AGENCY AT A

SO FAR THIS YEAR



8,758 impaired drivers arrested



23,955 collisions investigated



177 fatality collisions



27,486 seatbelt

violations

32,128 distracted driving contacts



94,291 aggressive driver contacts



249,037 excessive speed contacts



48,734 CMV inspections

THIS WEEKEND! MEMORIAL MILES



The 3rd Annual Memorial Miles Event begins noon Saturday, Sept. 27 and continues for 24 hours! Event schedule includes:

Saturday, September 27th

10 a.m. - Relay begins in inflatable obstacle course

10:30 a.m. - Rubber duck relay 11:45 a.m. - Opening ceremony Noon - 24 Hour walk begins 1 p.m. - Inflatable obstacle course open for play

Sunday, September 28th

Noon - 24 Hour Walk Ends 12:15 p.m. - Closing ceremony

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HAVE PHOTOS OR STORIES TO SHARE?

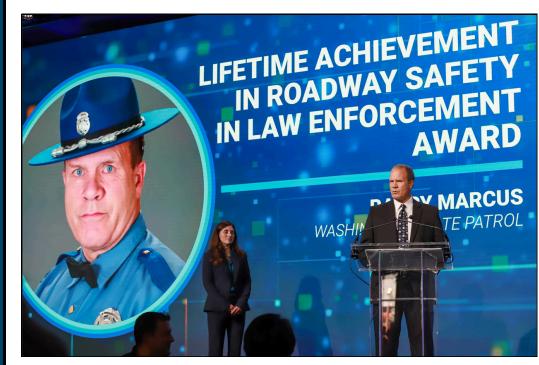
Have an amazing photo of your patrol car? A story to share about what your office does within the WSP? We want to hear from you. Part of the fun of The Milepost is seeing and learning about all the different aspects of our agency - and with us being state wide - you can rest assure there is a ton of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

future consideration.





AAMVA recognizes WSP trooper with Lifetime Achievement Award



Courtesy of AAMVA.ORG

SPOKANE, Wash. – Trooper Barry Marcus is a 33-year employee of the Washington State Patrol. He has demonstrated a strong commitment to traffic safety throughout his distinguished career and has saved countless lives thanks to his dedication to getting impaired drivers off of Washington State roadways.

In 2001, Trooper Marcus became a founding member of the Spokane DUI Squad, a specialized detachment formed solely to target DUI drivers. This specialized group was the predecessor to the state's current Target Zero Team program, a traffic safety effort focused on the goal of zero traffic deaths and serious injuries in Washington by 2030.

Trooper Marcus has remained in this position since its inception and continues to lead by example. Every shift he is answering calls for service, handling collisions, performing normal traffic law enforcement duties, and arresting DUI drivers. When law enforcement experienced serious challenges several years ago with COVID and police reform, Trooper Marcus did

not let this slow him down as he made the necessary adjustments and continued to perform his duties.

Earlier this year, Trooper Marcus arrested his 4000th DUI suspect, a record unmatched in the Washington State Patrol. His tireless efforts to get DUI drivers off the road have helped make roadways safer while his leadership and support of agency traffic safety objectives have served as an outstanding example for others to follow.

w. Learn more about Trooper Marcus' award by <u>clicking here</u>.

Colville troopers assist during July Arden fire evacuation



By Sgt. Michael Faulk DISTRICT 4 - COLVILLE

ARDEN, Wash. – The Colville
Detachment responded to help
Stevens County first responders
with evacuating homes in the path
of a rapidly spreading wildfire in the
Arden community on July 25. It just
so happened that there was a
detachment meeting that day, and
with the exception of two troopers
on leave, everyone was there. To the
pleasant surprise of the sheriff's

department, the sergeant and seven of his crew descended into the area, punching through the fire and contacting homes that were in its nath

Within 45 minutes, troopers were able to contact and evacuate dozens of homes, tagging mailboxes and fenceposts with flagging tape to indicate these structures had been accounted for. One of these homes was occupied by a mom and her two small children. Upon arriving, the trooper told her, "You need to get

out now!" Within minutes, the fire had ignited her backyard. By a touch of skill and good fortune, a firefighting helicopter dumped its water load on top of the home and lawn, effectively saving the home. With the combined help of local officers, national park rangers, and the Fish and Wildlife officers, many people were afforded enough time to evacuate themselves, livestock, and pets. Fortunately this fire was quickly contained with only one

WSP receives WOW award



OLYMPIA, Wash. - The Washington State Patrol (WSP) Combined Fund Drive was presented an award plaque for participation in the Well Fed, Well Read fundraiser. The WOW award is given to the state agency that shows impressive efforts in overall donations in comparison to agency size. WSP employees donated 1,130 books and 258.8 pounds of food that supported the Thurston County Food Bank and the South Sound Reading Foundation. Erin Hartstein and Rachel Messenger accepted the award at the CFD Leadership Breakfast. Other WSP employees in attendance included: Captain Jason Cuthbert, Lieutenant Will Stellmacher, Katie Thornton-Sissini, Sarah Conover, April Shuck, and Michelle Cohen. The WSP Combined Fund Drive appreciates all the employee support and donation efforts that made this a possibility!

Watch out for information on upcoming CFD events!



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Congratulations on retirement, Ingrid!



By GENE LAWRENCECRIME LAB DIVISION COMMANDER

CONGRATULATIONS! - We celebrated the retirement and career of Ms. Ingrid Dearmore on Sept. 23. Ingrid is retiring on Sept. 30 after 37 vears with the WSP Crime Laboratory Division. She began her career as a Forensic Scientist 1 on Oct. 3, 1988, assigned to the Seattle Crime Laboratory Chemistry Section. Ingrid rose through the ranks to become a supervisory forensic scientist in the Seattle Crime Laboratory Chemistry Section. She transferred to the Marvsville Crime Laboratory where she continued to serve as a supervisor of the Chemistry and Microanalysis Section. She promoted to Crime Lab Manager on April 1, 2008, assigned to the Marysville Crime Lab. She later transferred to the Vancouver Crime Lab in 2010. On July 1, 2016, Ingrid transferred to the Standards and Accountability Section, where she served the remainder of her career as the FLSB/Crime Laboratory Division

Ingrid has been recognized throughout her career for her dedication and achievements. She received a division commendation in 2014 for her work coordinating the CLD's I-502 Committee. In 2019, she received a commendation for her efforts to secure continued program accreditation for the Crime Lab Division and the Impaired Driving Section Breath Test Program.

Quality Assurance Manager.

We are sad to say goodbye to Ingrid, but we are grateful for her hard work, commitment to excellence, and unwavering dedication to the citizens of the great state of Washington.

You might run into her on the trails, so be sure to say hello if you do! She plans to focus on her true passion for the outdoors and adventure during her well-earned retirement

PIO BASIC 2025: Learning new skills



OLYMPIA, Wash. – Twenty students attended the 2025 FEMA/EMI Public Information Officer Basic Course at the Helen Sommers Building in Olympia earlier this month.

Of the 20 students, 15 were Washington State Patrol (WSP) employees. The course involves covering topics such as interview skills, media relations, writing, and numerous practical exercises - including on camera and press conference presentations.

Thank you to the WSP
Government and Media
Relations (GMR) team for
assisting in the course! Those
interested in future courses
can e-mail Sgt. Chelsea
Hodgson or Sgt. Jermaine
Walker. Future courses are
scheduled based on agency
interest/need.











Details:

Prizes will be awarded to the tournament winners.

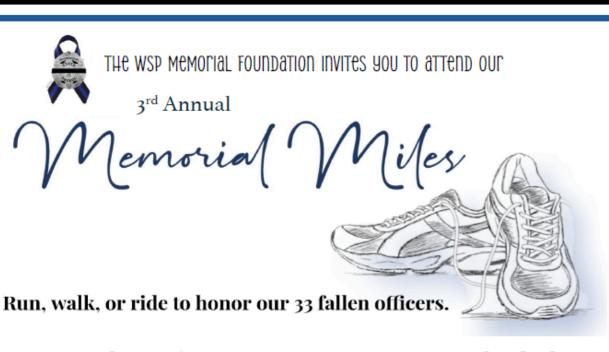
There will be activities for families and kids too, so everyone is welcome even if you don't want to officially play in the tournament. Souvenir "Gundy-Hole" t-shirt (for those pre-registered), lunch and beverages will be provided to all attendees.

1101 Outlet Collection Way, Auburn, WA

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

<u>GinaWSPAA@gmail.com</u> the number of people in your party, along with t-shirt 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)



WSP Academy / 631 W Dayton Airport Rd, Shelton

Begins Noon Saturday, September 27th ENDS Noon Sunday, September 28th

Free to attend. Bikes, kids & dogs are welcome.

PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE SO WE KNOW HOW MANY TO EXPECT.

Sponsorship opportunities are available!

FOR MORE INFORMATION - CONTACT MEGAN AT WSPMEMORIALFOUNDATION@GMAIL.COM

Register online at <u>auctria.events/memorialmiles</u>