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SO FAR THIS YEAR



6,734 impaired drivers arrested



18,095 collisions investigated



132 fatality collisions



driving contacts

22,419 seatbelt

violations

25,024 distracted



71,982 aggressive driver contacts



191,141 excessive speed contacts



38,057 CMV inspections



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Pilot participants received four hours of in-person training and immediately began using TraCS.

The first violation was issued by Trooper Depew one hour after completing the training. Learn more about the TraCS Project on Page Three.



AXON RECORDS IS LIVE!

Axon Records has officially gone live! If you have issues or concerns, please refer to the agency's Axon

Technology SharePoint, reach out to an instructor, or call a member of the project team (phone numbers included on the SharePoint).



Leadership Through Experience Podcast: Lessons in Leadership



OLYMPIA, Wash. -Washington State Patrol (WSP) Assistant Chief Mjor and Captain Jeff Otis hosted Episode Five of the Leadership through Experience on Tuesday.

The episode, Lessons in Leadership: Cole, Peel, and Batiste, featured special guest WSP <u>Chief</u> <u>John R. Batiste</u>. For those needing to catch up, previous episodes of

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up, previous episodes of
the podcast can be found
here. Did you miss
Episode Five? Be sure to
check it out by visiting
here.

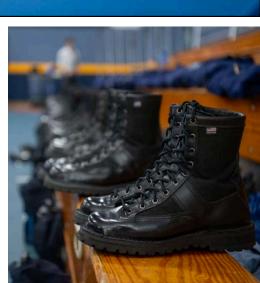


PHOTO FEATURE: 121st TBTC





PHOTOS - Check out the featured photos from this week at the Washington State Patrol (WSP) Academy on page two.



Celebrate National Summit Day





OCE hosts 2nd 'Taste of WSP' event









OLYMPIA, Wash. - This week the Office of Culture and Engagement (OCE) hosted their second "A Taste of WSP" cultural food event. This event focuses on sharing and celebrating various foods and dishes from WSP employees. Each participant was asked to give a little background information about the culture or family history connection to their dish. We here at WSP have such a vibrant array of culture, ethnic backgrounds, and diversity amongst our fellow co-workers. In total we had eighteen various dishes shared at the event. We hope everyone had an amazing time connecting and sharing a delicious meal together. We can't wait to host this again next year!

ACADEMY CHECK-IN: 121st TBTC















SHELTON, Wash. - The cadets of the Washington State Patrol (WSP) 121st Trooper Basic Training Class (TBTC) spent the week working on controlled tactics and scenario training as they continue their path toward becoming WSP troopers. Check back to future editions as they progress through their training.



FEATURE: Connections Museum

By BRUCE LANCE

Electronic Communications Shop Tech

SEATTLE, Wash. - The Connections Museum is special to me because of its close ties with my own history. I'm largely self-taught for my skill set in electronics and telecommunications, and the former Bell System played a huge part in that education. As an example, one of my past jobs was repairing Teletype machines for none other than Western Union, in the late 70's/early 80's.

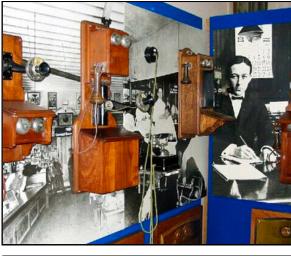
It's wonderful to see that technology and the philosophies behind it preserved for all to learn about, and to know that we wouldn't have half the tech toys we take for granted, to this day, had it not been for the advances discovered during the evolution of electromechanical to electronic switching.

From the Connections Museum
Website: The Connections Museum
Seattle, formerly the Herbert H. Warrick
Jr. Museum of Communications, is a part
of The Telecommunications History
Group, Inc. and is located in the
Georgetown neighborhood of Seattle,
Washington.

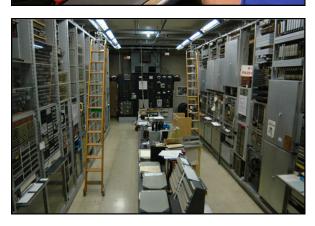
The museum features working Panel and Crossbar electromechanical centraloffice switches. The Connections
Museum also has working Step-by-Step and Crossbar PBX equipment as well as antique telephones, switchboards, and outside plant displays, including poles, cables, splicing equipment, tools, and other related communications equipment and machines. The Connections
Museum also features a cataloged telecommunications reference library, useful for researchers.















JULY 2025

NEWSLETTER

Traffic Records Community



TRACS PILOT IS LIVE!

- The TraCS WSP Pilot launch began July 18.
- Pilot participants received four hours of inperson training and immediately began using TraCS.
- The first violation was issued by Trooper Depew one hour after completing the training.
- To date, there are 13 active users in TraCS; over 200 forms including NOIs, NOCCs, PTCRs, etc., have been created.

TRAINING LIBRARY

- The TraCS Team has been busy creating a training library of resources to help you become familiar with the new system and for you to use when you begin using TraCS.
- Some of those resources include:
 - A TraCS Training ManualDemonstration videos
 - TraCS PTCR
 - Approving and Rejecting PTCRS
 - Quick Reference Guides
 - Driver Exchange
 - Form Fields and Statuses
- This library will continue to grow over the next 4 weeks.

HOW ARE COURTS IMPACTED?

District, Municipal, and Tribal Courts (who have completed the RMS onboarding process) will continue to receive information through JINDEX and will be minimally impacted. Courts are currently impacted in two ways:

- Form number formatting changes (all NOIs and NOCCs generated in TraCS will start with the letter "T").
- In TraCS, court appearance dates and times need to be manually entered by the LEOs; this may result in an increase in calls requesting information.

PROSECUTOR CORNER

Prosecutors who use SECTOR/TraCS for electronic routing or to view/print PDFs with paper routing, will need accounts in TraCS. Prosecutors will complete the TraCS Access Request Form just like law enforcement agencies. The intake form will start being distributed to prosecutors the first week of August.



Have a question? Let's connect!
Contact the TraCS Team via e-mail at

<u>TraCS@wsp.wa.gov</u> or log on to

<u>http://wsp.wa.gov/tracs</u>.



I-90 Traffic Safety Emphasis Patrol

ELLENSBURG, Wash. - The Washington Traffic Safety Commission put on a nationwide speed campaign on Interstate 90 which covered from Seattle to Boston (coast to coast) from July 20 to 26. District 6 troopers (Ellensburg and the Basin) sent photos from their participation in the event.





WSP Chaplains attend International Conference



CONFERENCE - Washington State Patrol (WSP) Senior Chaplain Darryl Russel, Assistant Senior Chaplain Kathi Gregoire, Wellness Lead Chaplain Greg Moore and Westside Lead Chaplain Tom Durrant (not pictured) attended the International Conference of Police Chaplains July 21-26 and continued honing their chaplaincy skills and knowledge to better serve WSP personnel.

District 5 Lieutenant receives 20-year pin



VANCOUVER, Wash. - Washington State Patrol (WSP)
Lieutenant Casey Myers received his 20-year pin from WSP
Chief John R. Batiste earlier this month. Congratulations!



AUGUST 2, 2025

CELEBRATE NATIONAL SUMMIT DAY



National Summit Day highlights climbing the literal and symbolic mountains in our lives. Let us celebrate overcoming obstacles by getting out there and enjoying Washington's 140 state parks, 3 national parks, endless trails, and numerous world-class destinations. Checkout the video above in which WSP personnel compiled some of the best places around Washington to "summit".



Click above to learn how you could earn a \$500 gift certificate courtesy of SmartHealth!



For additional resources or confidential support, contact WSP's psychologist: DR. ZACH GERDES (360) 810-1388 (office)

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Too often we overlook the impacts of environmental wellness on our mood, happiness, comfort, and well-being. There are simple ways to improve one's environment: spending time outdoors, pursuing a meaningful hobby in a natural setting, creating personal and working environments with colors and comforts, reducing clutter, and enhancing natural light. Making small changes can have lasting impacts on health, happiness, resilience, and wellness.

~ Dr. G

TIPS FOR BUILDING ENVIRONMENTAL WELLNESS

- Create comfortable living & working spaces
- Spruce up a physical area that's been neglected
 Make a positive impact on the applicance.
- Make a positive impact on the environment
- Be a tourist in the natural sites around you
 Find or revisit a favorite place in patura
- Find or revisit a favorite place in nature
- Checkout a new site, park, or trail
- Be active with friends

MORE INFO & RESOURCES:

- ARTICLE: The Benefits of Getting Outside
- ARTICLE: 25 Best Places to Visit in Washington
- ARTICLE: 30 Amazing Experiences in Washington
- ARTICLE: How Does Nature Effect our Wellbeing?
- ARTICLE: <u>Levels of Nature and Stress Response</u>
 ARTICLE: <u>Healthy Parks Healthy People</u>