MISSION
The Washington State Patrol (WSP) makes a difference every day, enhancing the safety and security of all people and communities by providing the best in public safety services.

VISION
To be the best public safety agency in the United States.

MOTTO
“Service with Humility”
Message from the Chief

Greetings, and thank you for your interest in the Washington State Patrol (WSP). The year 2023 was another year of exceptional service for our organization, and this report provides details on the WSP’s work and impact.

Washington State Patrol professionals serve the citizens and guests of Washington State. I could not be prouder to know them, work with them, and be a part of their leadership and support services.

As we continue to struggle with recruitment and retention, our troopers are dedicated to serving every county, town, and city across this large and diverse state. They continue to patrol more than 18,000 lane miles of state roadways. Our troopers made over 800,000 contacts with drivers, answered 204,303 calls for service, investigated 44,763 collisions, and took 11,234 impaired drivers off the road.

Our commitment to safety is further underscored by opening two new Burn Buildings at our Fire Training Academy in North Bend. These new facilities will equip firefighters across the state with the necessary skills to handle various scenarios, from home and apartment fires to office and other business settings. Our facility, now one of the premier training locations in the country, is poised to save lives in Washington.

Addressing the decade-long case backlogs caused by the rapidly increasing demand for toxicology services across the state, we inaugurated our new Toxicology Lab in Federal Way. This state-of-the-art facility is a testament to our commitment to efficiency and quality. It will play a crucial role in reducing, and eventually eliminating, the backlogs, bringing the turn-around times back to the 60–90 day range, in line with current target times across the industry.

Please take a moment to read about our agency’s successes and the great work being accomplished daily by the WSP employees. I am honored to serve as their Chief and to be part of one of the best law enforcement agencies in the nation.

Sincerely,

Chief John R. Batiste
Meet our Executive Staff

Chief John R. Batiste

Assistant Chief
Shannon I. Bendiksen
Technical Services Bureau

Assistant Chief
Marc W. Lamoreaux
Investigative Services Bureau

Assistant Chief
Scott A. McCoy
Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Bureau

Director
Dr. Fiona J. Couper
Forensic Laboratory Services Bureau

State Fire Marshal
Chad L. Cross
Fire Protection Bureau

Assistant Chief
James R. Mjor II
Field Operations Bureau
Our Values

Values are the deeply ingrained guiding principles which shape the way the WSP goes about its critical missions. Every employee is an essential team member dedicated to earning the trust and confidence of the public through:

**Strong Leadership**: entails being self-aware, trustworthy, engaged, transparent, accountable, fair, adaptable to change, capable of making difficult decisions, promoting inclusivity, and aligning with the agency’s goals and strategies.

**Effective Partnerships and Community Relationships**: involves working with internal or external partners, fostering honest communication, involving all stakeholders, sharing essential information for decision-making, breaking down barriers, and participating in community outreach.

**Professional Excellence**: entails producing high-quality work, focusing on detail, striving for self-improvement, being dependable, offering assistance willingly, showing respect, adhering to rules, demonstrating humility, thinking ahead, and displaying a strong work ethic.

**Integrity and Accountability**: revolves around being honest, transparent, trustworthy, fair, and objective. It means doing the right thing even when no one is watching, admitting mistakes, self-regulation, being responsible, and ensuring follow-through.

**Respecting and Protecting the Rights of All**: involves being compassionate, empathetic, culturally aware, law-abiding, open-minded, acknowledging differences, understanding others’ perspectives, and behaving with civility.

**Fostering a Culture of Continuous Improvement**: involves looking ahead, embracing feedback, refining processes, staying adaptable and agile, appreciating diverse perspectives, being open-minded, welcoming change, and effectively implementing it.

**Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**: involves being non-judgmental, celebrating differences, fostering belonging, transparency, and inclusivity. It also includes continuous learning, unlearning, and relearning, engaging in self-reflection, thriving, eliminating barriers, and actively combating racism.
## Statistics at a Glance

### Personnel

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### Criminal Records

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### Firearms Background

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### Ignition Interlock

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### Investigative Services

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### Major Statewide Violations

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### Motor Carrier Safety/CMV Inspections

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### Public Disclosure

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### 2021-23 Biennial Budget

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Fatality Collisions

Fatality Collisions Investigated

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Contributing Factors

- **107** involved impairment
- About **31%** involved no seatbelts
- **76** involved excessive speed
- About **11%** involved distracted driving

Counties with the Most Fatalities

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<td>Pierce</td>
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<td>Spokane</td>
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<td>Benton</td>
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Trends

**Hit and Run Incidents**

- 2019: 2,117
- 2020: 2,089
- 2021: 2,797
- 2022: 3,170
- 2023: 3,482

**Shooting Incidents**

- 2019: 591
- 2020: 782
- 2021: 898
- 2022: 1,024
- 2023: 908

**Wrong Way Incidents**

- 2019: 81
- 2020: 78
- 2021: 100
- 2022: 114
- 2023: 161

**Aggressive Driving**

- 2019: 82,321
- 2020: 86,033
- 2021: 77,107
- 2022: 91,887
- 2023: 114,216

**Pursuits**

- *The agency did not track failing to yield and fleeing incidents until July 2021.*

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Autism Sensory Event

Skagit County troopers and other law enforcement agencies participated in an Autism Outreach Event where families could meet with law enforcement in a sensory-friendly environment. Additional resources included caseworkers to assist those with Autism in finding and keeping jobs, and Apple Health assisted a family with signing up for health insurance.

One of the most remarkable interactions was with a young man at the event, who worked from complete avoidance of emergency vehicles before the event to touching patrol door handles, sitting in a patrol vehicle, and grabbing the wheel!

D.A.R.E. Graduation

Trooper Villanueva had the honor of celebrating 42 fifth-grade students who graduated from his first Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) keepin’ it REAL Program.

Based on the week’s lesson, students role-played and practiced real-life scenarios, instilling confidence and providing lifelong skills when facing challenging situations. Students used the D.A.R.E. Decision Making Model (DDMM) to assist in the situational questions.

El Protector Pedal Karts

Troopers in the El Protector program used a traffic safety grant to acquire pedal karts, electronic glasses, goggles, floor mats, and tabletop activities to educate the community on impaired, drowsy, and distracted driving. The pedal karts have been successful in educating high school students, agriculture employees, and community members.
2023 Highlights

- Citations: 345,513
- Verbal Warnings: 385,243
- Written Warnings: 11,239

“Service and public safety are the primary focus of all WSP functions and personnel.”

Chief John R. Batiste
Traffic Stop Statistics

- **28% increase in seatbelt violators from 2022**
- **32% increase in distracted driving from 2022**
- **1.4% increase in impairment from 2022**
- **22% increase in speed contacts from 2022**

**Speed Violations**

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Emphasis Patrols

Throughout the year, Troopers and Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officers conducted focused efforts and emphasis patrols. These patrols continuously support our agency’s goal of keeping people and roadways safe.

- Keep Washington Litter Free
- Night of 1,000 Stars
- High Visibility Enforcement (HiVE)
- Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over
- Slow Down, Move Over
- Commercial Vehicle Emphasis
- Seatbelt Emphasis
- Tire Chain Enforcement

- WSU Spring Break Emphasis
- Retail Theft Emphasis
- Home for the Holidays
- Surviving Summer
- HOV Emphasis
- Click it or Ticket
- SeaFair
- Bridge to Bridge
Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Bureau

The bureau is responsible for protecting state infrastructure by enforcing size, weight and load laws, and ensuring compliance of commercial motor vehicle (CMV) regulations. It also oversees the department fleet, facilities, and all equipment throughout the agency. Along with CMV enforcement, the bureau is also responsible for ensuring all public school buses are inspected annually, which allows our school children to arrive safely to their place of learning.

CMV Collisions by Year

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The reduction in collisions was due in part with our continued proactive enforcement activity on collision causation factors and utilizing data to identify and focus on high collision areas.

Leading Causes for All CMV Involved Collisions

- **20%** improper turns
- **14%** speed
- **13%** fail to yield right of way
- **12%** following too close
Central Kitsap High School
Mock DUI Crash

Naval Air Station Whidbey Island
Motorcycle Safety Training

Aeronautical Education at the WSP Hangar

Bike, Scooter, Skateboard, and Rollerblade Safety Class

LifePoint Christian Preschool 9-1-1 education

Fingerprint Lesson from the WSP Fingerprint Unit

D6 Avalanche Training

Zirkle Fruit Company Road Safety Training

Meridian High School Mock DUI Crash
District 1: Pierce and Thurston Counties

District 2: King County

District 3: Asotin, Benton, Columbia, Franklin, Garfield, Walla Walla and Yakima Counties

District 4: Adams, Ferry, Lincoln, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens and Whitman Counties

District 5: Clark, Cowlitz, Klickitat, Lewis and Skamania Counties

District 6: Chelan, Douglas, Grant, Kittitas and Okanogan Counties

District 7: Island, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish and Whatcom Counties

District 8: Clallam, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, Kitsap, Mason, Pacific and Wahkiakum Counties
Field Operations Bureau

The bureau is primarily responsible for traffic law enforcement, collision investigations, and assisting motorists on over 18,000 miles of state and interstate highways. The bureau oversees eight geographical districts statewide, where commissioned troopers carry out the department’s primary goal of providing a safe motoring environment for the public.
Fire Protection Bureau

The bureau and the State Fire Marshal have a broad responsibility to ensure fire and life safety for the people of Washington State. The bureau consists of Emergency Mobilization, Fire Code and Information Services, Fire Services Training, and Regional Fire Protection Services.

### Mobilizations
- 28 mobilizations
- Burned 122,914 acres
- Estimated cost $25,400,000

### Certification and Licensing
- Fire Sprinkler Contractors issued: 502 licenses, 1,257 certifications
- Fire Sprinkler Fitters issued: 1,735 certifications
- Fireworks Licenses issued: 307 licenses
- Fire Service issued: 3,677 certifications

### Investigations
- 26 fire sprinkler
- 67 fireworks

### Training
- **Fire Training Academy On-Site Training**
  - Number of agencies provided training: 58
  - Number of students trained: 5,438
  - Number of classes: 9
- **Regional Direct Delivery Program**
  - Number of agencies provided training: 100+
  - Number of students trained: 1,068
  - Number of classes: 43
- **National Fire Academy**
  - Number of agencies provided training: 100+
  - Number of students trained: 1,082
  - Number of classes: 64

- **Basic Firefighter Training Reimbursement**
  - Number of agencies provided financial support: 56
  - Number of firefighters trained: 768
- **HazMat Training Delivered**
  - Number of first responders plus WSP troopers and CVEOs trained: 677

**Our Mission:** “Fire Training Services protects the citizens of Washington State through training, collaboration, and support of the fire service and other public safety professionals.”
Members of the Tokyo Fire Department embarked on a journey of mutual learning, visiting Washington and Oregon to understand volcano eruption preparedness. Tokyo shared its organization’s capabilities and research on protective equipment, while also gaining insights from their American counterparts. Collaborative visits included meetings with the Washington State Military Department’s Emergency Management Division and the State Fire Marshal’s Office. This exchange of practices and procedures with international agencies significantly enhances preparedness and knowledge exchange.

Tokyo Fire Department Visits the WSP Fire Training Academy

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Forensic Laboratory Services Bureau

The bureau provides a wide range of forensic services to the criminal justice system, medical examiners, and coroners. The bureau also oversees and coordinates the efforts of the State’s Breath Alcohol Test Program, Drug Evaluation and Classification Program, and the Ignition Interlock Program.

Crime Laboratory

- **2,566** DNA/STR Cases Received
- **8,166** Offender Samples Received
- **93%** Sexual Assaults Kits Completed in 45 Days
- **1,272** Offender Samples - CODIS Match

Crime Scene Response Team

- **167** Crime Scene Responses
  - **84** Homicides
  - **15** Death Investigations
  - **22** Assault/Attempted Homicide
  - **11** Vehicular Homicide
  - **19** Officer-Involved
  - **16** Other

Impaired Driving Section

- Completed **294** DRE evaluations
- Taught **25** ARIDE classes with **258** students

Toxicology Laboratory

- **10,987** Impaired Driving Cases
  - **8%** Increase in Submission
- **6,140** Death Investigations
  - **22%** Increase in Submission
- **231** Assault, Drug, and Other Testing
  - **11%** Increase in Submission
Investigative Services Bureau

The bureau consists of seven divisions that provide various public services, to include: criminal records, centralized firearms background checks, vessel and terminal safety, SWAT, explosive unit (Bomb Team), K9 program, executive protection, aviation, dismantling of clandestine labs, felony criminal investigations, missing children investigations, human trafficking investigations, narcotics investigations, internal affairs investigations, high tech crime forensics, organized crime intelligence, and contracted law enforcement services on the Capitol Campus.

Aviation Section

- 1,775 speed
- 111 suspect searches/containment
- 1,267 aggressive drivers
- 116 pursuits
- 47 dui arrests

Criminal Investigation Division

- investigated 213 felony collisions
- investigated 159 general investigations
- investigated 381 criminal investigations
- Top 3 crimes responded to:
  1. shootings
  2. vehicular assaults
  3. auto theft

Investigative Assistance Division

- activated 123 silver alerts
- activated 52 missing indigenous persons alerts
- activated 33 endangered missing persons alert
- activated 7 amber alerts
Technical Services Bureau

The bureau provides many diverse support services to the agency, as well as other law enforcement and government agencies throughout the state, and members of the general public. The bureau provides various services, including training, information technology applications, electronic and microwave system services, voice and data communications, officer and public safety communications, recruiting and hiring, psychologist, and records management.

Communications Division

In 2022, low staffing led to the temporary closure of the Bellevue Communication Center and its relocation to Tacoma. After extensive recruitment and hiring efforts in 2023, the division successfully achieved sufficient staffing levels needed to reopen the Bellevue Communication Center in Spring 2024.

Human Resources Division

Number of Trooper Applicants

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Award and Recognition

WSP earned the Employment Security Department/WA Department of Veteran Affairs 2023 YesVets Large Employer of the Year Award due to the large number of veterans hired by our agency.
With multiple full-time troopers dedicated to recruiting efforts, we were able to visit with students in K-12 schools and attend career fairs, local community functions, and small business meetings and events. Additionally, we were able to focus advertisement and recruitment efforts on increasing diversity within the patrol.

Although not a comprehensive list, these activities included:

- Boys and Girls Club
- Being A Woman With Confidence - Girl Scouts
- League of United Latin American Citizens
- NAACP Events
- D.A.R.E.
- Future Business Leaders of America
- Lummi Nation Tribal Event
- Filipino American Community of Yakima Valley
- Faith and Blue
- Hire G.I. – Camp Pendleton
- Women’s Trades Fair
- National Night Out

Follow our Recruiters on Instagram
Office of Culture and Engagement

Originally named the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI), the division was renamed the Office of Culture and Engagement (OCE) in October 2023. OCE focuses on building a diverse workforce and fostering a culture of trust, collaboration, equity, and performance improvement within the agency. It also facilitates open discussions, actions, and progress for the public and WSP personnel.

- Provided 36 training presentations to WSP employees.
- Attended multiple events, including a “Diversity Matters Day” event at Joint Base Lewis-McChord.
- Hosted “Day of Belonging” event at the Washington State Fair.
- Assisted in the start of a new employee resource group for women – “I’ve Got Your Six.”

Wellness Program

The agency clinical psychologist provides assistance to all agency employees and their families when vocational stress threatens their well-being. Additionally, the office is involved in increasing the knowledge of all employees concerning improving mental health as it relates to social interactions.

- Expanded the Wellness Team from 20 to 40.
- Increased agency-wide opportunities for wellness education and training in virtual, hybrid, and in-person formats.
- Reinvigorated the curriculum for cadets and instructors with an increased focus on wellness, resilience, and mental health.
- Updated policies on wellness, mental health, and critical incident responses to reflect best practices.
Construction Wrap-Up

Fire Training Academy Burn Building

Two new burn buildings were completed at the Washington State Fire Training Academy in North Bend in the summer of 2023. A dedication ceremony and a burn demonstration took place in August.

The two burn buildings are props for live-fire training scenarios on residential and multi-family structure fires. These scenarios will provide more realistic hands-on training for firefighters who train at the facility from around the state. The original structure will no longer be used for live-fire training but will continue to be utilized for search and rescue and ladder operations.

Toxicology Laboratory - Federal Way

Construction of the new Toxicology Laboratory facility in Federal Way was completed in the spring of 2023. In the subsequent months, instruments were installed and validated, enabling accreditation assessments and select evidentiary testing to be conducted. The new facility provides greater lab capacity, additional room for forensic scientists, and more advanced equipment. The building was officially dedicated on December 7, 2023.
Graduations

Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officers

In 2023, 10 Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officers graduated from Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Basic Training. Our officers completed a 24-week training which 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 operations in our state.

Fire Training Academy

The Fire Training Academy successfully graduated 3 recruit academies in 2023, which included 55 new firefighters. The instructors taught an additional 437 courses throughout the year to more than 7,588 students including fire service, marine, regional direct delivery, and national fire training.

Training Academy

The Training Academy graduated 43 cadets from the Trooper Basic Training Class in 2023. Trooper cadets attended a 37-week basic training. This training required the cadets learn state laws, WSP procedures, and tested their ability to apply this knowledge to practical law enforcement exercises.

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