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SO FAR THIS YEAR



5,125 impaired drivers arrested



13,581 collisions investigated



91 fatality collisions



16,041 seatbelt

violations

19.220 distracted

driving contacts



53,534 aggressive driver contacts



144,096 excessive speed contacts



27,722 CMV inspections

Coming Soon

FPB, HSD and GMR are working on a Fireworks Safety video.



Upcoming K9 Open House

Ever considered a career as a K9 Handler? Now's your chance to explore an exciting and rewarding opportunity! HSD will be hosting several open house events in the coming weeks, where you can learn more about what it takes to join this elite team.

Have questions? Feel free to reach out to <u>Sergeant Greg</u>
<u>Heider</u> or <u>Lieutenant Liz Bigger</u>
— they're happy to help!



120TH TBTC OPEN HOUSE DAY

SHELTON, Wash. – On Tuesday, June 3, the 120th Trooper Basic Training Class (TBTC) held its Open House Day. The day began with a morning badge pinning ceremony, followed by an open house event where cadets received their diplomas and class awards.

Class Awards

- Top Academic Award: Trooper Aiden J. McCann This award recognizes the outstanding efforts of the cadet who attained the highest grade point average, compiled from more than 30 exams and quizzes. It has been officially renamed in honor of fallen WSP Trooper Christopher Gadd, who also received the award as a member of the 116th TBTC.
- Top Collision Investigation Award: Trooper Aiden
 J. McCann This award recognizes the highest level
 of proficiency in collision investigation, including
 mathematical computation, scene investigation,
 evidence gathering, report writing, and teamwork.
- Top Control Tactics Award: Trooper Jacob
 Doughty This award honors exceptional skill in
 control tactics techniques, including self-defense,
 handcuffing, searching, and the use-of-force
 decision-making process.
- Top Physical Fitness Award: Trooper Mitch McHugh This award recognizes outstanding drive and tenacity in physical fitness training and testing. The recipient consistently performed at the top of the class in physical training. The award is named in honor of Trooper Kristopher Sperry, who tragically died off duty during a house fire in 2010. Trooper Sperry received this award as a member of the 97th TBTC.
- Top Driving Award: Trooper Daniel Green This award honors the highest level of proficiency in driving skills, including techniques, decisionmaking, mindset, and consistent improvement throughout the training phases.
- Top Firearms Award: Trooper Jacob C. McCabe
 This award recognizes top proficiency with
 weapons systems, marksmanship, practical skills,
 and the demonstration of sound judgment in
 scenario-based training.
- Top Communications Award: Trooper James R.
 Young This award acknowledges the cadet with
 the highest level of knowledge and practical skill in
 radio communications.
- Top Overall Cadet Award: Trooper Colton J. Dyal
 This award is presented to the cadet who
 demonstrated the courage to overcome
 challenges, the dedication to stay focused, and
 the determination to give 100 percent in every
 area of training. Trooper Dyal exemplified the
 skills, judgment, and continual effort necessary to
 be an excellent trooper.

During the open house, Trooper Konner Baker addressed the class, reflecting on his journey and the culture of the agency.

"That culture starts at the top. I cannot find anyone who will say something negative about our Chief. Don't ask me why I was looking... In all honesty, though, his leadership has had a profound impact on this agency. I haven't been here long, but it's easy to see that his leadership is appreciated both inside and outside the agency. I would not have worked as an officer at any other agency, and I believe Chief Batiste is largely to thank for that. He takes care of the Patrol. I want to give my unyielding thanks to the Chief," said Baker.

He also expressed his appreciation to the executive staff, adding: "Every one of them has a clear passion for improving this agency and connecting with the people that make it shine. Thank you."

Trooper Baker concluded his speech by sharing the spirit of the class: "Cpl. Worley said, 'The 120th is scrappy.' He was right. We may not get it on the first try, but by God, we'll get it on the 37th. In all honesty, I'm very proud of how far we've come as a class. We struggled to come together—there was drama, and there was failure. But the 120th does not quit, and the 120th does not let comrades struggle alone. It has been a humbling experience for me, and it has been my privilege to be here with you through it all. We are a class of firsts. And we are scrappy. We are the 120th.

















WSP GRADUATES 57 TROOPERS

OLYMPIA, Wash. - The Washington State Patrol (WSP) added 57 newly commissioned troopers to its ranks on Wednesday, June 4th, during a graduation ceremony for the 120th Trooper Basic Training Class (TBTC) and the 3rd/4th Trooper Lateral Training Class (TLTC), held at the State Capitol Rotunda.

For the 120th TBTC, the graduation marks the completion of more than 1,400 hours of rigorous training, including both classroom instruction and practical exercises at the WSP Academy in Shelton. The training concluded with a two-month coaching trip, during which cadets worked alongside field training officers.

As a result of their combined efforts, the 120th TBTC cadets made 10,648 driver contacts, responded to 3,159 calls for service, removed 472 impaired drivers from the road, and conducted 960 collision investigations during the coaching trip.

Thurston County District Court Judge Brett Buckley administered the oath of office as the rotunda erupted in applause and cheers from family, friends, and colleagues.

Chief John R. Batiste, a graduate of the 55th Trooper Basic Training Class, thanked the new troopers and their families for their commitment to the future of the agency. "You've earned it," Chief Batiste told the graduates during Wednesday's ceremony. "The sweat and tears that you put in at the academy and on your field training assignment have prepared you to go out and serve, with humility, the people of this great state." Chief Batiste, alongside Governor Bob Ferguson, congratulated each graduate and presented them with their commission cards, officially marking their status as WSP troopers.

"I know you have choices, but you chose us-and for that, we are indebted to you," said Chief Batiste.

One Trooper was recognized at the graduation ceremony for the Core Values Award. The award is determined by an anonymous vote of the members of the 120th Trooper Basic Training Class (TBTC), who select the classmate they believe best exemplifies the training division's core values: strong leadership, effective partnerships, professional excellence, integrity and accountability, respect for and protection of individual rights, and earning the trust and confidence of the public.

The award is sponsored by the WSP Memorial Foundation and is presented in honor of Washington State Patrol troopers who gave their lives in the line of duty. This year's award was given in honor of Trooper Christopher Gadd, who died in the line of duty on March 2, 2024. Captain Neil Weaver presented the award to Trooper Jacob Newton on behalf of Cammryn Gadd.









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SERVICENOW HRSD

User acceptance testing is wrapping up and the vendor is fine tuning features based on feedback received.

Adjusted Go-Live Timeline

To ensure a successful rollout we adjusted the Go-Live date. This allows us an opportunity to reinforce training and ensure all users build confidence with the new system.

TAILORED TRAINING SESSIONS FOR THE FORMS LISTED BELOW. USE THE FOLLOWING LINK TO ATTEND THESE TRAININGS.

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Tuesday, June 10th

Recruitment Request 9:00 A.M. to 9:30 A.M.

Directive Control

Off Duty Employment 2:00 P.M. - 2:30 P.M.

June 11th

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Commissioned Evaluations

10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

Off Duty Employment

Directive Control

10:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.

June 12th

Recruitment Request 9:00 A.M. to 9:30 A.M.

Emergency Data Card 3:00 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.

Commissioned

Evaluations

10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

Transfer Lists 1:00 P.M. to 1:30 P.M.

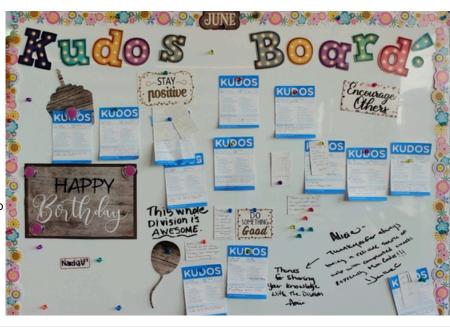
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FBD KUDOS RECOGNIZES SUCCESS

OLYMPIA, Wash. – The Firearms
Background Division has introduced a kudos board in the office to highlight employee achievements. Employees can fill out kudos cards to express appreciation for their peers, which are then posted on the board. The board also features a dry-erase section where team members can write messages of encouragement for everyone to see.

Additionally, it is updated monthly to display employee birthdays.
Celebrating employee successes and exceptional work is a priority—and something the Firearms Background Division is committed to making a regular part of its culture.



D7 TROOPERS AT TOUCH-A-TRUCK

ARLINGTON, Wash. – Families gathered at Lakewood High School in Arlington on Saturday, May 31, for the annual Touch-A-Truck event hosted by the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office. The event featured a variety of vehicles, including fire engines, police cruisers, and utility trucks, allowing children to explore and learn about the equipment. Troopers were on hand with their patrol cars, giving attendees a close-up look and answering questions about their work. Attendees also had the opportunity to interact with first responders and public works teams, fostering community engagement.





D7 PARTICIPATED IN MOCK DUIS

DISTRICT 7, Wash. – Last week, Washington State Patrol (WSP) District 7 troopers joined local first responders in powerful mock DUI crash demonstrations at Kamiak High School in Mukilteo, North Creek High School in Bothell, and Blaine High School. These events, held just before senior proms, aimed to raise awareness about the dangers of impaired driving among students.

Troopers actively participated in the simulated crash scenes, highlighting the serious consequences of driving under the influence. The demonstrations provided a realistic and impactful experience to encourage students to make responsible decisions and promote safe driving habits.

Organized in partnership with local police and fire departments, these mock DUI events are part of ongoing efforts by law enforcement to educate young drivers and prevent impaired driving incidents in the community.













PMD ATTENDS MARINERS GAME

SEATTLE, Wash. - On Saturday, May 31, 2025, CVEB (Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Bureau) PMD (Property Management Division) personnel, retirees, their families, and friends gathered to enjoy Washington State Employees Night at the Mariners game. The event provided a fun opportunity to connect outside of work while cheering on the team.









American Association of State Troopers PRAMIE

The submission deadline for the Best Looking Cruiser Photo Contest is fast approaching. Do you have a photo of your cruiser you would like to submit for consideration? Send all submissions to GMRInfo@wsp.wa.gov.

Rules for submission:

- High Resolution original image
- The photo must have at least one patrol vehicle and can have up to two.
- May contain a uniformed officer and/or one service animal
- Please be creative
 - Deadline to submit to GMR is June 18th



TRAFFIC RECORDS COMMUNITY

May 2025

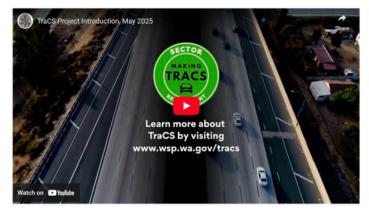


NAVIGATING TRACS

NEWSLETTER

INTRODUCING TRACS

Demonstration and training video production has begun! A huge thank you to the WSP production team, the Mason County Sheriffs Office, and the Shelton Police Department for their contributions to this video.



SYSTEM PILOT LAUNCHING SOON

We're gearing up for an important milestone as WSP District 1- Detachment 7, along with a few Commercial Vehicle Division staff will participate in a pilot program for the TraCS application. Training is tentatively scheduled for mid-July, and immediately following, the group will begin using TraCS. The pilot will run from mid-July through August, ensuring the system meets operational needs prior to rolling out to other impacted participants. For a look at the high-level implementation schedule please check out the TraCS Website.

EXCITING PROGRESS SINCE UAT LAUNCH!

Since launching User Acceptance Testing (UAT) on May 19, we've seen fantastic engagement and momentum.

Here's where things stand:

testers, keep up the great work!

- **120** active users are rigorously testing the system, ensuring it meets real-world needs.
- **287** forms created—a strong indicator that users are engaging with the platform and validating its functionality.
- 18 new bugs reported and sent to the vendor, helping us refine and optimize the system for a seamless experience.

These numbers show that our testers are fully invested, providing invaluable insights that will shape a better final product. Every test executed and every issue reported bring us closer to a robust and reliable system. THANK YOU

LEA ONBOARDING AND TRAINING SCHEDULE – FIRST **DRAFT SHARED!**

We're making steady progress on the LEA onboarding schedule. The first draft was shared with the Sheriffs and Police Chiefs at the WASPC conference, as well as with the Change Agent Network and TraCS SMEs. Once their feedback is received and revisions have been made, it will be published and distributed. Keep an eye out for the official version in next month's newsletter.

QUESTIONS? LET'S CONNECT

Check out the TraCS Website: https://wsp.wa.gov/tracs

Contact the TraCS Team: TraCS@wsp.wa.gov



BIKE/WALK LIKE MADD EVENT

VANCOUVER, Wash. – On Saturday, May 31, 2025, at Frenchman's Bar Regional Park, the community gathered for the "Move with MADD" event in Vancouver. Attended by law enforcement, Mayor Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Target Zero, and other dedicated community members, the event was a solemn yet hopeful occasion—a time to honor those lost and renew the fight against impaired driving.

The 2025 Bike/Walk Like MADD Vancouver event stands as MADD's signature fundraising initiative, dedicated to raising awareness and securing funds to eliminate drunk and drugged driving. With each step and mile, participants work toward a future free of impaired driving, ensuring that no more lives are needlessly lost due to reckless choices.

This year's walk was held in honor of Mrs. Danielle Abrahams and Radimier Abrahams, whose lives were tragically cut short on August 23, 2023. Danielle had just arrived home from work and was sitting in her living room, tending to her injured dog, and chatting with her husband and brother. In an instant, her world was shattered—a vehicle driven by an intoxicated individual barreled through her home at over 70 mph, taking Danielle and her beloved pet.

The event also recognized the invaluable contributions of law enforcement officers, including Trooper Chris Corner, Jared Gearhart, and Ernest Simpson, for their unwavering dedication to apprehending impaired drivers. Their commitment plays a vital role in ensuring the safety of our roads and communities.

Thanks in large part to Carrie Hughes, wife of Sergeant Matt Hughes, many Washington State Patrol members and their families also participated in the walk. Carrie has been a passionate volunteer for Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) for several years, dedicating countless hours to the cause and making a meaningful impact. An estimated \$15,000 was raised at the event to support MADD programs that provide critical resources for victims and families, and fuel ongoing advocacy efforts for stricter policies and expanded youth education initiatives.

The Move with MADD Vancouver event marks only the beginning of this important mission. Organizers are committed to making this an annual tradition—a unifying event for the community to stand together, honor victims, and work toward a future free of impaired driving.











RDT RESPONDS TO PROTEST AT UW

SEATTLE, Wash. – On Monday, May 5th, at approximately 1800 hours, 18 Rapid Deployment Team (RDT) members were deployed to the University of Washington (UW) campus in response to a protest that quickly spread into the Interdisciplinary Engineering Building. Protesters blocked entrances and exits, ignited fires in dumpsters on the street, and caused significant damage inside the building. They stacked furniture in and near entryways and glued doors shut, hindering access and assessment efforts.

At approximately 2200 hours, RDT, along with UW Police Department and Seattle Police Department officers, entered the building and quickly overcame the barriers to reach the protesters. Approximately 34 individuals were arrested on suspicion of trespassing, property destruction, disorderly conduct, and conspiracy to commit all three offenses.

Meanwhile, about 75 protesters continued demonstrating outside the Interdisciplinary Engineering Building. The University of Washington estimates that the damages caused to the building–which had just opened three weeks prior–exceed one million dollars.

