

AGENCY AT A *glance*

SO FAR THIS YEAR...

- 6,445 impaired drivers arrested
- 18,593 collisions investigated
- 155 fatality collisions
- 16,772 distracted drivers
- 18,624 seatbelt violations
- 71,811 aggressive driver contacts
- 200,638 excessive speed contacts
- 23,865 CMV inspections

LET'S ALL SURVIVE AND THRIVE THIS SUMMER



GOING ON NOW: Our agency's Surviving Summer: 90 Dangerous Days Campaign is going on now. Learn more.

'Best Looking Cruiser' contest



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Congratulations FTA Class 2023-02



NORTH BEND, Wash. - Congratulations to the Washington State Patrol (WSP) Fire Training Academy Class 2023-02. The class graduated Thursday at The Club at Snoqualmie, celebrated by their family, friends, and future colleagues.

The graduating class includes: Justin Boyle, Anacortes Fire department; Austen Czuleger, Central Mason Fire & EMS; Corey Hense, Grand Coulee Fire Department; Colton Lucas, Conner Budzeck, Kent Hagen, and Scott Miller, Kennewick Fire Department; Eric Brooks, Jonathan Schampier, Garrett Weekly, Mount Vernon Fire Department; Ridge Pellow, North Mason Regional Fire Authority; Michael Knapp and Reina Pineda, Olympia Fire Department; Lewis Townsend, South Whidbey Fire/EMS.



90 Dangerous Days: Commander's message



OLYMPIA, Wash. - Washington State Patrol (WSP) Field Operations Bureau (FOB) commanders came together and coordinated with the GMR team to help share the importance safety messaging regarding the ongoing Surviving Summer: 90 Dangerous Days campaign. Check it out [here](#).

Firearms Background employees complete training

OLYMPIA, Wash. - The Washington State Patrol (WSP) Firearms Background Division (FBD) graduated its first class of seven firearm background check examiners in July. These employees started their training on May 1 and will be adjudicating firearm background checks in August.

Twenty more examiners (seven started June 1 and thirteen on July 5) are still in training, and are expected to graduate in August and September respectively. When fully staffed, the Division will have 40 examiners, six leads, and six supervisors performing background check adjudications. That is in addition to the two trainers and their supervisor, two dedicated system administrators, a forms and records analyst, a fiscal analyst, an AA4, the Division Commander and Assistant Commander.

The revised Code of Washington (RCW) 43.43.580 established a centralized point-of-contact firearms background check program within the Washington State Patrol. In conjunction with the creation of the new Division, RCW 9.41.1135 (1) requires all background checks for firearms transfers in the state, including non-semiautomatic rifles, shotguns, and frames/receivers (designated as "other" by ATF),



previously checked through FBI NICS or local law enforcement agencies, to be processed by FBD.

The Division is putting the finishing touches on the Secure Automated Firearms E-Check (SAFE) system which will be used by firearm dealers to submit background checks and by the FBD examiners to make their determinations. The pilot launch is expected to happen in early August, and be fully operational by 2024.

118th TBTC Check-in: Week Four

SHELTON, Wash. - The 118th Trooper Basic Training Class (TBTC) spent this week practicing tire changing skills, marksmanship, controlled tactics, de-escalation techniques, communication, hazmat awareness, and driving.

This week, the 118th class got behind the wheel and became familiar with the drive course. They each learn and practice driving skills such as the best techniques for backing, turning, and maneuvering in tight spaces. By the time they complete their training, the cadets are tested on this course and have to complete it in three to four minutes, no less and no more.

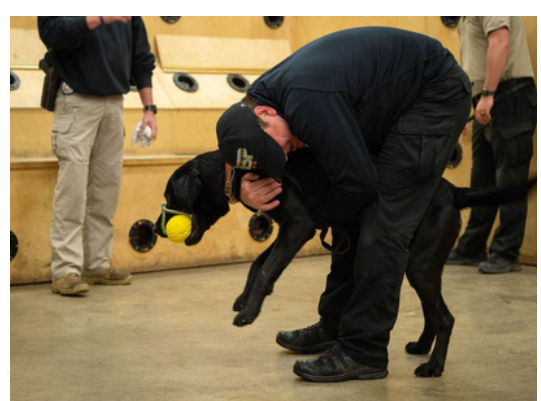
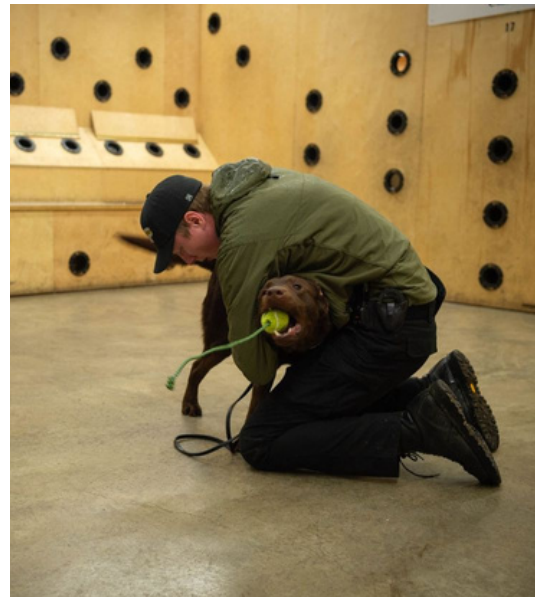
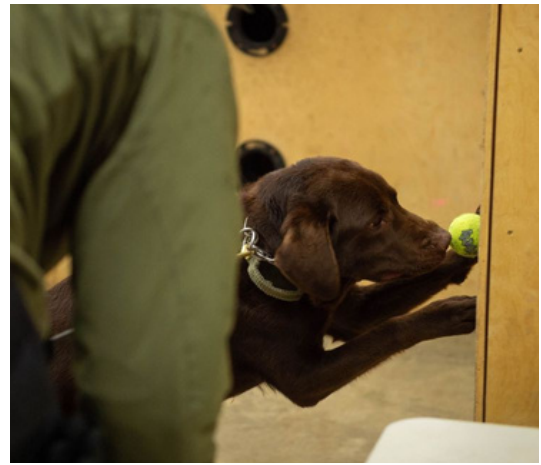
Cadets also utilized the agency's skid pan. Covered with water, this section of our drive course mimics the feel of hydroplaning and allows the driver to react in a safe, controlled environment.

Like the other portions of our drive course, the cadets start at slower speeds but will soon practice at faster speeds and with obstacles.



K9s learn the right scent to detect

SHELTON, Wash. - Our agency's newest K9s practiced using the scent wall early in their training at the Washington State Patrol (WSP) Academy in April. The purpose of the wall is to reinforce the scent they need to alert their handler to while in the field. The instructors have the dog sniff the wall until they reach the hole with the intended odor. When the dog goes to the correct hole, their toy will appear, "rewarding" them. It is the start of teaching our K9s that the scent can be found anywhere in their environment - buildings, vehicles, equipment, small spaces, among others.



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