

# **AGENCY AT A**

**SO FAR THIS YEAR** 



6,338 impaired drivers arrested



16,724 collisions investigated



116 fatality collisions



**19,962** seatbelt violations

23,417 distracted

driving contacts



66,735 aggressive driver contacts



**177,820** excessive speed contacts



34,253 CMV inspections

#### **NEXT WEEK:** CHIEF'S TOURS



Images from this summer's district Chief's Tours will be featured starting next week.

#### **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.





#### **AXON RECORDS GOES LIVE 5 AM JULY 15**

Axon Records will go live at 5 a.m. Tuesday, July 15. From that moment forward, new cases (now known as incidents) will be created within Axon Records. CITE will still be accessible to users to continue working open cases and to access closed cases. When it comes to the official switch, to ensure comprehensive end-user support, Axon and the WSP project team have created a structured go-live support plan. See page two for the Go Live Plan.

#### 'Bridging the Gap: District 5 CO's bring gift baskets to local 9-1-1 centers

Washington State Patrol (WSP) Communications Manager Heather Kavanagh, Communications Officer 1 Chris Ralston, and Trooper Gallanger delivered a goodie basket donated by the District 5 Communications Team to Klickitat Communications last week. The gesture was a great way to 'bridge the gap' between communications centers and learn more about the area they cover calls and how their center works. The team expressed their appreciation to them for consistently being a lifeline for troopers when our communications officers are unable to reach them on the radio. The team plans to spend the next several months creating a basket for each of the local allied agency centers.



## 121st TBTC training well underway







SHELTON, Wash. - The Washington State Patrol (WSP) 121st Trooper Basic Training Class (TBTC) has been diligently working toward their ultimate goal: to become a WSP trooper. This week the cadets spent time learning how to safely navigate behind the wheel on the agency's drive course, as well as how to

## 2025 Chief's Coin unveiled, honors 20 years of service

token of recognition for exceptional achievements, dedication, or exemplary service, is a privilege bestowed only at the direction or approval of Washington State Patrol (WSP) Chief John R. Batiste.

Since 2008, the front of the coin has featured the Washington State Patrol badge, encircled by the words "Washington State Patrol" and "Chief John R. Batiste". Four stars flank the badge, symbolizing the rank of Chief. The back of the coin, a canvas for yearly design changes, has a component that has remained constant since 2016 - a circle of stars, each representing a fallen Washington State Patrol officer, a poignant reminder they are never forgotten.

Chief Batiste is proud to unveil the 2025 Chief's Coin, along with the explanation/inspiration behind the design. Credit for the design goes to Ms. Heather Davis, with assistance from her creative team.

This coin recognizes the historic 20year appointment of Chief John R. Batiste as Chief of the WSP.

The design depicts the iconic WSP campaign hat with five small symbols representing significant milestones of Chief Batiste: one for Washington State University (WSU), which brought Chief Batiste to the State of Washington; a communications headset, where he started his WSP career; the Motors emblem, where he was a motors officer; Captain bars for serving as a captain in Bellevue, Tacoma, and the Human Resource Division and finally; Chief stars in Olympia. The coin is encircled by 33 stars, representing our agency's fallen officers - never forgotten, always

remembered.



#### COIN HISTORY ON IWSP

There is a coin history page on iWSP (left side, halfway down) that depicts a chronological history of Chief's Coins from 1999 to the present. Your knowledge and insights are invaluable! If you are aware of any special significance to a coin, please send an wa.gov with the information. Your contributions will be considered for inclusion in the rich history of these coins. In addition, information on any/all district/division/specialty coins is being collected for a separate

Please email any information you have, including a photo of the front and back, explanation or inspiration for the coin, designer, etc. to: CoinHistory@wsp.wa.gov.



YOUR WSP.

## Come celebrate the

After the first week, Axon will return on-site to offer support to the WSP during business hours. Internal resources will continue to be the same as those provided during week one. Coordination for Phase

Two will resume.

# 20TH ANNIVERSARY



of the WSP Crime Laboratory in Cheney

13 AUGUST, 2025 11AM-1PM

- Displays featuring significant cases, historical information, examination procedures, and more
- Self-guided tours
- Staff on site to answer questions
- Refreshments available



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#### OCE Newsletter available! Read entire edition here

# >>> Culture

by the Office of Culture & Engagement



#### 'RE CELEBRATING

AUGUST

JULY

A Taste of WSP

National Dog Month Purple Heart Day World Humanitarian Day

Women's Equality Day 26

#### SEPTEMBER

Hiapanic Heritage Month Labor Day

Native American Day



#### >>> Welcome to the Third Edition

July 2025

As we continue our work across the agency, we bring the stories, challenges and accomplishments of our work to you. This quarterly newsletter is a chance to reflect on our progress, highlight key initiatives, and celebrate the people who make it all possible. We're excited to share what's ahead and keep building. One story, one goal, and one connection at a time.

In this edition, we are sharing some successes internally with different teams and also the exciting work that we do externally with our communities. Thank you for staying connected and committed to creating meaningful change across our agency. Let's keep growing together and celebrating our big and small achievements! We love to hear from you, so please email us your thoughts, feedback or things that you would like to see in our future editions!

#### Our Mission



to empower WSP by fostering opportunities for learning, building connections, and supporting policies that help fulfill its critical work.

#### Our Vision

to cultivate a sense of belonging for all employees and community members by prioritizing relationship-building, psychological safety, and celebrating both our shared values and the diversity that makes us unique.

# Highlights

- OCE Trainings
- Weekly Sentiment Question
- OCE In-Service
- Community Engagement Unit
- News from the Districts!
- Impact Plan & More...



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# 4TH ANNUAL The Washington State Patrol Athletic Association (WSPAA) Is hosting the 4<sup>th</sup> annual "Gundy-Hole"

Cornhole Tournament In honor of fallen Trooper **Detective Eric Gunderson** 



1101 Outlet Collection Way, Auburn, WA

#### **Details:**

Prizes will be awarded to the tournament winners. There will be activities for families and kids too, so everyone is welcome even if you don't want to officially play in the tournament. Souvenir "Gundy-Hole" tshirt (for those pre-registered), lunch and beverages will be provided to all attendees.

NOTE: Tennis shoes/court shoes are required footwear for all players. No other shoes will be approved for the venue's sport courts.



To register email GinaWSPAA@gmail.com the number of people in your party, along with tshirt sizes for everyone. If your team would like to participate in the cornhole tournament, please register your team (both player's names and team name)

SUNDAY, OCT. 26, 2025

Registration begins at 11:15 A.M.