

AGENCY AT A
glance
 SO FAR THIS YEAR...

- 7,911** impaired drivers arrested
- 23,050** collisions investigated
- 201** fatality collisions
- 19,753** distracted drivers
- 20,490** seatbelt violations
- 85,122** aggressive driver contacts
- 236,252** excessive speed contacts
- 27,914** CMV inspections

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2023 Legislative Tour at Academy



SHELTON, Wash. - The 2023 Legislative Tour late August showcased all the agency's different divisions. Check out photos from the event in an upcoming issue of *The Milepost*.

WILDLIFE RESCUE
WSP K9 trooper rescues injured owl



POULSBORO, Wash. - Washington State Patrol (WSP) K9 Trooper Burkhardt helped rescue an injured owl found on state Route 305 in Poulsbo last month. The bird was taken to the West Sound Wildlife Shelter in Bainbridge Island where it could receive the necessary treatment.

Congratulations to September promotees



OLYMPIA, Wash. - Congratulations to our four newest promotees who were honored during a ceremony at the Helen Sommers Building earlier this month. From left to right: Trooper Robert Reyer promoted to the rank of Sergeant assigned to District 1 - Olympia. Mr. Joseph Hancock-Parks promoted to Management Analyst 5 in our Criminal Records Division. Ms. Vanessa Stilt promoted to Management Analyst 5 in our Criminal Records Division. Trooper Nolan Washington promoted to the rank of Sergeant assigned to District 7 - Burlington. To watch a livestreaming of the ceremony, [visit here](#).

Legacy Series: Retired Captain West



TACOMA, Wash. - The Washington State Patrol (WSP) has gratefully served the people of our state for more than 100 years. Like our state, our agency's history is rich with amazing stories, like that of retired Captain Howard F. West.

Chief John R. Batiste [visited with retired Captain West](#) earlier this summer - a visit that was marked even more special by the celebration of West's 101st birthday. The pair shared stories about the WSP, his days in the U.S. Navy, and discussed how the agency has evolved over the years.

West's career with the WSP began in May 1947 as a vehicle safety inspector in Seattle. It didn't take long for him to begin the path of a trooper as he became commissioned as part of the 15th Training Class in November 1950. His career spanned the state from Spokane to Tacoma and down to Olympia. He retired in January 1978, serving more than 30 years with the WSP. To this day, some of his fondest memories involve his French blues and campaign hat.

We are forever grateful for his service to our agency and the state. Our agency would not be where it is today without the tireless dedication of such individuals.



WSP at the Washington State Fair



PUYALLUP, Wash. - The Washington State Fair is open now through Sept. 24 in Puyallup, Wash. Thank you to all those across the agency who have staffed the WSP exhibit. Feel free to send photos of you and your teams at the fair to pio@wsp.wa.gov to be featured in future editions of *The Milepost*.

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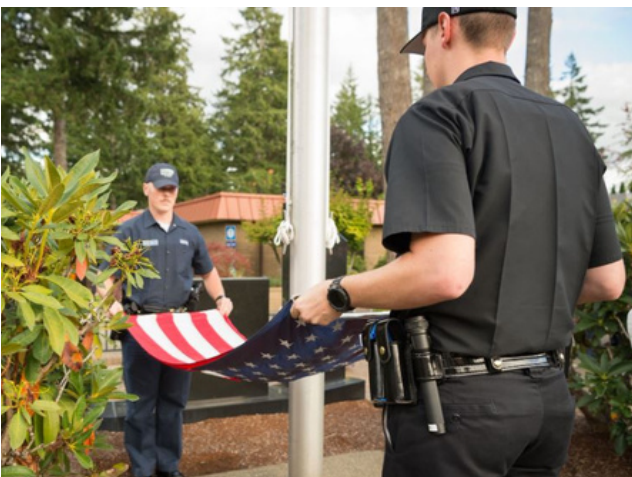
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Remembering Trooper Johnson, Trooper Padgett



BELLEVUE, Wash. - Family, friends, and colleagues gathered at the Washington State Patrol (WSP) District 2 Bellevue office on Sept. 6 to honor fallen Trooper Clarence Johnson and Trooper S. Renee Padgett. Sept. 4 marked the fifth anniversary of Trooper Padgett's line of duty death. Sept. 8 marked the 55th anniversary of Trooper Johnson's line of duty death. Captain R. Mead and our WSP Honor Guard led the ceremony and Captain Bosman and Lieutenant Fisher read the biographies of our fallen.

Academy Check-in: 118th TBTC, 19th CVEO



SHELTON, Wash. - It has been a busy couple of weeks for the 118th Trooper Basic Training Class (TBTC) and 19th Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officer (CVEO) Basic Class. Our trooper cadets spent much of the time honing their skills on collision investigation, lessons about state laws, and about domestic violence. Our CVEO recruits spent the week out on the range, in the gym learning control tactics, as well as practiced traffic control. In addition to coursework and scenario-base practical training, each day is started and ended with flag ceremony. The ceremony is steeped in tradition, and in the afternoons includes the recitation of the biography of one of our agency's fallen officers. It is just one of the many ways we ensure their memory and sacrifice is always remembered.

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