

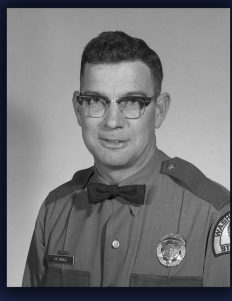


AGENCY AT A glance

SO FAR THIS YEAR...

- 1,009 impaired drivers arrested
- 2,432 collisions investigated
- 13 fatality collisions
- 2,424 distracted drivers
- 1,692 seatbelt violations
- 10,200 aggressive driver contacts
- 3,812 commercial vehicle inspections

Remembering OUR FALLEN

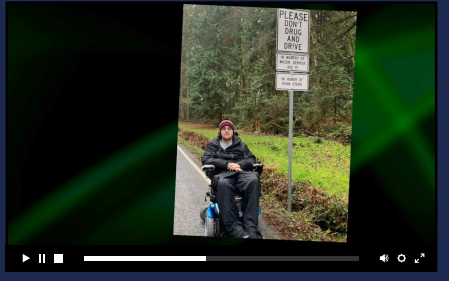


Trooper Charles Frank Noble Jr.

Commissioned: 1958
EOW: Feb. 5, 1972

Incident: Trooper Noble was tragically killed after unexpectedly coming across a burglary suspect during a traffic stop near Zillah. [Learn more here.](#)

MEDIA Spotlight



ONE LESS STORY: Ryan

DRIVE SOBER - Ryan was just 17-years-old when he and his friends were involved in an impaired driving collision that changed the trajectory of all their lives. [Hear more about his story.](#)

INSIDEOUT Blog

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



ARTISTS - Entries to the Department of Justice's 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](#).

The Right Lane: Why are those trucks over in the right lane?



The Commercial Vehicle Division discusses why commercial vehicles move over to the right lane when approaching weigh stations. Read more about the Weigh in Motion (WIMS) system [here](#).

Four promoted during February ceremony

OLYMPIA, Wash. — We celebrated the promotion of four Washington State Patrol (WSP) employees Wednesday morning at the Helen Sommers Building in Olympia:

Sergeant Micahel A. Walstad: formerly Trooper Walstad #854 of the Homeland Security Division (HSD), Sgt. Walstad #294 promoted to the rank of sergeant, assigned to District 7, Oak Harbor.

Mr. Bruce R. Moneymaker: formerly IT Business Analysts - Journey within ITD, Mr. Moneymaker promoted to IT System Administration - Senior/Specialist within the same division.

Mr. Daniel E. Webster: formerly Electronic Design Engineer within the Electronic Services Division (ESD), Mr. Webster promoted to IT Network and Telecommunications - Senior/Specialist within the same division.

Mr. Joshua K. Coleman: formerly IT Security - Journey within the Information Technology Division (ITD), Mr. Coleman promoted to IT Network and Telecommunications - Senior/Specialist within ESD.



Annual candlelight vigil for Teeka Lewis, missing



TACOMA, Wash. — A candlelight vigil was held at the Tacoma Police Department headquarters last month in honor of Teekah Lewis who remains missing after more than two decades. A new Homeward Bound truck features the latest age progression image of Teeka, who was kidnapped in 1999 at just two-years-old.



Community Outreach: Safety City



CHEHALIS, Wash. - Chehalis WSP troopers and civilian staff assisted at this year's Safety City in Chehalis where 710 kindergarten through second-grade students learned about a variety of safety topics.

Safety City was set up at Richie Bros. in Chehalis offering four stations where local public safety personnel would provide presentations on pedestrian/bicycle/personal safety, railroad track safety, when to call 9-1-1 and bus safety.

The event has been going on for more than two decades and has grown each year, thanks to the ongoing support of the Washington Traffic Safety Commission, the Lewis County Sheriff's Office, Chehalis Centralia Pupil Transportation Co-op, Lewis County 911 and Operation Life Saver, and the WSP. This year also included volunteers from the Napavine Police Department, Chehalis Police Department, Centralia Police Department, Riverside Fire, and Fire District 6. The Lewis County Victim's Panel assisted with funding the program, which includes individual goodie bags provided to each participating student. An additional grant covered transportation costs to and from the event. A special shout out to Chehalis Detachment Secretary Senior Michelle Pardue, who has been organizing the event since 2018.



Academy Check-in



SFSTs, EVOC course, traffic control



SHELTON, Wash. - The 117th Trooper Basic Training Class (TBTC) focused on how to utilize the Drager systems for conducting certified breath testing, as well as how to properly conduct Standardized Field Sobriety Tests (SFSTs). Later in their training they will perform field sobriety tests on impaired volunteers during the academy's Wet Lab. To learn more about this training and process, check out [this 2021 video](#) from the 115th TBTC Class Wet Lab.

The 18th Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officer (CVEO) training class spent part of this week on the EVOC course, as well as learning how safely conduct traffic control at scenes.



#NBAW National Burn Awareness Week FEBRUARY 5-11, 2023

State Fire Marshal's Office focuses on burn awareness

OLYMPIA, Wash. - The State Fire Marshal's Office is focusing on burn awareness this coming week, with this year's emphasis on scalding.

Scalding can almost instantaneously cause third-degree burns, which can lead to significant scarring or in the most severe cases, even death. The National Fire Protection Association attributes scalding as the second leading cause of all burn injuries.

Something as simple as your morning coffee or a cup of soup can lead to a scalding injury. For more information, visit [here](#).



LEWIS COUNTY WSP SWAT, Bomb Squad respond to assist Centralia PD

CENTRALIA, Wash. - Our WSP Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team and our Bomb Squad was called to assist the Centralia Police Department with a barricaded subject Thursday morning.

The man, accused of domestic violence and assault, was armed and barricaded in his Centralia-area home.

WSP SWAT responded to assist. Members of the WSP SWAT Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT) assisted the CPD negotiators in hopes of having the man comply with law enforcement commands. Negotiations were successful, leading to the man being taken into custody without incident.

Our WSP SWAT team is often called to assist our smaller allied agency partners who are not equipped with the appropriate resources or equipment to handle dynamic situations of this magnitude. In any situation, our team is equipped with a variety of tactics training, and resources, including negotiators and less lethal tools, to utilize while navigating such potentially volatile scenes.