Missing Persons Alerts, and 32 Missing Indigenous Persons Alerts throughout 2022. The Homeward Bound program had its 32nd truck unveiling in the spring (photo above). The truck featured Mekayla Bali who was first

reported missing at 16-years-old in 2016. WSP's narcotics detectives conducted numerous operations involving Drug Trafficking Organizations (DTOs) across the state, resulting in the seizure of various narcotics, firearms, and cash related to drug trafficking.