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WSP Centennial Event
Governor Inslee and Chief Batiste Unveil WSP 'Heroes Wall'
11:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 8, 2021
Ground Floor - Helen Sommers Building
(Corner of 11th Ave SW and Capitol Way South in Olympia)

PURPOSE OF EVENT:

June 8th is the centennial date of the legislative authorization of the Washington State Patrol. WSP is highlighting that historical occasion by unveiling the 'Heroes Wall' - a permanent memorial to the Highway Patrolmen and Troopers who have died in the line of duty serving the state of Washington in our first 100 years of operations. Governor Inslee and Chief Batiste are the primary speakers in what we anticipate will be a dignified 25 minute service.

AUDIENCE:

The event will be livestreamed through WSP and broadcast by TVW. We anticipate wide media coverage as well and have ample room for thorough coverage opportunity. Key leaders will be available after the ceremony for comment and interviews.

Due to pandemic restrictions, the small seated audience on the ground floor will be made up of family members of lost troopers and other dignitaries. However, the Helen Sommers Building has an atrium design and we anticipate many in the building will line the bannisters on the floors above to watch the ceremony.

VISUALS and SOUND:

Beyond the Governor and Chief's remarks, we will have the WSP Honor Guard conducting ceremonial duties, bagpipes in the tradition of law enforcement memorials, and the actual unveiling of the permanent memorial currently showing the images of 31 men and women who have died in the line of duty during our first 100 years of service.

LOGISTICS and SECURITY:

Given the nature of the ceremony and gathering, we respectfully ask attending media to be in place at least 10 minutes prior to the service. The building is still under restricted public access due to the pandemic, so please let Chris Loftis (contact information above) know if you are planning to attend so we may alert the troopers at each entrance.