

AGENCY AT A
glance
 SO FAR THIS YEAR...

- 6,714** impaired drivers arrested
- 19,334** collisions investigated
- 159** fatality collisions
- 17,462** distracted drivers
- 17,572** seatbelt violations
- 74,495** aggressive driver contacts
- 208,587** excessive speed contacts
- 24,664** 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.](#)

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.

National Night Out - 2023



STATEWIDE - National Night Out (NNO) events took place across the state on Aug. 1, 2023. The event provided troopers the opportunity to spend quality time with members of the communities they serve. *Check out more photos on page three and four.*

Congratulations to new promotees



OLYMPIA, Wash. - Congratulations to our agency's newest promotees. We are extremely proud of the hard work and effort put forth by each of you throughout your career thus far, and look forward to what you will do next in your new roles. Photographed above left to right are:

- Mr. Timothy Van Winkle promoted to Program Specialist 5 in our Firearms Background Division;
- Ms. Jennifer Perry promoted to Program Specialist 5 in our Firearms Background Division;
- Mr. Paul Grijalva promoted to Law Enforcement Communications Systems Supervisor in our Property Management Division;
- Ms. Katie Rasmussen promoted to Assistant Division Commander of our Fire Training Division;
- Trooper Jake Klein promoted to the rank of Sergeant in District 7 - Burlington, and has since transferred to District 1 - Tacoma.

WSP announces new hit-and-run alert

OLYMPIA, Wash. - The Washington State Patrol (WSP) announced the state's new Hit-and-Run Alert System aimed at helping identify and recover a fleeing vehicle involved in a serious injury or fatality hit-and-run collision. Criteria for the alert include: hit-and run collision resulting in serious injury and/or death; descriptive information available to assist in locating the fleeing vehicle; and the incident has been reported to and being investigated by law enforcement. [Learn more about the alert here.](#)



Enchanted to meet WSP troopers at Taylor Swift concert

SEATTLE, Wash. - Washington State Patrol (WSP) Trooper C. Stell and Trooper N. Smith made friends with a trio of Taylor Swift fans while working an overtime shift at the performer's highly anticipated concert. Noticing their uniforms weren't quite up to par with the event, the girls shared bracelets to ensure they belonged with the rest of the Taylor Swift fans among the concert's record-breaking crowd. The parents of the kiddos photographed couldn't help but share the moment via a positive comment for the troopers simply being "amazing."

Troopers take to the water for SeaFair

SEATTLE, Wash. - SeaFair weekend is here, meaning some of your Washington State Patrol (WSP) troopers will be taking to the water to assist with boating under the influence patrols. The troopers join officers from the Department of Fish and Wildlife, as well as Mercer Island Police Department, in ensuring folks on Lake Washington are boating in a safe manner. The WSP has the Mobile Impaired Driving Unit (MIDU) set up to assist with any BUI (or DUI) investigations throughout the event.



YOUR WSP Milepost

118th TBTC Check-in: Week Five

SHELTON, Wash. - Our cadets of the 118th Trooper Basic Training Class (TBTC) underwent a variety of trainings during week five, but none will likely be as memorable as the Electronic Control Weapon (ECW) exposure.

A voluntary option, the cadets can choose to experience what it's like to be exposed to the ECW. This gives cadets a first-person understanding of the tool's effects, as well as practice utilizing the first-aid required following the use of the tool.

Most of the class chose to participate in this voluntary experience, and by the end, it's a shared experience they will never forget.

In addition to the exposure, our cadets spent the week practicing additional de-escalation and control tactic techniques, handcuffing, and first aid. The cadets also spent time on the drive course, as well as in the classroom for legal studies.



2023 WSP Memorial Foundation dinner, auction raises \$65,000

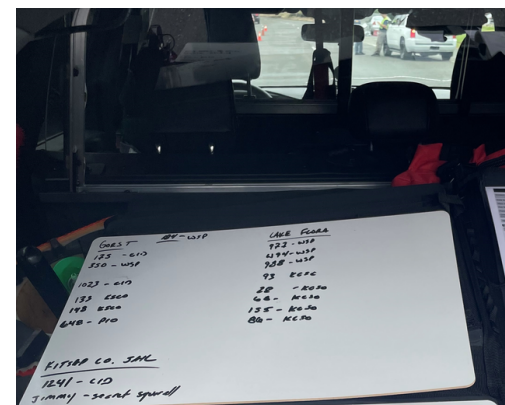


41ST ANNIVERSARY
WSP MEMORIAL FOUNDATION DINNER & AUCTION
JULY 15TH, 2023 | KENNEWICK, WASHINGTON

KENNEWICK, Wash. - The Washington State Patrol Memorial Foundation's 41st annual WSP Memorial Foundation Dinner and Auction was held on July 15, 2023, at the Three Rivers Convention Center in Kennewick. The evening consisted of a ceremony lead by the WSP Honor Guard, honoring our agency's 32 fallen officers. A plated dinner was served prior to a live and silent auction.

More than \$65,000 was raised during the event for the Fallen Scholarship Fund. The fund pays for the spouses and children of fallen officers to attend school. Next year's event is scheduled for April 13, 2024, at the Tulalip Casino and Resort in Marysville.

Bremerton shooting involved three scenes



BREMERTON, Wash. - District 8 troopers investigated a road rage incident that ended in a violent shooting in Gorst late last month.

The incident involved the drivers of two vehicles pulling over and being involved in a verbal dispute, which then escalated into a physical altercation when a 68-year-old man brandished a baseball bat and a 26-year-old man brandished a gun. At some point during the altercation, the 26-year-old allegedly fired the weapon and struck the 68-year-old man. The 26-year-old fled the scene, but was later taken into custody. The 68-year-old sadly succumbed to his mortal injury.

Sgt. K. Orłowski stood up a command post, which throughout the investigation involved maintaining three scenes in collaboration with multiple agencies and assets.

Whaling Days, Hog Wild keep D8 busy



DISTRICT 8 - District 8's Washington State Patrol (WSP) troopers and communications officers were kept busy last weekend thanks to two highly visited events: Silverdale's Whaling Days and Hog Wild in Ocean Shores. By the end of the weekend, troopers across the district had removed 25 impaired drivers from the roadways, as well as conducted over 800 traffic stops and responded to 32 collisions.

Cop on Top: D6 event supports Special Olympics Washington



OMAK, Wash. - District 6 Okanogan troopers joined other law enforcement and first responders for the annual Cop on Top event in support of Special Olympics Washington on July 22. In addition to some friendly water fights, those in attendance got to check out patrol vehicles and overall have a great time with first responders.



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