

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

» NEXT WEEK

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



SHELTON, Wash.- See what the cadets and recruits have been up to as they continue their training to soon serve the communities across our state.

!!! Celebrate Child Passenger Safety Week! SEPT. 17-23

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Trooper Atkinson: One Year Later



WALLA WALLA, Wash. - Trooper Dean Atkinson shares an update on how he has been doing as he recovers from being shot in the face and hand while on duty one year ago today. Trooper Atkinson is back to work on limited-duty, and continues working toward one day being back to full duty serving his community. Trooper Atkinson drove himself to a local hospital after sustaining his critical injuries. Listen to what happened through his own words in a 30-minute podcast. Please be advised, the podcast includes actual 9-1-1 calls dispatchers received during the incident.



PATROL PERSPECTIVES

A podcast about our agency, for our agency.

2023

Episode 5 + Trooper Dean Atkinson + September 22, 2022 Incident

National Forensic Scientists Week

STATEWIDE - This week the WSP has highlighted the hard work of our forensic scientists as part of National Forensic Scientist Week. The Crime Lab Division has five full service laboratories in Marysville, Seattle, Spokane, Tacoma and Vancouver; as well as limited service laboratories including the Olympia laboratory, and the CODIS Laboratory in Seattle. The forensic scientist help with DNA, drugs, sexual assault kits, firearms, and many other types of evidence provided by law enforcement. Our agency is grateful to have teams of forensic scientists working in our crime labs throughout the state, performing a variety of duties that are vital to agency operations. Learn more about some of those teams below.



LATENT PRINTS

LATENT PRINTS - The WSP's Crime Lab Division has two latent print sections based in Olympia and Cheney that serve needs across the state. Both labs offer evidence processing for latent impressions, latent print examination, comparison, ABIS searches, court testimony, training, and consultation. We recently hired several new forensic scientists that are in the process of being trained, and are grateful to have them as a part of the team!

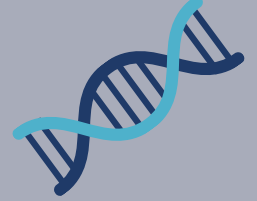
CLOSER LOOK: A CASE

DRUG CASE - The U.S. Postal Inspector's Office was called to investigate a threatening letter received to the King County Elections Office on Aug. 1, suspected to be laced with fentanyl. Evidence was received by the WSP Crime Lab on Aug. 3. The next day, our agency's forensic scientists conducted their examination and were able to find the evidence contained fentanyl, mannitol, dimethyl sulfone, and lidocaine - the first time they had seen this combination.

CODIS: COMBINED DNA INDEX SYSTEM

CODIS is an acronym for Combined DNA Index System, which is a computer software program that operates local, state, and national databases of DNA profiles from convicted offenders, unsolved crime scene evidence, and missing persons.

- DATABASE NUMBERS:
- Offender Entries: 325,520
  - Forensic Unknowns: 20,004
- MATCHES:
- Matches so far this year (2023): 942
  - 2022 total matches: 1,069
  - Total overall matches: 9,224



DNA - Did you know DNA typing was first used in forensic science back in the 1980's? Today, the WSP forensic DNA program is made up of 83 members, all working hard across the state to test evidence collected from crime scenes, providing expertise for cold cases or post-conviction cases, expanding the WSP database, at times testifying in court or responding to crime scenes, implementing and training in new technologies, and supporting our quality-focused laboratory system.



DNA



FIREARMS

FIREARMS - To meet demand for firearms services, the WSP Crime Lab Division added a firearms section to the Vancouver laboratory in 2021, and have added eight new forensic scientists in training at labs throughout the state, including Seattle, Spokane, Tacoma and Vancouver.

Learn more about a recent training they underwent in an upcoming issue of *The Milepost*.

# 2023 Legislative Tour at WSP academy

*honesty - integrity - accountability - attention to detail - work ethic*

