

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

- 5,800 impaired drivers arrested
- 16,588 collisions investigated
- 139 fatality collisions
- 14,953 distracted drivers
- 14,628 seatbelt violations
- 63,831 aggressive driver contacts
- 179,742 excessive speed contacts
- 21,459 CMV inspections

>> NEXT WEEK
 WSP retirements



NEXT CHAPTER - Several long-time employees of the agency, including Assistant Chief Atchison (pictured above), have retired in the past few weeks. Check out next week's edition of *The Milepost* for images from their retirement celebrations. We wish them all the best of luck in their next chapter!

DO YOU HAVE STORIES YOU WANT TO SHARE?

SEND THEM IN - We strive to highlight the amazing work across the agency. If you have something happening in your division or district you would like to see highlighted in a future edition of *The Milepost*, please e-mail pio@wsp.wa.gov.



118th TBTC officially underway



SHELTON, Wash. - Our Washington State Patrol (WSP) 118th Trooper Basic Training Class (TBTC) is underway! The class of 60 cadets began on Monday - the first step in what will result in more than 1,400 hours of training. We will follow the class throughout their training in future editions.

Remembering Patrolman Wright: 70 years



SPOKANE, Wash. - Members of the Washington State Patrol (WSP), our partner agencies, and family members gathered to remember and honor WSP Patrolman John F. Wright on the 70th anniversary of his line of duty death. Two ceremonies were held on June 28, beginning with a wreath laying at the District 4 Spokane Headquarters office. From there, everyone traveled to the intersection of Sprague and Barker for a memorial sign ceremony dedication. The sign, installed thanks to the Spokane's Fallen Officers Memorial Project, will be yet another lasting reminder of Patrolman Wright. Wright, 28, was killed in the line of duty after being struck during a hit-and-run collision as he was contacting a motorist at that very intersection 70 years ago.

Participating in 4th of July events



RIDGEFIELD, Wash. - Washington State Patrol (WSP) CVEO 2 Cervantes, Trooper Chicks, Trooper Prentice, Trooper Porter, and Trooper Nein participated in the Ridgefield Fourth of July Parade this week. The group reserved the 1951 Ford Sedan for the event, and brought along the new 2022 Ford Explorer, an ADAT Dodge Charger, and MCSD wrapped Ford Explorer and strolled down the overcrowded street of downtown Ridgefield. This was just one of many opportunities our agency was able to participate in across the state. Thank you to everyone for being involved in your communities!



HOPE dogs pay a visit to District 5



VANCOUVER, Wash. - Washington State Patrol (WSP) District 5 hadassah, a HOPE Animal-Assisted Crisis Response dog through the WSP Operations Bureau Wellness Program. Hadassah, a female Akita, is one of the dogs used by HOPE, an organization that helps individuals in crisis or in a disaster. The use of HOPE animals is a new tool in the WSP toolbox to help communities and employees.

2023 Detective Basic course complete



SHELTON, Wash. - The 2023 Detective Basic two-week course came to an end last month. The class gives newly promoted detectives and those interested in the field an overall look at different facets of the position, as well as an introduction to the various work groups throughout the patrol. The second week included proficiency in firearms in scenarios they may encounter during investigations and operations.



DID YOU KNOW?
More than **967 lives** were lost due to fatality crashes during the last five summers (June, July, & August) on Washington State roads.*

We all play a part in keeping our roads safe this summer...

- 1 Plan ahead before you hit the road**
Check for local traffic conditions and pack your patience - especially if you are traveling in unfamiliar areas.
- 2 Be on alert for our vulnerable road users**
This includes pedestrians, motorcycle riders, bicyclists - we all share the road.
- 3 Focus on driving when behind the wheel**
Always buckle up, adhere to posted speed limits, drive sober, and stay distraction free.
- 4 Secure all your items before you leave**
Heading on a summer road trip? Make sure all of your belongings are stowed safely.

90 DANGEROUS DAYS
June 9 to Sept. 7 has been the highest consecutive 90-day stretch for traffic-related fatalities on Washington's roads from 2018-2022.

Let's all choose to drive safe. Every trip. Every time.

*Statistics are provided by the Washington Traffic Safety Commission (WTSC). For more, visit wtsc.wa.gov.



Multi-agency collaboration results in drug seizure



CHEHALIS, Wash. - Washington State Patrol Trooper Whearty of the Chehalis detachment worked with a WSP detective and a DEA agent who were tracking a vehicle in the area. After contacting the vehicle in a parking lot, the investigation resulted in the seizure of five pounds of cocaine, 10 pounds of pills, and \$26,000 in cash.

FROM THE FIELD

Have photos from the field? Send them to pio@wsp.wa.gov to be included in future editions of The Milepost.



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WSP District 6 Spring 2023 Chief Tour



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