

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

- 10,792 impaired drivers arrested
- 34,401 collisions investigated
- 285 fatality collisions
- 27,485 distracted drivers
- 27,592 seatbelt violations
- 119,016 aggressive driver contacts
- 332,751 excessive speed contacts
- 72,462 CMV inspections

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.



THANK YOU!

FINAL 2023 EDITION - This is the final edition of the first volume of *The Milepost*. We will begin the second volume in 2024! Thank you all for reading, as well as providing content to share across the agency. The true purpose of this publication is to showcase the amazing work from each of you across our vast agency. We look forward to seeing what 2024 brings! Be safe!



El Protector pedal karts show realities of distracted driving



YAKIMA, Wash. - Trooper Daniel Mosqueda of the El Protector Program recently has utilized roadster pedal karts to help show the dangers of distracted driving during community outreach events. After observing an increase in distracted drivers involved in serious injury or fatality collisions - majority of which were entirely preventable, Trooper Mosqueda and his team set to create a plan to develop a controlled distracted driving course and provide hands on education to the community on the reality of such dangers. The pedal karts were purchased in August thanks to a special traffic safety grant provided to the El Protector program by the Washington Traffic Safety Commission.

The distracted driving course was built using delineator posts, traffic cones, yellow tape, and chalk. When the pedal karts are used in combination with the glasses, approximately one in every 50 drivers can complete a lap through the course without striking any cones. The pedal karts have been a huge success thus far, and a valuable tool to educate students in high schools, employee of agricultural businesses, and at community outreach events. Fantastic work on the El Protector program for thinking outside the box and giving the community a way to see the realities of distracted driving.

Bringing our Missing Children Home



National Missing Children's Poster Contest returns

STATEWIDE - The Department of Justice is having its 41st annual Missing Children's Day Poster contest.

The nationwide contest is open to any 5th grader, and the winner will win a trip to Washington D.C. for themselves, their parents/guardian, and their teacher. Last year's state winner (left) came in second nation!

We know Washington has thousands of talented 5th graders, so let's win this contest!

Learn more on the [WSP InsideOut Blog](#).



Second episode of leadership podcast live on Teams Jan. 19

STATEWIDE - Washington State Patrol (WSP) Assistant Chief James Mjor and District 4 Captain Jeff Otis will host the next episode of the "Leadership through Experience" podcast at 1 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 19, 2024. This podcast is for all WSP leaders (current and future) with a focus on mentorship. Tune in live on Microsoft Teams as the panel discuss the experiences (good and bad) that have helped shape the leaders within this agency. For those who missed the inaugural episode, be sure to listen in here: [Characteristics of a True Leader](#).

The second episode being recorded next month is titled *The Future of Leadership*. The panel will be joined by special guest retired Assistant Chief Randy Drake, who currently works for Amazon as the Director of the Protective Services Emergency Services Unit (ESU). The ESU provides Amazon with an enhanced security posture focused on delivering an active threat mitigation capability at over 300 global facilities.

ABOUT OUR GUEST: Drake retired from the WSP in December 2018 as Assistant Chief of the Investigative Services Bureau (ISB). Over the course of his 27-year law enforcement career, Drake served as Commander of Field Operations in District 2; Commander of the Homeland Security Division; Commander of the Organized Crime Intelligence Unit/Criminal Proceeds Unit; Director of the Washington State Fusion Center; Commander of the Special Weapons and Tactics team (SWAT); and Detective Sergeant with the West Sound Narcotics Enforcement Team (WestNET) in Kitsap County.



LIVE RECORDING: You can watch the second episode, Leadership Through experience: The Future of Leadership, as it is recorded LIVE on Microsoft Teams! Simply [click here](#) to log in at 1 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 19

Drake received the WSP's Award of Professional Excellence, the Washington State Patrol's Award of Merit, and the Governor's Extra Mile Award for Public Service. He also earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice from Washington State University and a Master's degree in Missional Leadership from Northwest University. He attended Northwestern University's Police Staff and Command School.

Drake and his wife of 34 years live in Gig Harbor and are the proud parents of three adult children.

Winter Chief Tours 2023: District 8 Bremerton



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Winter Chief Tours 2023: District 3 Yakima



Winter Chief Tours 2023: District 5 Vancouver



Winter Chief Tours 2023: Headquarters - Olympia



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