

MARYSVILLE, Wash. – District 7 Criminal Investigation Division (CID) recently welcomed two new members: Trooper Detectives Andrew Kincade and Trooper Chris Kirschner. Congratulations, trooper detectives!

MARYSVILLE, Wash. – Detective Jeff Rhue retired from Washington State Patrol on Friday, Aug. 15, after 29 years of service to the agency - 22 of which were spent as a detective. He was the most senior detective in WSP at the time of his retirement.



Firearms Background Division team building



OLYMPIA, Wash – The Washington State Patrol (WSP) Firearms Background Division (FBD) held a team-building event called “*Guess That Baby*”. Staff members submitted baby photos of themselves, and the rest of the division had to guess who the photo belonged to. The activity received high participation and was praised for being a fun and engaging way to connect. Congratulations to the winners: Caitlin Crady, Dustin Kennedy, Shelley Larsen.

ACADEMY CHECK-IN: 121st SFST Week

Shelton, WA – Continuing the Washington State Patrol (WSP) Academy's tradition of immersive, hands-on training, the 121st Trooper Basic Training Class (TBTC) recently dedicated a full week to mastering Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST).

This rigorous module included classroom instruction and practical skills, culminating in a controlled wet lab session—where volunteers were safely dosed to specific blood alcohol concentrations (BAC) to simulate real-life impaired drivers.

SFST is the NHTSA-approved and IACP-endorsed protocol used by law enforcement to detect impairment in drivers suspected of DUI or DWI.

During the wet lab, selected volunteers were administered controlled amounts of alcohol to reach predetermined BAC levels. This allowed cadets to practice the key SFST components: horizontal gaze nystagmus, walk-and-turn, and one-leg stand.

This real-life training environment provides realism over simulation for the cadet class. Cadets confront the unpredictability of actual impairment—slurred speech, balance issues, involuntary eye movements—far beyond what video demonstrations or dry lab exercises can replicate.

