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Homeland Security Division: Explosive Detection K9 Class Graduates

Shelton – On June 20, 2018 at 10am The Washington State Patrol Explosive Detection K9 class #24 will graduate. The ceremony will be held at the Washington State Patrol Academy in Shelton. On February 26, 2018 the Washington State Patrol Homeland Security Division began an Explosive Detection K9 class; where new K9's and handlers came together and received training.

The graduating K9 officers and their handlers successfully completed over 400 hours of training and have successfully certified as new explosive detection teams. The Washington State Patrol often hosts other agencies in its K9 training program. The Washington State Patrol has one of the largest non-federal K9 training programs in the country. Included in this course is a trooper from the Oregon State Police as well as an officer from the King County Sheriff's Department.

Graduating class:

Sergeant William Anderson and K9 Inka, Washington State Patrol

Trooper Dominic Ledesma and K9 Aridon, Washington State Patrol

Trooper Scott Keffeler and K9 Mia, Washington State Patrol

Deputy Keith Martin and K9 Sooner, King County Sheriff's Department

Trooper Justin Oxenrider and K9 Arty, Oregon State Police

This is an exciting time for the State of Washington and Oregon as the K9 teams are a valuable asset to public safety and a welcome addition to the respective agencies.

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