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SO FAR THIS YEAR



7,873 impaired drivers arrested



21,642 collisions investigated



157 fatality collisions



driving contacts

29,128 distracted



24,840 seatbelt violations



driver contacts

8,4849 aggressive



224,532 excessive speed contacts



43,273 CMV inspections

NEXT WEEK:

Fair photos from across the state



Check back next week for more photos from the state fairs being held across our state!

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 <u>TheMilepost@wsp.wa.gov</u> for future consideration.





NEVER FORGOTTEN: Det. Hanger







BURLINGTON, Wash. – The Washington State Patrol (WSP) marked the 10 year anniversary of fallen WSP Detective Brent Hanger, who gave his life in the line of duty on Aug. 6, 2015. In honor of his service and sacrifice, WSP District 7, the Investigative Assistance Division, and the Washington State Patrol Memorial Foundation hosted a memorial dedication ceremony at the Washington State Patrol office in Burlington on Aug. 22, 2025. During the ceremony, a new monument was unveiled to recognize and remember Detective Hanger.

ESD TOWER CREW: Going Above



Restoration of Critical Microwave Network Path

CHELAN, Wash. – When a vital link in the agency's microwave network was compromised by an overgrown tree obstructing a key antenna, one member of the Tower Crew quite literally rose to the occasion

Washington State Patrol's (WSP's) own Bob Peterson, LE Communication Systems Tower Supervisor for the Electronic Services Division (ESD), demonstrated outstanding initiative and technical skill by safely topping the obstructing tree on Goat Mountain, north of Chelan. His efforts restored the line-of-sight path and ensured uninterrupted service for a critical communications circuit

Scaling the 55-foot tree with precision and care, Bob was supported by fellow Tower Crew members who served as spotters and safety observers throughout the operation. Their coordinated teamwork ensured the job was completed without injury, property damage, or disruption to the surrounding environment.

Approximately one-third of the tree was removed, clearing the path for reliable service well into the future. This operation is a testament to the crew's dedication, expertise, and commitment to maintaining the integrity of our communications infrastructure.





FAIR SEASON IN FULL SWING

By JAMIE SATALICHADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT 4

CENTRALIA, Wash. – This year's Southwest Washington Fair marked a major milestone for the Washington State Patrol—our longest-running manned booth at the event, and by all accounts, the most successful yet.

Throughout the week, our team connected with hundreds of fairgoers, offering safety education, fingerprinting services, and a welcoming space for community engagement. We had at least one potential applicant speak with us each day, a strong sign that our outreach is making an impact.

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Collaborative effort ensures smooth sailing for 2025 Ferry2Ferry minimoto event

BY LENNY CRICHTON HSD SERGEANT

EDMONDS, Wash. – On the sunny morning of Aug. 17, 400 mini motorbikes revved their way onto the Edmonds to Kingston ferry as the Washington State Patrol's Homeland Security Division (HSD) joined forces with Washington State Ferries to facilitate the 13th annual transport of riders participating in the annual Ferry2Ferry (F2F) mini moto ride.

The event, one of the Northwest's largest mini moto gatherings, presented unique logistical and safety challenges, given the intricate processes of loading, parking, and off-loading such a large group of motorcycles. The F2F ride spanned over 100 miles throughout Seattle and Kitsap County, including a ferry crossing from Edmonds in the morning and concluding with another ferry journey back to Seattle from Bremerton in the evening.

HSD troopers worked together with ferry staff before and throughout both crossings, ensuring a smooth and uninterrupted experience for the large contingent of motorcyclists and other commuters sharing the vessels. The successful F2F collaboration is a testament to the proactive planning and dedication of individuals like Sergeant Toby Haapala, whose efforts were crucial in orchestrating the seamless execution of this large-scale event.

The partnership between the WSP and Washington State Ferries serves as an example of how effective planning and collaborative effort can overcome complex logistical hurdles, ensuring the smooth operation of significant events and maintaining safety across different modes of transportation.

FAIR TIME: Community outreach opportunities

CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE – Parents were especially excited to see fingerprinting back at the booth this year. The fingerprint techs brought great energy and enthusiasm, and it was a joy to see how much they enjoyed being part of the fair. Their presence added a personal touch that families truly appreciated.

A huge thank-you goes out to Steve Townsend for his help with setup and teardown, spending time at the booth, and bringing a generous supply of swag. His conversations with military personnel from the booth across the way even sparked interest in future applications—perfect timing as they near the end of their contracts.

We also want to recognize Rachelle from Target Zero and Nicole Faber for their incredible support. Their help made the booth more engaging and fun, and their presence was a big part of what made this year's effort stand out. This was the best booth we've had so far, and we're already looking forward to next year. The support, teamwork, and community response were outstanding, and it's clear that our presence at the fair continues to make a meaningful difference.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's booth a success.













Congratulations to HSD's Resiliency Race winner

SEATTLE, Wash. – Washington State Patrol (WSP) Office Assistant 3 Amy Havenner has participated in the Resiliency Race for eight months. She is the fourth Preparedness Partner to receive a PreparePack from HSD Emergency Management.

When asked what motivates Amy to participate, her response was, "I grew up 23 miles from Mount St. Helens and our property, which remains in our family today, borders the Red Zone surrounding the mountain. Thanks to my parents' preparedness, we remained safe and fairly comfortable in the following days without electricity or water. This taught me the importance of being prepared."

What an incredible reminder of the importance of being prepared.

Our next drawing for your very own PreparePack will be on Wednesday,

September 10.

You still have time to complete all your Simple Steps for the year. Go to the Emergency Management SharePoint and complete the Simple Small Steps for January-August. September will be posting very soon!

EMPHASIS PATROL: Edmonds Block Party

EDMONDS, Wash. - Washington State Patrol (WSP) Target Zero Teams (TZT) from District 2 and District 7 were deployed for their first coordinated emphasis for the Edmonds Block Party in collaboration with Edmonds PD on Aug. 8-9.

During the first evening of the emphasis, which lasted approximately 4.5 hours, TZT troopers stopped 72 violators and issued many infractions. These infractions included speeding, distracted driving, and failure to wear a seat belt. It is very likely that the strong law enforcement presence deterred impaired driving, as no DUI arrests were reported that evening.

On the second evening, TZT troopers stopped 21 violators and issued 18 infractions. Two of these stops resulted in DUI arrests.

WSP summary of results over the two evenings (totaling approximately 9 hours):

- Violator stops: 93
- DUIs: 2
- Speeding violations: 32
- Distracted driving violations: 11
- Seat belt violations: 12Total infractions: 52

The statistics above include only the violator stops that occurred between milepost 181 and the King/Snohomish County line. Many troopers made additional stops, including DUI arrests, while en route to and from the emphasis area.

This was a successful first coordinated deployment for TZT, demonstrating their commitment to traffic safety and to making Washington's roadways safer for everyone.







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NEWSLETTER

Traffic Records Community



WSP PILOT COMPLETE!

After weeks of collaboration and learning we are excited to celebrate the successful ending to our pilot program. A big **THANK YOU** to our pilot participants. It's not easy being the first to use a brand new system.

TRACS PILOT RESULTS: 51 total participants creating more than 1891+ forms, including:

- 1588 NOI/NOCCs
- o 135 PTCRs
- \circ 100 tow impound forms
- 49 written warnings
- 19 electronic DUIs

Some users reported **TraCS** is fast and **effective**—once you get over the learning curve it can be quicker than SECTOR.

TraCS has an increased search functionality making it possible to search for existing vehicles and people in the system through the **master** index.

WSP DEPLOYS TRACS

The Washington State Patrol will begin enabling TraCS agency-wide between September and December. More than 80 in-person classes will be conducted to aid in the transition.



PROSECUTOR CORNER

Earlier this month, County prosecutors were emailed a TraCS Access Request form. Prosecutors who currently use the SECTOR system to view/print PDFs of NOI/NOCCs and/or to receive and transmit NOI/NOCCs electronically to the courts and plan to use TraCS will need to complete the TraCS Access Request form to obtain an account. If you have not yet completed the TraCS Access Request form please email tracs@wsp.wa.gov to begin the onboarding process.

TraCS Training Demos

TraCS demonstration videos are now available and ready for viewing. We encourage you to watch these videos ahead of your TraCS onboarding to become familiar with the key features and workflows. Link: Training Videos