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**SO FAR THIS YEAR** 



7,705 impaired drivers arrested



21,055 collisions investigated



153 fatality collisions



28,504 distracted driving contacts



violations

82,736 aggressive driver contacts

**24,249** seatbelt



219,280 excessive speed contacts



42,028 CMV inspections

#### **NEXT WEEK:**

DET. HANGER
MEMORIAL
UNVIELING



NEVER FORGOTTEN - In honor of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Washington State Patrol (WSP) Detective Brent Hanger's line of duty death, District 7 will host a memorial unveiling at the Burlington Detachment office at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 22.

# 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.





## **D8 Troopers Join Drive-A-Thon**



SHELTON, Wash. – Washington State Patrol (WSP) troopers joined the annual Shelton Drive-A-Thon on Aug. 14 at Ridge Motorsports Park in Shelton which brings together families, car enthusiasts, and community partners in support of Camp Goodtimes, which provides free camping experiences for children battling cancer. Attendees enjoyed track rides, go-karting, and family activities while raising funds for a meaningful cause.

District 8 troopers joined the event, showing their support for local families. Their presence highlighted the Washington State Patrol's commitment to community engagement beyond daily patrol duties.



#### **CRD Volunteers at the SWA Fair**

**CENTRALIA, Wash.** –Two dedicated employees from the Criminal Records Division recently worked at the Southwest Washington Fair on Tuesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, helping families protect what matters most — their children.

Representing the Washington State Patrol (WSP), Bill McAllister and Sophia Price staffed a booth where they fingerprinted children and provided free Child ID kits. These kits provide parents and guardians with a fingerprint card, a recent photograph, and other identifying information that can be invaluable in the event of an emergency.

Throughout the day, the CRD team warmly welcomed families, fingerprinted dozens of children, and explained how the Child ID kit works. Parents expressed appreciation for the opportunity, noting that it gave them peace of mind knowing they had important identification information readily available.

By working at community events like this, our CRD staff continue to demonstrate their commitment to public safety both inside and outside the workplace. Their efforts not only helped families prepare for the unexpected but also fostered positive connections between WSP and the community.

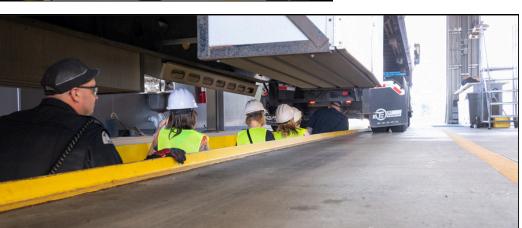
Thank you, Bill and Sophia, for going above and beyond to serve the public!



# **POE Hosts PALs Summer Camp**



RIDGEFIELD, Wash. - On August 13, 2025, the Ridgefield Port of Entry hosted a summer day camp in collaboration with the Police Activities League (PAL) and Rocksolid Teen Center. The day was spent educating a group of 20 kids, ages 13-17, on the important work CVEO's do every day. There were five interactive stations set up which included basic first aid, a demonstration of the weigh-in-motion system, level 1 inspection demonstration, school bus inspection demonstration, and a motorcycle trooper demonstration. The event was a fun day for the kids to get a little dirty under the vehicles they see on the roadway every day and to continue building a positive relationship between the community and law enforcement.













### District 7 CID welcomes new team members



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

#### **Detective Rhue Retires After 29 Years**

**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.









# **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2025**

# **DISTRICT 7**











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# 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.







