

AGENCY AT A *glance*
 SO FAR THIS YEAR...

- 9,512 impaired drivers arrested
- 28,085 collisions investigated
- 246 fatality collisions
- 24,869 distracted drivers
- 25,499 seatbelt violations
- 107,191 aggressive driver contacts
- 297,924 excessive speed contacts
- 35,256 CMV inspections

COMMS
Call-log

Our Washington State Patrol (WSP) communications officer's across the state handle a variety of calls from those in need 24/7. Below is a glimpse of the work they handled in October 2023:

- 27,839 9-1-1 calls
- 60,013 business calls
- 69,312 total CAD logs

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.

>> NEXT WEEK
Academy check-in



BUSY TRAINING DAYS - Wondering how the current Trooper Basic Training or Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Class is going? Check back next week for an update on what they, as well as the past few weeks!

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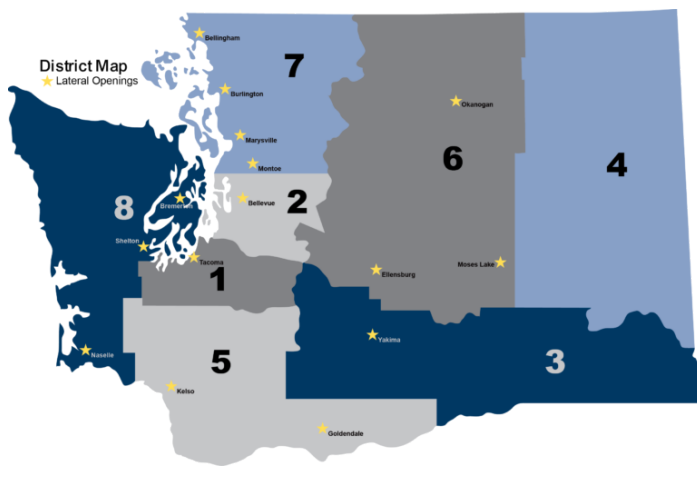
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Lateral Class recruitment continues

STATEWIDE - The Washington State Patrol (WSP) is continuing to recruit for the new [lateral academy class](#) that is expected to begin in March 2024. As of today, our agency's Human Resource Division (HRD) has received 60 total lateral applications, with 38 currently in the process for potential approval. As of now, lateral openings are available in Bellevue, Bellingham, Bremerton, Burlington, Ellensburg, Goldendale, Kelso, Marysville, Monroe, Moses Lake, Naselle, Okanogan, Shelton, Tacoma, and Yakima. The hiring process for the first class ends Dec. 1, 2023, so be sure to help spread the word about the opportunity to join the WSP.



Home for the Holidays campaign begins
Efforts to continue through New Year's Day

STATEWIDE - The Washington State Patrol (WSP), in partnership with the Washington Traffic Safety Commission (WTSC) and law enforcement agencies across the state, will begin the 'Home for the Holidays' traffic safety campaign this weekend. The educational campaign continues through New Year's Eve with a focus on reminding and encouraging drivers to take extra precautions in adverse weather conditions such as snow, rain, ice, and fog. The fall and winter months also bring less daylight, making it important for drivers to maintain awareness for vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and bicyclists. The WSP historically observes an increase in collisions of all types during this time frame, as well as an increase of impaired drivers during the fall and winter months. Encouraging drivers to make good choices behind the wheel is especially important considering the rise in fatality collisions over the past several years. According to preliminary WTSC data, there have been nearly as many fatal collisions through September 2023 (578) as compared to the same timeframe in 2022 (582). Last year was a 32-year high for fatality collisions across Washington state. "Fatality collisions are preventable tragedies, and we must all do our part in order to help save lives," said WSP Chief John R. Batiste. "Buckling up, slowing down, and driving sober can help make sure we all make it home to our loved ones for the holidays." According to the WTSC data, 776 lives were lost across the state due to traffic related collisions in the months of October, November, and December from 2018 to 2022. Of those tragedies, 40 percent involved impaired drivers, 30 percent involved excessive speed, 16 percent involved distracted drivers, and 29 percent of those killed were pedestrians or pedal cyclists. For more information about the Home for the Holidays campaign, as well as tips for fall and winter driving, please [visit here](#).

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

ARE YOU ROAD READY?

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Check the local weather and road conditions before you head out this season. For road conditions, be sure to check the interactive maps on wsdot.wa.gov. There you will find real-time traffic information, as well as data on the various mountain passes across the state. Always plan some extra time for your trip, especially if you are anticipating adverse weather conditions.

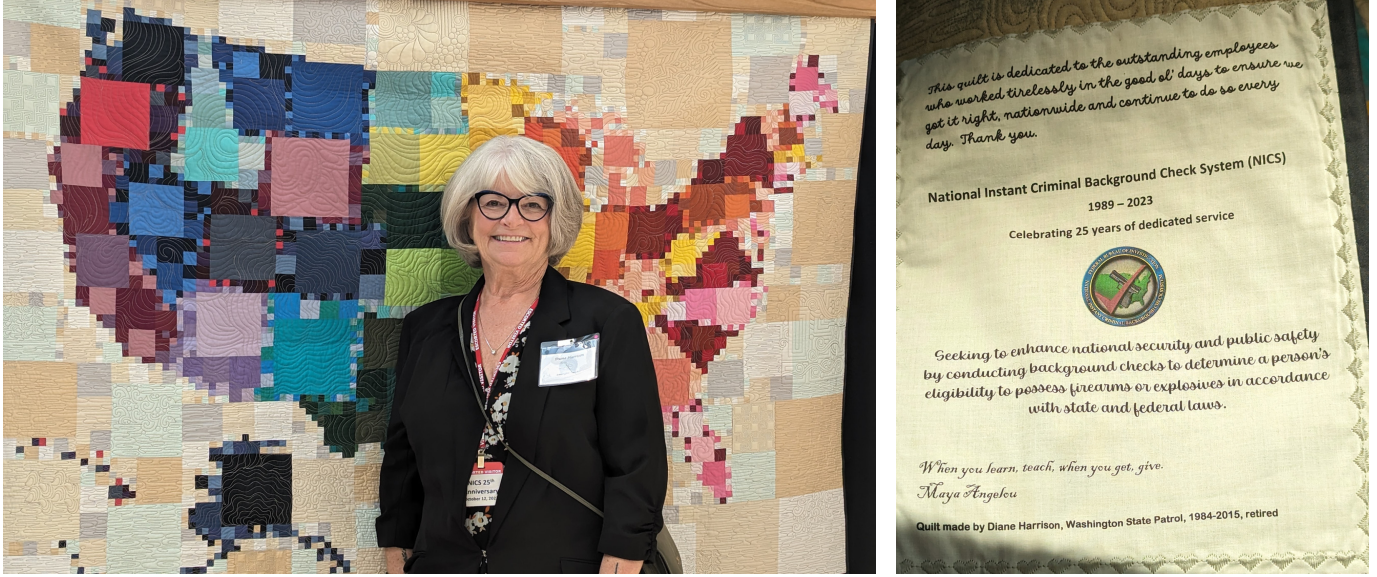
For more tips, visit wsp.wa.gov/home-for-the-holidays.

Naselle detachment active shooter training



NASELLE, Wash. - Washington State Patrol (WSP) District 8's Naselle detachment participated in two days of active shooter training with their allied agency partners last month. The training allows for personnel to work together and prepare for worst case scenario situations.

Retired WSP employee honors NICS 25th anniversary



WEST VIRGINIA - Retired Washington State Patrol (WSP) employee Diane Harrison (1984-2015) was invited to attend the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) 25th Anniversary in West Virginia at the CJIS facility. The event honored the work of all who had a hand in the conceptualization, funding, design and construction of NICS. Diane was instrumental in the implementation of NICS in Washington State. This quilt was made by Diane as a token of appreciation and will be displayed within the facility for all to admire.

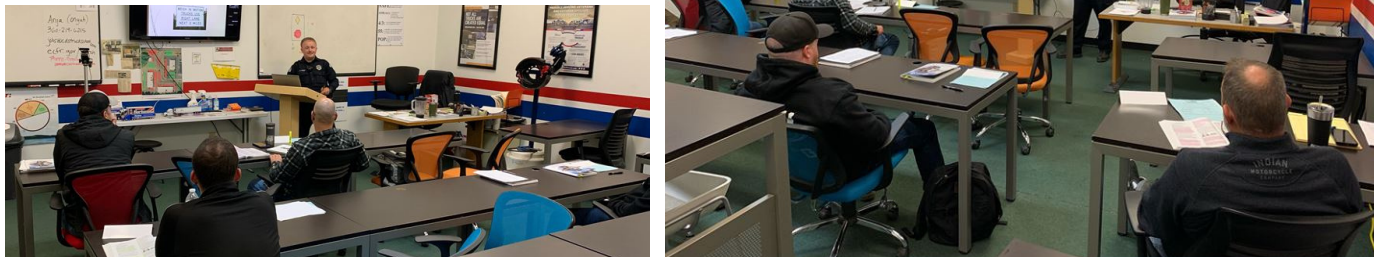
WSP employees participate in 'Great Shake Out'



OLYMPIA, Wash. - The Washington State Patrol (WSP) participated in last month's Great Shakeout Drill, an earthquake simulation to remind employees how to protect themselves when the earth begins shaking. This year, the agency's Incident Management Team (IMT) was in day four of a five-day training at the Helen Sommers Building where they were simulating an agency response to a 6.8 earthquake that primarily affected District 1. The exercise design team built the Great Shakeout into the exercise scenario so that the IMT experienced an "aftershock" during their planning and response efforts. All IMT members successfully implemented the Drop, Cover, and Hold On...just as they would have done in an actual earthquake!

CVEO safety presentation

OLYMPIA, Wash. - Washington State Patrol (WSP) Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officers (CVEOs) gave a safety presentation to new commercial motor vehicle drivers at Commercial Driving School in Port Orchard last month. The safety talk is part of a recurring event CVEO Frost and Brink participate in every three weeks.



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WSP receives award for support of Chief for a Day

AGENCY AWARD - The Washington State Patrol (WSP) was awarded the 2023 Pacific Northwest Summit Awards for the Multi-Agency Collaborative Program category, an award sponsored by the Washington Festival and Events Association, for participation in the 2023 Chief for a Day event in Wenatchee, Wash.

The award accompanied a description of the event, which states: "Chief for a Day is an opportunity to celebrate the lives of chronically and/or terminally ill children from our area. The hope is to provide these children with a day of fun they will never forget and to become a part of their precious lives."

The purpose of the Chief for a Day Program is to create partners between local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies, hospitals, and the community to provide a day of special attention to chronically ill children. Each child is selected and sponsored by a law enforcement agency.

The children, or "Little Chiefs," are provided with tailored law enforcement uniforms matching their sponsoring agencies, including badges and are honorarily sworn into office for a day. The students are selected through a nomination process and the Chief for a Day organization reaches out to area schools in December.

The schools select their student, and then obtain parent approval. Nominations then turn into an announcement with a classroom visit from their sponsoring agency early in the year.



WSP participates in Trunk-or-Treats across state



Trooper pays a visit to local elementary school

CENTRALIA - Washington State Patrol (WSP) Trooper Freund #852 made a special visit to Jefferson Lincoln Elementary School last month.

During his visit, Trooper Freund read to two sixth-grade classes, and more importantly, made a lasting interaction with the community he serves.



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