



WASHINGTON STATE PATROL

# **PUBLIC RECORDS OVERVIEW REPORT**

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In accordance with the [Washington State Open Data Policy](#), the following is a general list of the records collected and maintained by the Washington State Patrol (WSP). The WSP is committed to expanding public access to data that may be made available to the public and is undertaking an ongoing effort for the WSP Enterprise Technology Governance Group to this end. This matrix will be reviewed annually and updated accordingly.

As a law enforcement entity, the WSP collects information pertinent to general law enforcement activities. Given our mission to “Make a Difference Every Day” by providing public safety for all Washingtonians, the WSP collects a wide variety of information. Some of this information may be made available to the public, but much of the data, including data about internal operations, is only available for investigations, general law enforcement activities, for conducting background checks for firearms purchases, or many of the other activities that WSP is involved in.

Acronyms		
CAD	Computer-aided dispatch	
CMV	Commercial motor vehicle	
LE	Law enforcement	
Purpose / Data Types	Public or Confidential Data	Comments
LE records Enforcement and public safety activities Images Attachments Investigative case files	Public	Subject to redactions
Vehicle equipment Maintenance records	Public	
CAD records/recordings	Public	Subject to redactions
Crime lab photos, Processing results	Confidential/Public	Confidential for autopsy purposes; subject to redactions for criminal purposes
Toxicology lab Results	Confidential/Public	Confidential for autopsy purposes; subject to redactions for criminal purposes
Body-worn camera video In-car video	Public	Subject to redactions
Training records for LE and civilian staff	Public	

Laboratory service management Requests /Chain of custody	Public	
Personnel files Human resource actions Payroll Leave, etc.	Confidential/Public	Medical files are confidential/Personnel files are subject to redactions
Firearms background checks	Confidential	
CMV safety inspections	Public	Federal-level system that WSP contributes to – subject to redactions
IT Service Management	Confidential	May be made public with redactions under certain circumstances
Flight records	Public	Subject to redactions
Traffic tickets and citations	Public	Subject to redactions
Criminal history records	Public	May be requested for background check purposes through WATCH
National Criminal Information Center (NCIC) records	Confidential	
Washington Crime Information Center (WACIC) records	Confidential	

It is important to note that this is not an all-encompassing list of data created and used by the WSP. This list focuses on the primary (major) systems for which the WSP specifically collects and maintains data and information to inform WSP operations or simply based on our mandates (e.g. Firearms Background Checks). The WSP also contributes to, or shares, data directly with other law enforcement agencies and is the central state repository for tickets and traffic citations, collision reports, and for the toxicology and crime labs. Furthermore, WSP shares or exchanges data with federal entities (e.g. DOJ, FBI) and other state agencies, such as the Departments of Transportation (DOT) and Licensing (DOL), as defined in and required by federal and state law.