

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

- 1,188** impaired drivers arrested
- 2,993** collisions investigated
- 23** fatality collisions
- 2,869** distracted drivers
- 2,076** seatbelt violations
- 12,365** aggressive driver contacts
- 4,590** commercial vehicle inspections

MEDIA **Spotlight**

PATROL PERSPECTIVES
A podcast about our agency. For our agency.

Memorial foundation
MEET THE BOARD - Learn about the Washington State Patrol Memorial Foundation in our agency's newest podcast, featuring Foundation President Kelly Gregerson, Vice President Heather Davis, Executive Director Megan King, and Billie Saunders, the surviving spouse of fallen Trooper James Saunders.

INSIDEOUT **Blog**

LAST CALL: Entries for Missing Children's Day Contest Feb. 15



ARTISTS - Entries to the Department of Justices' annual Missing Children's Day poster contest is this weekend! Artists must be 5th graders. Entries are due to The WSP's MUPU unit in Olympia by **Feb. 15, 2023**. More information is available [here](#).

WHAT'S YOUR OFFICE SPACE?

WHERE DO YOU WORK? - We know what our WSP trooper's mobile office spaces look like - but what about the rest of our agency? Send in an image that best represents your work space or summarizes your day to day duties with a quick caption to be included in future editions of *The Milepost*. All entries should be sent to pjo@wsp.wa.gov.

Pride in Food Service Week



SHELTON, Wash. - We celebrated our WSP academy kitchen staff in honor of the Association of **Nutrition & Foodservice Professionals Pride in Food Services Week**. The small but mighty team of five provide breakfast, lunch, and dinner - as well as snacks - for all who come to learn, train, and live at our academy grounds in Shelton. Thank you to **Food Services Manager 2 Julie Milam, Cook 2 Hannah Murphy, Cook 2 Kevin MacDonald, Cook 2 Steven MacDonald, and Cook 2 Austin Hudec** for your service. We appreciate you all for your hard work and dedication.

Caring for our Community: Talking teen driver safety

RICHLAND, Wash. - WSP personnel spoke to the seniors of Liberty Christian School in Richland on Wednesday regarding the dangers of impaired and distracted driving. Trooper Litchfield brought his old patrol car that was struck by an impaired driver five years ago to show the students the real consequences of unsafe choices. Thank you to **Trooper Brandt, Trooper Litchfield, Trooper Jolliff, and CVEO Olsson** for taking the time to engage with and inspire these young drivers to make good choices behind the wheel.



WASHINGTON STATE PATROL
CRIME LAB STATISTICS
MARYSVILLE - OLYMPIA - SEATTLE - SPOKANE - TACOMA - VANCOUVER

| RECEIVED REQUESTS: | COMPLETED REQUESTS: |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| 21,094 | 19,080 |

Functional areas handling the requests include the Crime Scene Response Team (CSRT), Firearm / Toolmarks, Materials Analysis, DNA, CODIS, and Latent Prints.

CLALLAM COUNTY
Barricaded man in custody after Port Angeles stand off

PORT ANGELES, Wash. - Our WSP Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team and Bomb Squad was called to assist the Clallam County Sheriff's Office with a barricaded subject on Friday, Feb. 3.

The teams responded to an RV park off U.S. Highway 101 where a 72-year-old man had barricaded himself inside a trailer after allegedly assaulting and pointing a gun into the face of his wife.

Still armed, allied agencies and our SWAT team members attempted negotiations with the man. After the man failed to comply, SWAT personnel deployed pepper ball rounds into the trailer. The man surrendered shortly after and was taken into custody without incident.

ESD technicians complete updates on Motorola radios



OLYMPIA, Wash. - The WSP's Electronic Services Division team across the state has been performing updates to the Motorola portable in-car radios utilized by our agency's commissioned personnel. The updates ensure the equipment is in peak performance, and are in good working order for they are needed the most! **Senior Telecommunications Specialist Simon Bradshaw** (pictured above) is one of many on that ESD team working hard each day to ensure our technology is up to date and our folks are safe.

WHAT IS PEPPER BALL?

Pepper ball (or PAVA) rounds, are one of the numerous **less lethal** options our SWAT team can utilize in their mission to gain compliance of subjects during the most dynamic of situations.

The pepper ball rounds are plastic and filled with **capsaicin**, (the active component of chili peppers). Capsaicin is a chemical irritant and neurotoxin to humans. It's primary affect is a temporary burning sensation to tissues, especially affecting an individual's eyes.

Pepper ball is deployed via a pneumatic launcher, similar to what you would see individuals use playing paintball. Upon impact, the rounds disperse, distributing capsaicin in the air, which causes temporary pain and discomfort to those in the area of the dispersion. When utilized correctly, this tactic often lead to subjects, such as in the Port Angeles barricade, surrendering to law enforcement.

virtual CAR SHOW

VIRTUAL CAR SHOW - Send images of your WSP issued vehicle (car, truck, van, motorcycle, etc.) in areas throughout the state that best represents where you work! The landscapes across our state are amazing as they are diverse. The images can be used for future graphics, and will also be featured in future editions of *The Milepost*. Be sure to include a quick caption of where the image is being taken. Send all entries to pjo@wsp.wa.gov.

Academy Check-in

WATER SURVIVAL: Our trooper cadets of the 117th Trooper Basic Training Class (TBTC) spent this week learning about water survival training, including how to use their uniforms as a floatation device in emergency situations.