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SO FAR THIS YEAR



5,557 impaired drivers arrested



14,581 collisions investigated



101 fatality collisions



17,596 seatbelt

violations

20,813 distracted driving contacts



57,998 aggressive driver contacts



155,381 excessive speed contacts



30,222 CMV inspections

HAVE PHOTOS OR STORIES TO SHARE?

Have an amazing photo of your patrol car? A story to share about what your office does within the WSP? We want to hear from you. Part of the fun of The Milepost is seeing and learning about all the different aspects of our agency - and with us being state wide - you can rest assure there is a ton of content out there! Feel free to send in photos and story ideas to TheMilepost@wsp.wa.gov for future consideration.



WSP PATCH BRINGS JOY TO 7-YEAR-OLD FINN



Finn, age 7, hopes to one day become a K9 officer. He was overjoyed to receive a WSP patch for his law enforcement collection, and wanted to share his appreciation.

WINNER: WSP corporal selected as academy instructor of the year



SHELTON, Wash. - Each year, the State & Provincial Police Academy Directors Section (SPPADS) recognizes a state and provincial academy instructor for their excellence in research and curriculum development, facilitation, and commitment to learning.

The Washington State Patrol's (WSP's) own Corporal Alexis Robinson was selected as the 2025 SPPADS Instructor of the Year Award winner.

As the winner of the 2025 State & Provincial Police Academy Directors Instructor of the Year Award, Cpl. Robinson will be recognized during the 2025 State & Provincial Police Academy Directors and Planning Officers Annual Meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana in

Congratulations, Cpl. Robinson for a job well done!





'Arrive Alive' program in District 1







PIERCE COUNTY, Wash. - Washington State Patrol District 1 partnered with Central Pierce Fire and Rescue, Pierce County Sheriff's Office, the Puyallup Extrication Team, and several other local agencies to bring the "Arrive Alive" program to six high schools in Pierce County.

The program sets up a mock vehicular homicide scene at a high school and shows the student how a scene is processed both by police and the fire department. There is also a panel discussion portion after the scene that brings in a Vehicular Assault survivor and covers the long term effects of drinking and driving.

Troopers Bidot and Dattilo participated in all the events, and were tasked with making the arrest of the DUI driver.

Chief meets with RDT prior to protests



SEATTLE, Wash. - Washington State Patrol (WSP) Chief John R. Batiste met with members of the WSP's Rapid Deployment Team (RDT) prior to Saturday's "No Kings" protest in Seattle where an estimated 70,000 individuals participated. WSP's RDT team was prepared to respond if needed, though no incidents were reported during the



RESILIENCY RACE: Forensic scientist 3rd winner of WSP Emergency Management's Resiliency Race

TACOMA, Wash. - Congratulations to Washington State Patrol (WSP) Forensic Scientist 3 Tara Sewell! She is the third recipient of a PreparePack. Tara was entered into a drawing for all employees who have completed Simple Small Steps in January, February, March, April, and May as part of the Resiliency Race.

When asked what motivates Tara to participate and be personally prepared for any events that might impact her family and home, her response was, "I have found that being prepared allows me to let go of worry. I don't have to be anxious and wonder "what if?" because I am already equipped for whatever might happen, whether that's with a plan, supplies, or

All participants who have completed each month's Simple Small Steps have an opportunity to win a PreparePack in monthly drawings throughout the Resiliency Race sponsored by Emergency Management in HSD. Jennifer Jaspers, Kris Kitchens, and Tara Sewell have been recipients of the coveted "Preparedness Partner" title and the PreparePack. It's not too late to participate; January-June tasks are available and can still be completed. Each month's tasks take just a few minutes to complete and help build your Personal Preparedness kit for a lifetime. You can be our next winner! Learn more here.



Retired WSP Plymouth takes 1st place at car show





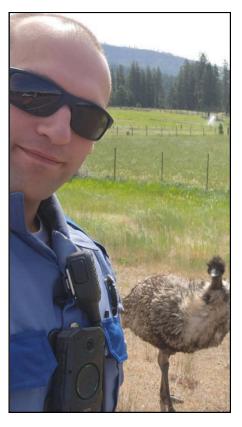






LIBERTY LAKE, Wash, - Liberty Lake Police Department Police Ambassador John Bujosa entered his 1965 Washington State Patrol (WSP) Plymouth in the Liberty Lake Car Show - taking home first place over more than 100 vehicles in the 1960-1969 category. Bujosa stated retired and current troopers flocked to the car, told stories, and passed the word to others to come check out the vehicle. Bujosa tested to become a WSP trooper in the 1970s, and while he ultimately chose to follow a different career path, he is dedicated to continue to represent the WSP to the best of his abilities with his

D6 WSP trooper helps wrangle emu loose on state Route 970



ELLENSBURG, Wash. - Washington State Patrol (WSP) Trooper Thomas Megargle helped wrangle a 20-year-old emu named "Mu" who was found running loose on state Route 970 near milepost 3. Thankfully, Trooper Megargle successfully reunited Mu with his owner and got him safely

out of the roadway.

WSP hosts Red-Tailed Hawks Youth Program

Washington State Patrol (WSP) Aviation Division was honored to host the Red-Tailed Hawks (RTH) Flying Club youth program at our hangar, providing the venue for a day dedicated to inspiring the next generation of aviators. The event welcomed approximately 60 youth participants along with 20 volunteers who supported the day's activities. Six aircraft flew in specifically to offer discovery flights, giving many of the youth an opportunity to experience aviation firsthand. In addition to flight experiences, the attendees took part in educational briefings designed to expand their knowledge of aviation concepts, weather, and aircraft systems. A special highlight of the event was a presentation by Trooper Eric . Wittlake, who gave a comprehensive briefing on the operation of the Cessna 206 and the onboard camera systems. He explained how this aircraft is used in a variety of missions, offering a unique perspective on aviation's role in public We are proud to support

aviation accessible and

look forward to future

opportunities to collaborate

programs like RTH that make science, technology, exciting for young people and



As described on their website: "The Red-Tailed Hawks Youth Program educates and introduces underrepresented youth to the exciting world of aviation We promote an interest in aviation history along with engaging young minds in practical applications of engineering and mathematics (STEM). RTH

activities, experience aerospace industry facilities. learn pilot knowledge, and fly in general aviation airplanes. Young people who want to learn to fly can earn fullscholarships for Red-Tailed Hawks Flight Lessons for Youth (FLY) and the Black Pilots of America, Inc. "Les Morris" Summer Flight Academy."



JEFFERSON COUNTY: Annual Law Enforcement Special Olympics Torch Run along state Route 104

JEFFERSON COUNTY, Wash.
- Jefferson County Sheriff's
Office (JCSO) deputies and
Washington State Patrol
(WSP) troopers participated
in the annual Law
Enforcement Special
Olympics Torch Run this
week, carrying the torch
along 14 miles of state Route
104 to the Hood Canal
Bridge.

The Jefferson County torch run is just one of many legs of the event occurring across the state in preparation for the Special Olympics Washington Games starting Friday at Cheney Stadium in Tacoma.







Winning T-shirt design selected

design of the Canine Training Unit T-shirt was created by Ms. Carli Luppold, a prior **Communications Officer** in District 7 - Marysville. Carli has volunteered with the Pit Bull Pen Rescue located in southeastern Washington since 2022. She has been a long term and respite foster, handled dogs for adoption events, showcased dogs available for adoption on the local news and given many selfless volunteer hours to helping animals. Carli has a degree in graphic design, and she combined that with her love of canines to create the WSP Canine Training Unit T-

We are very grateful for her contribution to our fundraiser for the Northwest Battle Buddies (NWBB). Their mission is to help Veterans battling PTSD, by matching them with a professionally trained service dog. NWBB is a local organization based in Battle Ground, WA. As of June 16, 45 items have been sold with a total of \$369.05 funds raised. Thank you again to everyone that submitted designs, took time to vote, and have now purchased the WSP Canine Training Unit T-shirt.

Please visit the fundraiser page here: <u>WSP Canine</u> <u>Training Unit T-Shirt</u> <u>Fundraiser Custom Ink</u> <u>Fundraising</u>





