

AGENCY AT A glance

SO FAR THIS YEAR...

- 6,254 impaired drivers arrested
- 17,885 collisions investigated
- 147 fatality collisions
- 16,151 distracted drivers
- 15,860 seatbelt violations
- 69,323 aggressive driver contacts
- 193,855 excessive speed contacts
- 23,038 CMV inspections

MEDIA Spotlight

WSP urges drivers to make good choices



**SURVIVING SUMMER** - Assistant Chief Mjor shares a public safety message in light of the alarming number of fatalities that occurred during the past weekend.

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Deadly weekend on Washington roads

**OLYMPIA, Wash.** - The Washington State Patrol (WSP) is urging drivers to make good choices behind the wheel this summer following an alarming number of fatality collisions over the past week. The reminder comes amid the statewide "Surviving Summer" traffic safety campaign bringing attention to the 90 most dangerous days on Washington roadways.

The WSP investigated fatality collisions across the state that resulted in the loss of 15 lives over the past weekend, including six killed in a Tacoma collision and another three killed in a crash outside Othello. Three more fatalities during the week involved motorcycle riders.

"What our troopers have seen over the past few days is disheartening," said Assistant Chief James Mjor, Field Operations Bureau. "We make our roadways safe together - and we are asking you to do your part on what historically has been the most dangerous days on our roadways."

These tragedies occurred during what the Washington Traffic Safety Commission (WTSC) and WSP data shows is the highest 90 day stretch for traffic-related fatalities in Washington: June 9 through Sept. 7.

The 90-day period has on average accounted for 31 percent of all traffic deaths statewide over the past five years. The top contributing factors include excessive speed, impairment, distraction, and failure to yield right of way.

WSP troopers investigated 314 fatalities in 2022 - 37 percent involved impairment, 27 percent involved speed, and 31 percent involved occupants not wearing seatbelts. That was a rise in fatal collisions from 283 investigated in 2021 where 38 percent involved impairment, 27 percent involved speed, and 33 percent involved unbelted drivers.

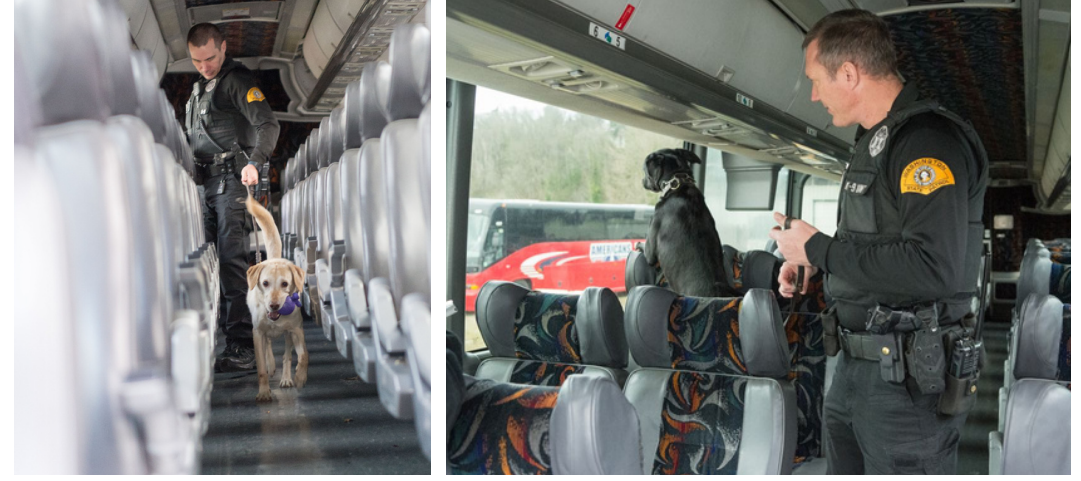
Learn more about the Surviving Summer: 90 Dangerous Days campaign [here](#).

"The tremendous effort being put forth by our troopers is life saving. Something that's quite noticeable is a disturbing trend of unbelted drivers and passengers. We all know that seatbelts save lives and it isn't just a slogan to be tossed out."

*Chief John R. Batiste  
Washington State Patrol*



FEATURE: WSP Region 2 K9 Teams



**SEATTLE, Wash.** - The Washington State Patrol (WSP) Homeland Security Division (HSD) Region 2 team trained earlier this year partnering with a local transit bus company. The teams were able to practice in and around different buses as part of their monthly training exercises. Check out the rest of the teams in future editions of *The Milepost*.

'Best Looking Cruiser' contest on now



**VOTING OPEN NOW** - It's time to vote for America's best looking cruiser! The American Association of State Troopers (AAST) is conducting its 10th annual "Best Looking Cruiser" contest, and we need your help to win! The top 13 vote-getters will make the 2023 AAST calendar with the top cruiser adorning the cover. Visit [here](#), scroll to the bottom, find the dropdown menu and select "Washington." Voting can be done once per device - so use them all!

## ESD software training simplifies process



**OLYMPIA, Wash.** - The Electronic Services Division (ESD) has the most users of the inventory management software Azzier (formerly known as Web Work). Teams across agencies had been using three technologies placing orders in multiple fashions. Our Fiscal Analyst 3, Tonya Buldis, and one of our Land Mobile Radio System Admins, Jo-Anna Nestegard, developed training for the entire division to begin using the same methods. This will lean out the processes for both ESD and PMD Supply. The training was on a test environment in Olympia and in Yakima. The training will be formalized into a video format and used for new hire in the future.

## Academy Check-in: Week 3 for 118th TBTC

**SHELTON, Wash.** - The 118th Trooper Basic Training Class (TBTC) completed week three of their training. The week started off with a physical fitness test utilizing the original Cooper Standard Test, which includes timed push-ups, sit-ups, and a mile-and-a-half run. Ungraded, the test is different from the hiring standard through Public Safety Testing. This week the cadets moved out of the classroom and into split groups of three, the groups focused on practical training in controlled tactics, firearms, and traffic control. The cadets also learned about de-escalation techniques.



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