

AGENCY AT A GLANCE

SO FAR THIS YEAR...

- 5,183 impaired drivers arrested
- 14,488 collisions investigated
- 104 fatality collisions
- 13,312 distracted drivers
- 12,588 seatbelt violations
- 55,834 aggressive driver contacts
- 158,617 excessive speed contacts
- 19,539 CMV inspections

>> NEXT WEEK

Congratulations to our new CVEOs



THE TIME HAS COME - We are excited to celebrate the graduation of our newest Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officer's (CVEO's) next week! Open house is at the WSP Academy in Shelton Wednesday, followed by graduation at the Helen Somers Building in Olympia on Thursday.

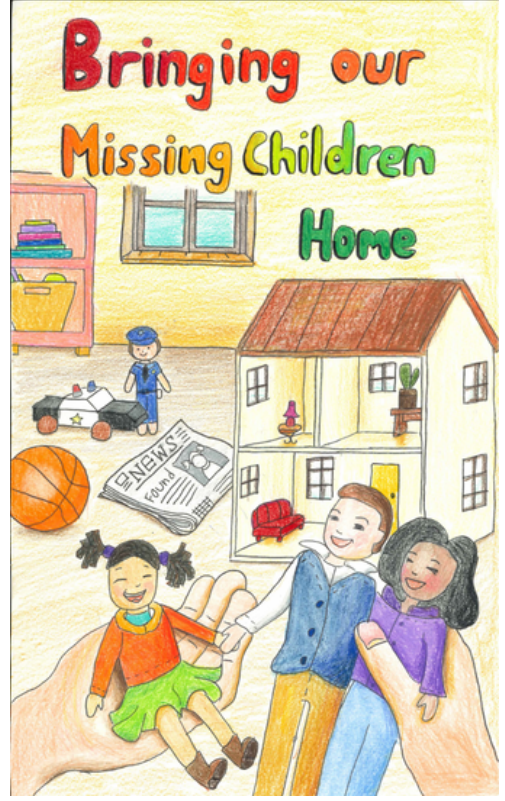
COMMS Call-log

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 May 2023:

Over **30,000** 9-1-1 calls answered



Kirkland 5th grader places 1st in state, 2nd in national Missing Children's Day poster contest



KIRKLAND, Wash. - We are proud to recognize 10-year-old Leo who placed first in the Department of Justice's 40th annual Missing Children's Day Poster Contest in Washington State.

Members of your WSP's Missing and Unidentified Persons Unit (MUPU) met with Leo at her elementary school in King County where she was celebrated among her family and classmates for her wonderful achievement.

In addition to placing first in the state, Leo's poster moved onto the national competition where she was awarded 2nd place overall. Her amazing work was among 1,400 entries from across the country.

Leo's artwork features a child holding a doll in one hand and the doll's parents in the other with a dollhouse in the background representing the family's home.

"Sometimes miracles happen and the child is found quickly and safely,"

Additional information about the Missing Children's Day Poster Contest can be found here on the WSP's *InsideOut* blog.

[LEARN MORE](#)

Leo wrote in her application packet. "I'd like to continue this wish for all missing children to be reunited with their family."

WSP trooper graduates 1st D.A.R.E. class



RICHLAND, Wash. - Washington State Patrol (WSP) Trooper Villanueva had the honor of celebrating 42 fifth-grade students who graduated from his first ever Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) *keepin it REAL* program earlier this month at Liberty Christian School.

Trooper Villanueva, one of the WSP's recruiters, became a certified D.A.R.E. instructor in 2022. As of right now, he is the only D.A.R.E. certified instructor in the agency.

The new D.A.R.E. program graduates received a T-shirt and certificate for their hard work, marking the completion of the 10-week curriculum. A few students

read their D.A.R.E. essays aloud to the audience, where they shared what they learned and what the program means to them.

At the end of the ceremony, a student from each class won a DAREN Lion, D.A.R.E.'s stuffed animal mascot.

Over the course of the 10 weeks, students learned about:

- The harmful effects of drugs/alcohol
- Risk and consequences
- Peer pressure
- Dealing with stressful situations
- Basics of communications
- Nonverbal communication and listening
- Bullying

- Helping others
- Being a good person

The students practiced situations based on what they learned during each lesson, including using the D.A.R.E. Decision Making Model (DDMM). The DDMM requires students to define the problem, assess their choices, respond by making a choice, and evaluate if it was the right decision.

The D.A.R.E. program instills confidence in students when they face challenging situations in day-to-day life; skills they can use for the rest of their lives.

To learn more, visit the *InsideOut* [blog here](#).

Grant County 'Chief for a Day' event

EPHRATA, Wash. - Members of the Washington State Patrol (WSP) in Moses Lake participated in the Chief for a Day event held in Grant County earlier this month.

The WSP selected Chief Nick Burns as their Chief for a Day. Nick, his parents Adam and Hillarie, and his sister Halle - along with other family members came to support Nick as he was introduced as WSP's Chief for a Day at an event held in front of the Grant County Courthouse in Ephrata.

WSP Captain Dan Richmond introduced Nick and presented him with a plaque. Grant County Superior Court Judges Anna Gigliotti and Tyson Hall swore in all the various agency's chiefs. Nick had a great time soaking in all the attention and took special interest in the WSP Honor Guard and the vintage 1951 WSP patrol vehicle that was on display. As chief, Nick's first order of business was to assign all current troopers a '51 Ford. Nick also had a great time taking jabs at his friend who was selected as Moses Lake Fire's Chief for a Day. The banter between cops and firefighters was in good hands.

A special thank you to the Grant County Sheriff's Office for their effort in bringing back the event that was absent since 2019.



YOUR WSP Milepost

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District 8 trooper helps deliver baby on side of US 101



DISCOVERY BAY, Wash. - Port Townsend Trooper Hovinghoff and Trooper Cadet Stephanick assisted in delivering a baby on the side of U.S. 101 in Discovery Bay after her mother realized she wasn't going to make it to the hospital last week. Baby girl Arya arrived in a way in parents will surely never forget. The troopers reunited with the family to check up on the new baby girl, and were happy to hear everyone is doing well.

WSP CVEOs participate in community outreach events

COMMUNITY OUTREACH - Washington State Patrol (WSP) Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officers (CVEOs) have been participating in several community outreach events this month, including Officer Gonsalves joining the Oak Harbor Fire Department at High Five Fridays at Oak Harbor Elementary School. Additionally, CVEO Recruits Stanton and Gracey gave a safety talk at TORO Trucking Academy in Kent. Great job reaching out to those we serve!



WSP participates in LIU emphasis in Battle Ground



BATTLE GROUND, Wash. - Washington State Patrol (WSP) District 5 command staff and troopers assisted the License Investigation Unit (LIU) with an emphasis this week. District command was approached by the Battle Ground Police Department (BGPD) Chief requesting WSP help get the word out to his community to register their out of state vehicles. A number of complaints have been associated with the Battle Ground area. Captain Linn, Lt. Myers, Sgt. Liksakov, Trooper Barraclough and Trooper Finn assisted with the emphasis. A total 165 vehicles were identified as not having Washington State registrations.

BE PATIENT

SLOW DOWN

DRIVE SOBER

STAY FOCUSED

SURVIVE AND THRIVE THIS SUMMER



CREATING SAFE ROADWAYS THIS SUMMER TAKES A TEAM EFFORT

June 9 to Sept. 7 has been the highest consecutive 90-day stretch for traffic-related fatalities on Washington's roads from 2018-2022. Learn more about the "Surviving Summer" campaign here.

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