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 SO FAR THIS YEAR...

- 1,056 impaired drivers arrested
- 3,333 collisions investigated
- 12 fatality collisions
- 2,629 distracted driving contacts
- 1,764 seatbelt violations
- 9,711 aggressive driver contacts
- 28,439 excessive speed contacts
- 6,601 CMV inspections

**National Burn Awareness Week: Flammable liquids**



**GOING ON NOW** - National Burn Awareness Week is going on now! This week is when we take the time to bring attention to the dangers of burns and provide safety tips you can use at home. The awareness campaign runs through Saturday, with a focus on flammable liquid burns. To learn more, check out the latest [InsideOut Blog post](#), featuring safety tips for you and your loved ones.

**National Missing Persons Day - Learn the alert types**



**LEARNING ABOUT ALERTS** - Behind the scenes, the Washington State Patrol (WSP) Missing and Unidentified Persons Unit (MUPU), along with our tribal liaisons, do everything they can to help bring our community's missing home. MUPU assists law enforcement and parents in the recovery of missing children and adults and facilitates the identification of human remains through dental comparison and DNA analysis. They also issue every missing person alert in the state. Learn more about those alerts in the recent [InsideOut Blog here](#).

**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](mailto:pio@wsp.wa.gov).

**19th CVEO Class Graduates**



**10 graduates now ready to report for duty**

**OLYMPIA, Wash.** - The Washington State Patrol (WSP) graduated 10 new Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officers (CVEO) today who will report for duty throughout the state promoting the safe operation of commercial motor vehicles within the communities they serve. The newly graduated CVEOs completed 24 weeks of training: 14 weeks of classroom at the WSP Academy in Shelton and 10 weeks in the field alongside a field training officer. This time afforded each new officer the knowledge, skills, and hands-on learning opportunities needed to become well versed in the laws and regulations safeguarding commercial motor vehicle operation within Washington State.

During that 10-week coaching trip, the CVEO recruits made more than 1,300 contacts, completed more than 1250 inspections, investigated more than 40 collisions, and placed more than 780 vehicles out of service for safety violations.

Topics of study included the laws and regulations for commercial motor vehicle weight, size, and equipment safety; hazardous materials; driver and vehicle licensing; permitting requirements and more. The officers also completed the academy's emergency vehicle operator course, firearms certification, and defensive tactics courses.

"Our fatality rates here in the State of Washington are moving in the wrong direction," Chief John R. Batiste said during the graduation ceremony. "[These graduates] couldn't have arrived at a more important period of time in the history of this agency - I thank them for what it is they are going to do to help us bend that curve back in the right direction."

Members of the 19th CVEO Basic Class earned additional recognitions for several categories, including:

- Firearms:** Officer Eugenio Ocegueda Jr.
- Academics:** Officer Robert E. Tripp
- Driving Award:** Officer Robert E. Tripp
- Defensive Tactics:** Officer Benjamin J. Rouse
- 2023 Core Values Award:** Officer Mireya Gamino-Cisneros

The 2023 Core Values Award was presented to Officer Gamino-Cisneros by Luanne Mason, the daughter of fallen WSP Weight Control Officer Joseph Modlin, who was killed in the line of duty on Aug. 15, 1974. The award is determined by an anonymous vote among the classmates and is presented to the officer who most exemplifies the agency's core values of honesty, integrity, team-oriented, attention to detail, self-discipline, adaptability, performance driven, professionalism, officer-safety, and sense of urgency. Officer Gamino-Cisneros is the first female CVEO to be awarded the 2023 Core Values Award in the program's history.

CVEOs are required to pass through a written exam, oral board interview, polygraph, and background check, as well as a psychological and medical exam prior to being hired by the WSP. The new hires then participate in the three-phased program, including a pre-academy observation period, academy training, and field training phase.

The event was live-streamed, check it out on [WSP's YouTube Channel](#).



- THE NEW GRADUATES OF THE 19TH CVEO BASIC CLASS INCLUDE:**
- Officer Leonardo Bobadilla, Plymouth Port of Entry;
  - Officer Melissa Brito, Plymouth Port of Entry;
  - Officer Mireya Gamino-Cisneros, Plymouth Port of Entry;
  - Officer Wade L. Green, Bow Hill Port of Entry;
  - Officer Teresa F. Kruger, Spokane Port of Entry;
  - Officer Eugenio Ocegueda Jr., School Bus West (Tumwater);
  - Officer Benjamin J. Rouse, Cle Elum Port of Entry;
  - Officer Robert E. Tripp, Cle Elum Port of Entry;
  - Officer Keith A. Vaughns, School Bus North (Tacoma);
  - Officer Melinda A. Willey, Ridgefield Port of Entry



## Pride in Food Services Week: Thank you!



**SHELTON, Wash.** - The week of February 5 is nationally recognized as Pride in Food Service Week. This is a great opportunity to extend our appreciation to the dedicated culinary team at the Washington State Patrol (WSP) Academy. They have been tirelessly providing high quality, nutritious meals to keep our cadets, students, and staff energized. Thank you all for your hard work every day! Please take a moment to thank them for the dedication that they have been providing to others.

## Academy check-in: 119th TBTC training



**SHELTON, Wash.** - Today the trooper cadets of the 119th Trooper Basic Training Class (TBTC) were participating in bed drills to emphasize the importance of attention to detail, teamwork, and sense of urgency as they begin their journey to one day becoming a Washington State Patrol (WSP) trooper. Exercises such as these help the class bond as a team and overcome a task while under pressure - all of which help create the foundation of a successful WSP trooper.

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



In honor of February being heart health month, make sure you are in the know about your health with a free confidential biometric screening next month.

The WSP Wellness Team is hosting the first annual heart health events in District 1 - Olympia & Tacoma. Those who participate can expect blood pressure checks, HDL, LDL, triglycerides, blood sugar, height & weight, waist circumference, BMI, and body fat percentage measurements.



### FREE HEALTH SCREENINGS THIS MONTH!

**OLYMPIA**  
10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15  
Helen Somers Building Room G015  
106 11th Ave SW, Olympia, 98501

**TACOMA**  
1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16  
WSP District 1 HQ Conference Room  
2502 112th St. E., Tacoma, 98445