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 SO FAR THIS YEAR...

- 10,370** impaired drivers arrested
- 32,529** collisions investigated
- 277** fatality collisions
- 26,691** distracted drivers
- 26,976** seatbelt violations
- 115,467** aggressive driver contacts
- 322,330** excessive speed contacts
- 38,357** CMV inspections

**YOUR WSP**  
**IN THE NEWS**

**KING COUNTY**  
**WSP troopers stop wrong way driver**



**NORTH BEND, Wash.** - Thanks to 9-1-1 callers and the coordinated efforts of WSP troopers, a wrong-way driver was successfully taken into custody before anyone else was harmed. Read more about how [troopers successfully utilized spike strips](#) to bring this incident to a safe end.

**KING COUNTY**  
**Suspect in string of I-5 shootings taken into custody**

**AUBURN, Wash.** - A 28-year-old Auburn man was taken into custody, believed to be behind a string of six shootings along Interstate 5. The first shooting was reported at 9:42 p.m. Wednesday on Interstate 5 near 200th Street in King County where a driver was struck in the neck. Subsequently five additional reports came in throughout the night and into the next day. A collaborative effort between troopers, detectives, and allied agencies resulted in the location of the alleged driver, who was taken into custody. [Learn more here.](#)

**>> NEXT WEEK**

**BLOOD DRIVE** - WSP District 3 is hosting a blood drive today that continues until 5 p.m. Check back next week to see how many wonderful folks donated.



**Federal Way Toxicology Laboratory dedicated during ribbon cutting**



**FEDERAL WAY, Wash.** - The Forensic Laboratory Services Bureau dedicated its new Toxicology Laboratory on Thursday. The new Federal Way site allows for greater lab capacity, room for additional forensic scientists, and more advanced equipment - all of which are critical to meeting rising demands for toxicology services in Washington. Division Commander Lizz Gough and Lab Manager Brian Capron had both their team and shiny new facility ready for the 50 guests that toured, including the Governor, the Chief, FLSB Director Dr. Fiona Couper and a number of state and local elected officials. You can watch the event courtesy of TWV. [Click here to watch now.](#)



**Shop with a Cop events underway**

**STATEWIDE.** - Annual Shop with a Cop events where kids are paired with law enforcement officers to shop for presents are taking place across the state. Troopers in District 6 and District 8 have already attended events, with more to come. Check next week's issue for a special page dedicated to these wonderful events.



# District 2 Winter Award Ceremony

**BELLEVUE, Wash.** - Washington State Patrol (WSP) District 2 celebrated a number of awards during the district's December ceremony on Dec. 5. Great job to all the award recipients, including:

- Award of Merit: Trooper Eric Clark and Trooper Jonah Jacobson
- Life Saving Awards: Trooper Nicholas Jones, Mr. Raul Rodriguez, Trooper Brent Mertens, Trooper Michael Porter, Trooper Logan Wood, Sergeant Keith Leary, and Trooper James Solberg (presented by Captain Koby Hamill of KCSO)
- Commendation Award: Trooper Jennifer Gustafson

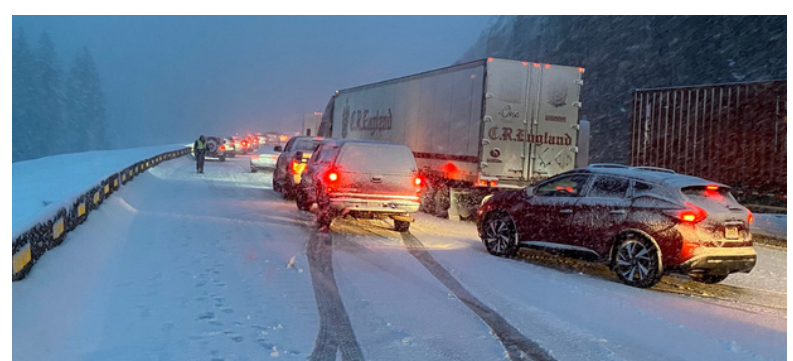
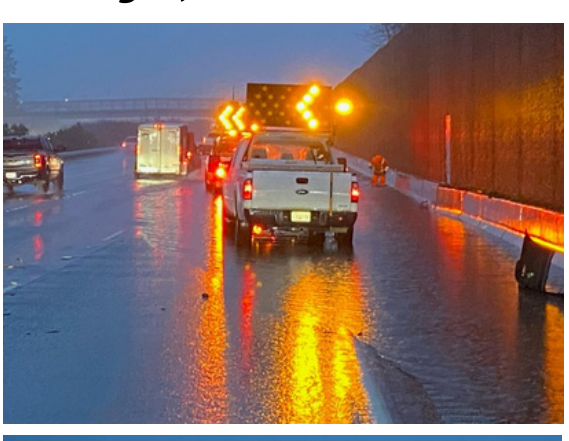
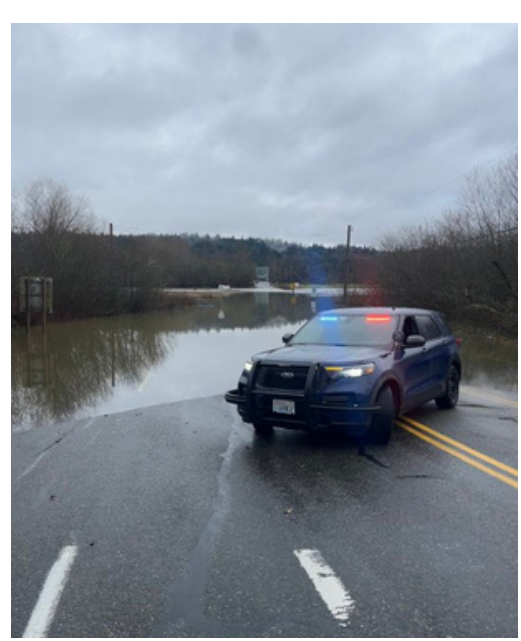
Personnel were also awarded service pins commemorating their dedication to the agency and their communities. Those receiving pins included Sgt. Cliff Roberts (20 years), Sgt. Joe Zimmer (20 years), Trooper Christopher Poague (20 years), Trooper Matthew Kon (20 years), Sgt. Brian Gavin (10 years), Trooper Chris Schulte (10 years), Trooper Lev Shaposhnikov (five years), Trooper Jon Mercer (five years), PEC Laurie Change (five years), and Trooper Brandon Meade (five years). A special shout out to Mr. Todd Fisher for providing the event's refreshments, fresh deep fried corn dogs!



# Winter weather has arrived

**Flooding, snowfall covers roadways, snarls traffic**

**STATEWIDE** - Roadways were either under water or covered in snow this past week in areas across the state. District 7 and District 2 troopers had their hands full of flooded roadways, tasked with doing their best to keep their community's out of the dangerous areas. Additionally, troopers in District 2 and District 6 found themselves responding to multiple collisions and spinouts on Interstate 90 Thursday afternoon, leading to an hours-long closure of the roadway in both directions.



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## Academy Check-in: Week 23 for 118th TBTC

**BELLEVUE, Wash.** - The cadets of the 118th Trooper Basic Training Class (TBTC) spent their 23rd week of training focusing on firearms, night driving, practice at performing PIT maneuvers, and of course – more testing! They also experienced their first water survival training, which included learning how to make a floatation device out of their own uniform in an emergency situation.



## FEATURE PHOTO: *Cruiser at Shelton sunset*



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