

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

- 3,760 impaired drivers arrested
- 10,427 collisions investigated
- 61 fatality collisions
- 10,602 distracted driving contacts
- 8,932 seatbelt violations
- 38,156 aggressive driver contacts
- 109,762 excessive speed contacts
- 24,780 CMV inspections

**MAY** TRAFFIC SAFETY FOCUSES

**NATIONAL BICYCLE SAFETY MONTH** ACCORDING TO NHTSA  
**1105** BICYCLISTS WERE KILLED NATIONWIDE AS A RESULT OF COLLISIONS IN 2022

**MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH**  
**27%** OF WSP-INVESTIGATED CRASHES DURING THE MONTH OF MAY SINCE 2019 INVOLVED MOTORCYCLE RIDERS

**CLICK-IT-OR-TICKET CAMPAIGN** WSP TROOPERS CONTACTED NEARLY  
**2,900** UNBLETED DRIVERS AND OCCUPANTS IN MAY 2022

**HAVE AN IDEA OR STORY TO SHARE FOR A FUTURE EDITION?**  
 We want to hear them! To have your ideas considered, please e-mail your submissions to [chelsea.hodgson@wsp.wa.gov](mailto:chelsea.hodgson@wsp.wa.gov) for future editions of *The Milepost*.

**Fallen Trooper Gadd's name added to academy memorial**



SHELTON, Wash. - Fallen Washington State Patrol (WSP) Trooper Christopher Gadd's name was added to the WSP Memorial at the academy in Shelton last month. Our agency's 33 fallen officers will be recognized during the annual WSP Memorial Ceremony at the academy on Wednesday, May 8, 2024.

**Congratulations 2024 Washington State Inspector Challenge Winners**

PASCO, Wash. - The 2024 Washington State Inspector Challenge was held last month in Pasco, offering an opportunity for our agency's Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officers (CVEO's) and commercial motor vehicle troopers the chance to show off their skills in timed events. Congratulations to all the winners, and a special congratulations to CVEO 2 Amanda Collins who will be representing the WSP at the national championships later this year! Find videos from the event on the WSP [CVEB X](#) and [Instagram](#) accounts.



**OVERALL WINNERS**

- 1st Place: CVEO 2 Amanda Collins
- 2nd Place: CVEO 2 Katie Halnan
- 3rd Place: CVEO 1 Alexander Johnson

**WRITTEN EXAM**

- 1st Place: CVEO 1 Laura Oliveri
- 2nd Place: CVEO 2 Amanda Collins
- 3rd Place: CVEO 1 Alexander Johnson

**Level 1 Inspection**

- 1st Place: CVEO 2 Amanda Collins
- 2nd Place: CVEO 1 Levi Krout
- 3rd Place: CVEO 2 Alexander Johnson

**NON-BULK HAZMAT**

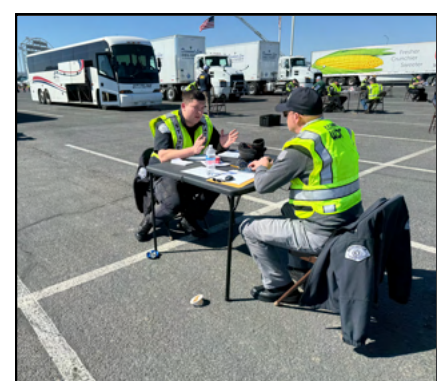
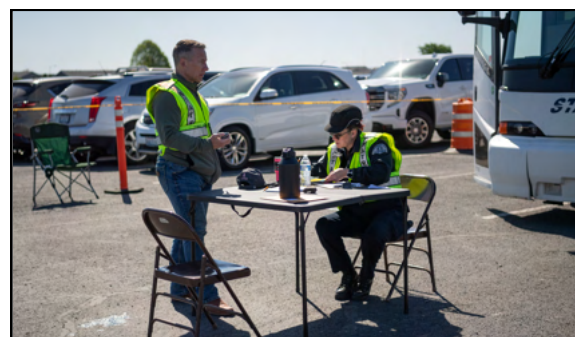
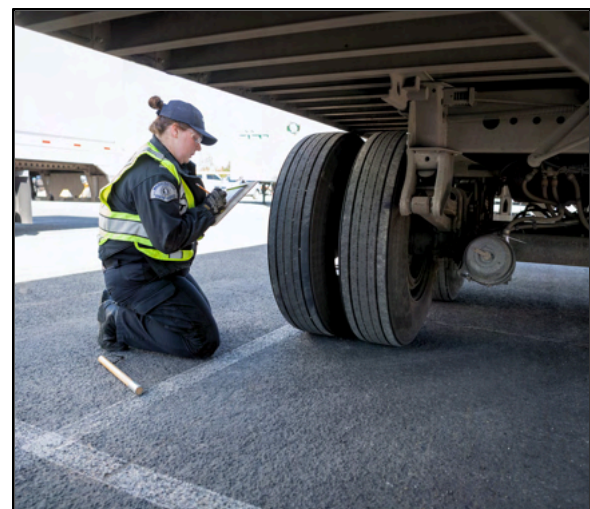
- 1st Place: CVEO 2 Katie Halnan
- 2nd Place: CVEO 2 Amanda Collins
- 3rd Place: CVEO 1 Melinda Willey

**CARGO TANK**

- 1st Place: CVEO 2 Amanda Collins
- 2nd Place: CVEO 2 Katie Halnan
- 3rd Place: CVEO 1 Alexander Johnson

**MOTOR COACH**

- 1st Place: CVEO 1 Joe St. Laurent
- 2nd Place: CVEO 1 Alexander Johnson
- 3rd Place: CVEO 2 Amanda Collins



# Wenatchee Chief for a Day 2024



**WENATCHEE, Wash.** - The Washington State Patrol (WSP) proudly was served by Little Chief Xander Chadderton last week during the annual Chief for a Day event in Wenatchee. District 6 Captain Daniel Richmond helped the agency's newest leader become acquainted with his new ranks, including members of the WSP Honor Guard, WSP motors, SWAT, and members of the local detachments. Amazing work by all involved in making this little chief's day fantastic!

## MESSAGE FROM AC MJOR Lieutenant's Assessment



"The week of April 22-26, 2024 was the culmination of a lot of preparation, mentoring, and studying for the top 30 sergeants aspiring to be WSP lieutenants. I could not be more proud of the leadership we have at the sergeant ranks and the 30 candidates I saw last week lived up to the hype. While I understand many of the candidates did not enjoy the experience as much as I did, I do know this agency is in a great place now and has a bright future with our future managers who tested.

Joining me on the assessment center was Ms. Amandeep Puri, our Office of Cultural Engagement Commander. This was a first that I am aware of we had a civilian commander partake in the assessment of our ambitious managers. She brought some insight on inclusiveness, shared our collaborative leadership values, and took her opportunity on this panel as serious as any of us. Also assisting our agency in selecting the future leaders were Arizona DPS Captain Keith D. Gephart and California Highway Patrol Captain Andrew Poyner. Both were highly impressed with the professionalism of our leaders, their genuine and positive attitude for the agency and the process. Both captains were also very thankful for the agency's hospitality displayed to them throughout their stay in Washington, and their work in the building.

There will clearly be more discussion on this Lieutenant Assessment process lead by our HRD team. But I will leave the readers with this, both our civil service and commissioned staff: prepare now for that next step through learning, engagement with the next level and beyond, get to our Strategic Advancement Forums (SAF) regularly and often, and give back to your communities as a member of this amazing organization. Leaders: train our people. If we train them and we lose them, that is OK. It is better than not training them and retaining them! Most importantly for our aspiring leaders - find several mentors and do not be afraid to expose your leadership weaknesses and learn from your mistakes. Staying comfortable will not make you stronger."

- Assistant Chief James Mjor II

## PODCAST New 'Leadership through Experience' available now



**LISTEN NOW** - The third "Leadership through Experience" podcast with Assistant Chief Mjor and District 4 Captain Otis as hosts and Seattle Seahawks and First & Goal, Inc. President Chuck Arnold as guest. The episode focused on Arnold's experiences managing the Seahawks organization and his thoughts on leadership. [Listen to the latest episode here.](#)

## APPLICATIONS DUE MAY 8

**KIWANIS YOUTH LAW ENFORCEMENT CAREER CAMP**  
 for Pacific Northwest High School Juniors & Seniors

**UNLOCK THE ADVENTURE!**  
 August 11-17, 2024  
 Washington State Patrol Academy

[Apply at Kiwanis Law Enforcement Camp](#)

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# YOUR WSP Milepost

## Take our daughters and sons to work day event a success



**OLYMPIA, Wash.** - Washington State Patrol (WSP) employees brought their sons and daughters to work last month in the much anticipated return of the much missed event! Thank you to everyone who coordinated the event, and came down to showcase the different aspects of our agency. All of our families and loved ones in attendance had a wonderful time

## ACADEMY CHECK-IN: 119th TBTC

**SHELTON, Wash.** - The 119th Trooper Basic Training Class (TBTC) continues to prepare toward their ultimate goal: to serve their communities as WSP troopers. This week they focused on driving skills, and also put techniques learned during defensive tactics to the test in the pea gravel. At the end of each session, the cadets chant "I will not quit, I will not die, I will survive."



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# Admin in-service training 2024



**CHELAN, Wash.** - Administrative staff from across the agency attended the annual Admin Staff In-Service last week, this year held in Chelan. Thank you for all you each do for our agency, and thank you for taking the time to get some great training completed.

# Cops vs. Teachers basketball game supports Trooper Gadd family



**LAKEWOOD, Wash.** - Lakes High School's annual Cops vs. Teachers basketball game played in honor of fallen Washington State Patrol (WSP) Trooper Christopher Gadd. The game not only honored Trooper Gadd, but provided a great opportunity for the community to come together. Thank you to all who participated!

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