

AGENCY AT A glance

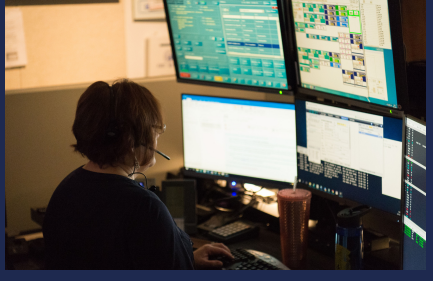
SO FAR THIS YEAR...

- 1,498** impaired drivers arrested
- 3,557** collisions investigated
- 27** fatality collisions
- 3,457** distracted drivers
- 2,602** seatbelt violations
- 15,364** aggressive driver contacts
- 44,795** excessive speed contacts
- 5,483** commercial vehicle inspections

COMMS Call-log

Our Washington State Patrol (WSP) communications officer's across the state handle a variety of calls from those in need 24/7. Below is a glimpse of the work they handled throughout January 2023:

- 911** 23,227 9-1-1 calls
- 71,862** CAD incidents (Logs for traffic stops, calls for service, etc.)
- 51,685** non-emergency calls



MEDIA Spotlight



Online photo gallery

GALLERIES - Visit the [WSP website](#) in order to view the photo gallery from our latest events. The most recent update are images from the February Promotional Ceremony held in Olympia on Feb. 1, 2023.



Spotlight: Millie Stone

OLYMPIA, Wash. - Beautiful bouquets of flowers have been carefully placed beneath our agency's memorial wall for the past few months in the Helen Sommers Building - only no one knew who was behind the kind gesture.

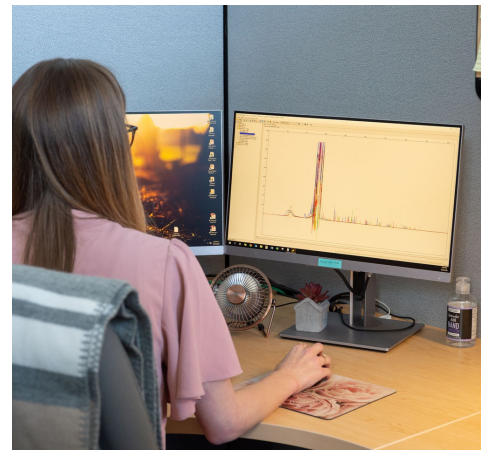
After some investigating, it was determined the silent Samaritan is Department of Enterprise Services (DES) employee Millie Stone. After seeing the flowers no longer present following fallen Trooper Detective Eric Gunderson's ceremony in October 2022, Millie took it upon herself to continually bring new arrangements - all at her own expense.

"People who do great things like this don't expect recognition," said WSP Chief John Batiste. "Millie's humility and her support to our great agency is exactly why she deserves to be recognized. We can't thank her enough for honoring our heroes and reminding us all that it's the little things that matter."

Millie has been with DES custodial crew for the past four years, majority of which has been working nightshift. Her connection to the WSP well supersedes her current job. Millie previously owned a local alterations business, and one of her most repeat customers were WSP troopers in need of uniform adjustments. She also had a helping hand when the WSP won the Best Dressed Agency title back in 2007.

In honor of today being Acts of Kindness Day, we could think of no better example than Millie Stone and her ongoing support and dedication to our agency, whose kindness and integrity has not gone unnoticed.

KNOW OUR WSP VANCOUVER CRIME LAB



Learning about the lab

How many folks make up the Vancouver Crime Lab?
Our Washington State Patrol (WSP) Vancouver Crime Laboratory team is **comprised of a 34-person staff** with three additional team members in the hiring process.

What is the Vancouver Crime Lab's area of focus?
They provide high-quality forensic science services and forensic evidence training for all criminal justice partner agencies within the State of Washington. The Vancouver Crime Lab currently provides forensic services for **DNA, Firearms and Tool Marks (FATM), and our Materials Analysis (MA) section**, which in our lab analyzes seized drugs, including cannabis quantitation.

How many cases does the lab typically handle?
The Vancouver Crime Lab received **2,059 cases in 2022**. The team expects that to increase in 2023 as they begin taking in all sexual assault kits for the State of Washington.

What is the most common evidence received?
That depends on the section. For Materials Analysis it is **fantanyl cases** - either powder or in tablet form. For DNA it is **sexual assault kits**, and for firearms it is **guns, bullets, and cartridge cases**.

What kind of testing is conducted in the lab?
Our DNA section examines items of evidence and attempts to **generate DNA profiles**. They then compare those evidence profiles to DNA profiles obtained from known individuals such as from a suspect or they can search profiles in the DNA database to attempt to identify a subject.

Our FATM section **analyses bullets and cartridge cases** found at crime scenes and compares those to a suspect's gun. They also examine marks left at crime scenes, such as from a screwdriver being used to pry open a lock to see if a particular tool is consistent with having left marks behind.

Our Materials Analysis section **analyses suspected controlled substances** and identifies them. They also quantitate cannabis to determine how much delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (THC - the psychoactive component of cannabis) it contains.

What education and training is involved?
Forensic scientists with the WSP must have a **Bachelor of Science degree** in a natural or forensic science. When hired on, all WSP-CLD scientists undergo **extensive formalized training** within their discipline of expertise. This can take from six months to two years depending on the scientific discipline.



SWAT assists with suspected drug lab



EVERETT, Wash. - Our WSP Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team assisted with a suspected drug laboratory discovered during the service of a Snohomish County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) search warrant at an Everett apartment on Friday, Feb. 10.

In cooperation with the National Guard 10th Civil Support Team (CST) and the Department of Ecology, our WSP SWAT team members, trained in drug laboratory response, assisted with collection of evidence, as well as the destruction and clean up of the alleged lab, which was located within the kitchen of the apartment. During this process, members of the team wear protective equipment, including protective suits, booties, gloves, and air purifying respirators. Their vitals are also taken prior to entering the suspected lab and at the conclusion of their business within the dwelling.

Our agency SWAT team were trained in lab response by the 10th CST members. SWAT works in concert with the 10th CST routinely, a partnership that is key to ensuring the safety of all personnel on scene.

VIRTUAL CAR SHOW



VIRTUAL CAR SHOW - Send images of your patrol car 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 pio@wsp.wa.gov

Troopers visit preschoolers

LAKE STEVENS, Wash. - WSP troopers visited LifePoint Christian Preschool in Lake Stevens this week. Sergeant Pendt, Trooper Califano, and Trooper Olson showed the preschoolers their patrol vehicles and some of their equipment, as well as taught them about the importance of calling 9-1-1 and car seat safety.



K9 teams visit Stanwood school

STANWOOD, Wash. - WSP K9 Trooper Keffeler & K9 Trooper Betts conducted a K9 demo at Cedarhome Elementary School in Stanwood on Friday, Feb. 7. Joined by K9 Mia, a Belgian Malinois mix and K9 Harley, a yellow lab. The K9 teams were able to give the kiddos a close up view of how these duos work together to keep everyone safe.



Coffee with a Cop - Puyallup

PUYALLUP, Wash. - WSP troopers and cadets spent two hours at the Canyon Road Starbucks in Puyallup participating in Coffee with a Cop. They were able to interact with more than 100 members of the community within this short time frame, serving up smiles and a positive interaction with law enforcement. Thank you to Sgt. VanCleave, Trooper Feller, Trooper Schramm, Trooper McKenzie, Trooper Leishman, Cadet Alicea and Cadet Rhodes for participating!



Coffee with a Cop - Snohomish

SNOHOMISH, Wash. - WSP troopers joined allied agencies at a Coffee with a Cop event at the Snohomish Station Starbucks on Thursday. Thank you to Trooper Prether, Trooper Shelby, Trooper Ramey, Trooper Elliott, Trooper Stanley, and Trooper Harding for participating!



Trooper visits Brinnon Elementary School



BRINNON, Wash. - WSP Trooper Freeman visited students at Brinnon Elementary School this week to talk about public safety and give them a tour of his patrol vehicle and equipment.



investing in the communities we serve with integrity and humility