

Trooper Saunders Remembered on 10th Anniversary

by Bob Calkins, Government and Media Relations

Those living in Tri-Cities recently got to see for themselves what it truly means to be a member of the WSP family.

Exactly ten years after Trooper Jimmy Saunders was murdered during a traffic stop, WSP employees from all over the state gathered on October 7, 2009, to keep Saunders' memory alive. They were joined by officers from nearby agencies and members of the general public who wanted to show their support for those who protect them.

In all, about 150 people filled the street at 28th and Lewis in Pasco, the site where Saunders was killed.

"Whoever coined the phrase 'time heals all wounds' didn't know Jim," said Deputy Chief David Karnitz to the crowd. "Time cannot and will not heal this wound."

The remembrance was held at 9 p.m., to mark the actual hour of Saunders' death. Those gathered saw a 21-bell salute from WSP Honor Guard and seven of Saunders' academy classmates. A solemn flag-lowering ceremony and a moment of silence capped the remembrance.

One of those not from WSP was Dan Morrisette, a state corrections officer at the Walla Walla prison. He wanted to pay respects to a trooper he'd first met when a prison bus loaded with dangerous inmates broke down beside the highway.

"I was pretty happy to see this big, tall trooper show up," Morrisette shared.

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The memorial that stands at the street at 28th and Lewis in Pasco, the site where Trooper Jim Saunders was killed.



Seven of Jim Saunders' Academy classmates during the moment of silence and reflection, accompanied by the 21-bell salute at the memorial ceremony.

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Prior to the public ceremony, a reception was held at the Hillcrest Memorial Center. Saunders' widow Billie, his children Megan and James Jr., and his sister Jennifer were the honored guests.

Hugs and smiles appeared to outnumber tears. Several retired troopers and spouses attended and the support for Billie was palpable.

No one had trouble figuring out which of the many children present was James Jr. He's the spitting image of his dad, especially when he smiles. At nine years old he entertained those gathered with a very polite personality and an exceptionally polished moon walk.

Jimmy's daughter Megan, 12, is now a head taller than her mother and growing well into young adulthood.

Along with the remembrances, Chief Karnitz had a message for today's troopers about their own safety. He explained to the crowd that both regulation and tradition require a picture of the most recently deceased employee be hung in every WSP office.

"As much as it pains me to see that picture every day, I hope we never have to replace it with a picture of another employee," he said. "Please, be careful."

The memorial site at 28th and Lewis includes a stone marker engraved with Saunders' image. His smiling face overlooks a place where traffic stops continue to occur on a daily basis.

"This is a natural place for violators from the freeway to pull over," District 3 commander Captain Shawn Berry said. "Over the years we have contacted literally thousands of drivers at this very spot."

One could easily argue that Jimmy, the consummate trooper himself, continues to watch over his brothers and sisters as they continue their dangerous work.



James Saunders, Jr., with Captain Mike Cobb, Richland Police Department.



Friends and guests honor the memory of Trooper Jim Saunders at a reception before the memorial service.

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Fire Protection Employees Receive Awards for their Professional Excellence



On October 14, 2009, Chief John R. Batiste awarded Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal Brandon LeMay of the Prevention Division the Chief's Award for Professional Excellence. LeMay received the award for his excellent management skills in successfully developing and implementing the Hospital Fire and Life Safety Inspection Program.



Staci Phillips, Office Assistant 3, Fire Protection Bureau, received the Quality Recognition Award from Chief John Batiste on October 14, 2009. Phillips received the award for her significant improvements in the Bureau's Nursing Home Inspection procedures.

WSP Recovers from October Dust Storm

Interstate 90 between Moses Lake and Ritzville in Eastern Washington was closed more than 19 hours on October 4, 2009, because of blowing dust and poor visibility.

An impressive effort was given by District 4 and District 6 troopers, sergeants, Commercial Vehicle Division, Criminal Investigation Division, and Communications personnel. Sergeant Mike Rupert said Sunday afternoon that visibility in the worst of the dust storm was about 5 feet, and when it let up, visibility was still only about 20 feet. Fortunately no public safety personnel were injured.

It took days of cleaning equipment and assessing the damage to cars, electronics (computers and cameras) and other equipment from the dust storm.

(Left) Trooper Matt Fehler and (Right) Sergeant Steve Morehead from the Ritzville Detachment come in from the storm.



60 Miles for a Breast Cancer Cure

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 Beverly Gunkel,
 Washington State Attorney General's Office

My mama passed away from breast cancer December 10, 1998. My youngest brother passed away from lung cancer February 13, 2002. My cousin passed away from breast cancer June, 2002. I was diagnosed with breast cancer January 8, 2003.

After a lumpectomy, eight weeks of radiation, and five years of preventative medication, I am now considered "cancer free." I am now a six year survivor. The yearly mammogram isn't any less stressful. My passion for a cure isn't any less intense.

I had the honor and privilege this year to walk in the Breast Cancer 3-Day walk sponsored by Susan G. Komen on September 11 - 13, 2009. I walked with 2,200 amazing people over 60 miles for the fight against breast cancer. Within that 2,200 were 170 survivors and I am one of them. I am a SURVIVOR!! Together through donations, we raised over \$5 million.

The Breast Cancer 3-Day is an amazing journey that I will definitely participate in again. I got blisters and sore muscles. I had little sleep but met some incredible people. I was thankful to those that sacrificed for something that has touched my family, my friends and me. The sacrifices that we experienced during the 3-day walk were minimal in comparison to what some have sacrificed during their breast cancer journeys.

My cousin and I, along with the other 2,200 walkers, started the 60 miles at Shoreline Community College on Friday, September 11. It was dark and chilly, but the energy that was apparent in all of the walkers was electrifying. After walking 21 miles, sweating, hurting and crying, we arrived at our campsite. Our first day was incredible. The next morning, after sleeping in our pink tent, my cousin and I got up (not as gingerly as the day before when we got out of our comfortable beds at home) and started the walk of a lifetime all over again. We left the campsite around 7:30 a.m. and walked a 21-mile loop around Everett. Needless to say, the blisters became one with my feet and the muscles were not so happy with me. But once again, after lots of water, port-a-potties, and strangers cheering us on, we made it back to camp. Warm evening showers were now something treasured and luxurious.

The last day of the walk was September 13. We were bused to North Seattle to start the last day of the most incredible journey I've ever encountered. We walked to Green Lake, to Lake Union, over the Fremont Bridge, to the Marina, up Capital Hill (we now affectionately call the demon hill) to Volunteer Park, down through the Broadway and Pike Street areas, to the waterfront and back up to Seattle Center. Key Arena was Sanctuary. This was where the walk came to an end. Or so we thought. Of course there was the very emotional Closing Ceremony, but this finish line was not the end. To me this walk was the beginning. It was the beginning of helping find a cure. The beginning of helping to give my daughters in law, my future grandchildren, my neighbors, my friends, my family and me a future without breast cancer.

Never, ever give up hope because everyone deserves a lifetime!!!!



(Top) Beverly Gunkel (right) and her cousin Dawn Lano during their 60-mile walk.
 (Below) Cancer survivors enter Memorial Stadium closing ceremonies at the Seattle Center.



WSP Tissue Donation Program

In September 2009, the Washington State Patrol referred 19 deaths to SightLife.

On September 6, 2009, in District 2, a one car vs. pedestrian collision occurred. A 26-year-old male lost his life in this collision. He was registered as a Washington State Donor, donating his corneas. His corneas were shipped overseas for transplant.

On September 14, 2009, in District 4, a car over embankment collision occurred. A 34-year-old male lost his life in this collision. He was registered as a Washington State Donor, donating his corneas. One recipient of his corneas was a 71-year-old male from Washington and the other cornea recipient was a 58-year-old male also from Washington.

DID YOU KNOW?

Sergeant Darren Mihelich has twice been a recipient of a tissue donor? His first tissue transplant surgery was in November 2003, when he tore his ACL in a skiing accident in 2002. Then again in October 2008, he tore the same ACL while working on his home. He had another ACL repair in January of 2009, this time using a donor Achilles tendon, due to the prior repair that made his tunnels too large for the standard ACL repair.

Sergeant Mihelich stated, "Both times a donor ligament or tendon was utilized and I am grateful for the tissue program and I myself am a donor."

Tissue Donor Watch

Through July 2009:

Tissue Donations 62

Cornea Donations 146

For more information about the Tissue donor project go to:

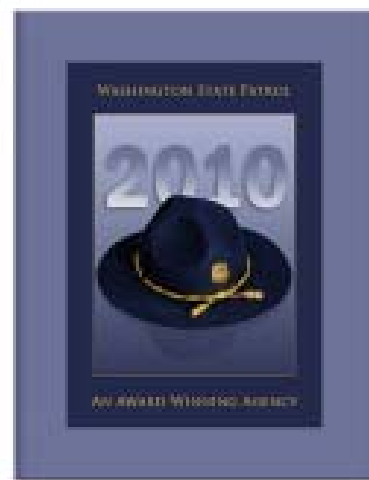
<http://www.wsp.wa.gov/community/tissue.htm>



An Award Winning Agency, the 2010 WSP Yearbook

The Washington State Patrol, the Washington State Patrol Memorial Foundation, and M.T. Publishing Company have joined together to produce a new yearbook. The 2010 WSP Yearbook, "An Award Winning Agency," is a great way for our agency to showcase our accomplishments and identify the faces behind the scenes of the Best Dressed and the Best Law Enforcement Agency in the Nation!

A contracted photographer for the M.T. Publishing Company will be taking the photos of all employees. Employees should be dressed in neat and professional attire as outlined in the Regulation Manual (16.02.010). Uniformed employees should be dressed in their Class A uniform. We hope that you will permit your photograph to be included in the yearbook.



The last yearbook was produced in 2005. WSP has seen a lot of change since that time. Sales of the 2010 Yearbook will cover the cost of production. Portions of the proceeds from each yearbook will go to the WSP Memorial Foundation.

Although the purchase of the yearbook is optional, this is a great opportunity to show our support of the WSP Memorial Foundation, as they will receive a percentage of the sales. For more information on the cost of the yearbook, please see www.mtpublishing.com/proddetail.asp?prod=washstatepatrol.

All yearbooks are pre-ordered, so order now! More information will be forthcoming regarding the dates/times/locations of the photo sitting. If you have any questions, please contact Lieutenant Travis Matheson at (360) 704-2954, or write to wsp.yearbook@wsp.wa.gov.



U.S. Flag Flown in Iraq Now in Union Gap

Trooper Sergio Cervantes recently presented District 3 Captain Shawn Berry and Assistant District Commander Lieutenant Jim Keightley a U.S. flag flown from one of Staff Sergeant Cervantes' vehicles while on patrol in Iraq.

The flag will be displayed in the District 3 Headquarters – Union Gap.

Trooper Cervantes is a Staff Sergeant with the Washington State Army National Guard, 81st Heavy Brigade Combat Team. While deployed, his unit, A Troop, 1-303 Cavalry Regiment, was responsible for providing security escort for the movement of military personnel, supplies, and equipment throughout Iraq.

Trooper Cervantes returned to duty with the Grandview Detachment on August 31, 2009, after completing his second year-long tour of duty in Iraq with the Washington Army National Guard.

In 2009, WSP had 14 personnel deployed throughout the Middle East, six of soldiers recently returned with the Washington State Army National Guard. The State Patrol has personnel serving in all branches of the military reserves and the Army and Air National Guard.



HAVE YOU HAD YOUR FLU SHOT?

Have you had a seasonal flu shot yet? According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the single best way to prevent getting and spreading seasonal flu is to get vaccinated each fall.

Many people can receive the seasonal flu shot as part of their health insurance benefits-check with your insurer to find out how you can get this important preventive shot. Many local drug stores are also offering flu shots for a fee of around \$25-check with your local drug store to find out if this is something they are doing.

Additionally, this Fall the vaccine for H1N1 (Swine Flu) will be available. According to the CDC, the H1N1 vaccine will become available in mid-October, and will be distributed first to the most at-risk groups, such as children and pregnant women. To find out about the H1N1 vaccine, please contact your health care provider.

Prevention is Key

For the seasonal flu and H1N1, staying healthy and taking measures to prevent contracting the virus is best:

1. Wash your hand frequently (for at least 20 seconds)
2. Cover your cough (cough into your elbow and not into your hands)
3. Stay home if you are sick to prevent spreading illness

If you are experiencing flu symptoms, call your health care provider for treatment advice.



The Academy Raises Money for Children's Hospital

The Training Division's 5th Annual Combined Fund Drive event, The Bite of the Academy, held on October 8, 2009, raised a total of \$525 for Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center!

Congratulations to our first place winners: Deputy Bill Adam (Mason County), Alana Marrs, and Sergeant Tracy Marrs-Hayes. They each received a gift certificate for Consolidated Restaurants of Seattle, which includes such establishments as the Metropolitan Grill, Elliott's Oyster House, and the Union Square Grill (a portion from the certificates is donated to Children's Hospital). The other prize winners – retired Sergeant Jim Gallagher, Trooper Aaron Hayes, and Captain Coral Estes – each received a gift card for Cold Stone Creamery. The Training Division thanks retired Trooper Joe Anderson, retired Sergeant Ken Boad, and Corporal Paul Cagle for providing music for the event.

(Top photo) From left to right, Captain Coral Estes, Alana Marrs, Sergeant Tracy Marrs-Hayes, Deputy Bill Adam Mason County Sheriff's Office, retired Sergeant Jim Gallagher, and Trooper Aaron Hayes.
 (Bottom photo) On bass guitar retired Sergeant Ken Boad, lead guitar retired Trooper Joe Anderson, and drums Corporal Paul Cagle.



Thank You

My Friends,

I cannot thank you enough for your prayers, care cards, letters, e-mails, meals, \$\$\$, shared leave, and good wishes after my recent motorcycle accident.

My wife and daughter and I are so blessed to be part of the WSP family.

Special thanks to the Fire Protection Bureau and the WSP Memorial Foundation.

Many blessings to each of you!

Lyll H. Smith
 Deputy State Fire Marshal

Annual WSP Retirees Christmas Brunch

Mark your calendar to attend the Annual WSP Retirees Christmas Brunch, Sunday, December 6, 2009, 10 a.m. - noon, Chambers House Restaurant at Panorama City, 1751 Circle Lane SE, Lacey. Cost is \$18.00 per person, including tax and gratuity.

To attend, please contact Tom or Mary Neff via e-mail at tomneff4@comcast.net or phone (360) 455-8943 by December 1, 2009.

WSP Memorial Foundation 2009 Fiscal Year Update

Since 1983, the Washington State Patrol Memorial Foundation (WSPMF) has provided \$1,281,058 in financial assistance to Washington State Patrol employees and their families.

This last fiscal year the WSPMF provided 10 new scholarships and 20 renewable scholarships, which totaled \$30,000 to families of the Washington State Patrol. This is the eighteenth year of the scholarship program! This year, two of our fallen officers' children (Adam Hawn and Christian Frink) received an Educational Grant for books, room, board, and tuition totaling \$15,308.

In addition to the scholarships, the WSPMF has provided over \$44,495 in assistance to WSP families in need this year. The WSPMF was involved in the following activities:

- The WSPMF Dinner held in Seattle on April 18, 2009, raised \$19,330 for the College Fund of our fallen officers' children. Family members of Troopers James Saunders, Steven Frink, Cliff Hansell, James Gain, Frank Noble, and Officer Joseph Modlin attended the Memorial Dinner as our guest. The WSPMF Core Value Award Recipients were Troopers Nicholas Jennings, Todd Bartolac, Maxwell Criss, and CVEOs Leslie Walker and Steven Stiles who attended the dinner as our guests.
- A Christmas donation was made to the family of each employee on active military duty.
- A donation was made in the memory of each law enforcement officer/firefighter killed in the line of duty in the state of Washington.
- The WSPMF sent Angela Benson, daughter of Trooper Cliff Hansell, and Luanne Mason, daughter of Officer Joseph Modlin, to the National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington D.C. to remember their fathers. They honored all 26 Fallen Officers by reverently placing each officer's photograph at the location where their names are forever enshrined on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Memorial.
- Purchased the Trooper James Gain Memorial sign, which was dedicated on March 6, 2009, at the Gee Creek Rest Area on I-5 at mile post 13.
- Participated in the dip for tips at the Ben & Jerry Ice Cream Event on April 21, 2009, raising \$1,407.04 for the WSPMF.
- On September 17, 2009, the Combined Fund Drive kick-off proceeds of \$555 were donated to the WSPMF.

Currently the WSPMF has 1,044 contributing members (907 active and 137 retired employees). To be a voting member of the WSPMF, you must contribute \$5 per month or \$2.50 a pay period; this minimal deduction goes a long way in helping WSP families in need. If you would like to be a contributing member of the WSPMF, please request the form through Sharon Phillips at sharon@wspmf.org, or call her at (360) 866-9555.

The **2010 Memorial Foundation Dinner is May 1, 2010**, which will be held at the Hilton Hotel in Vancouver, Washington.

***Mission Statement:** We, the Washington State Patrol Memorial Foundation, are entrusted to preserve the memory of Washington State Patrol fallen officers and to provide assistance to active and retired Washington State Patrol employees and their families in times of need.*

Lt. Travis Matheson, President
Washington State Patrol Memorial Foundation

WSP Retirees' Annual Arizona Reunion

The WSP Arizona Annual Reunion will be held on February 4, 2010, from noon until 5 p.m. at Sunbird Golf Resort in Chandler, AZ. Ret. Maj. Fred Pilon is hosting this season's festivities.

We are going "back to basics" this year—everyone is to bring their own meat to grill, beverages, plates and silverware, and a potluck dish to pass.

Directions to Sunbird: Go south on I-10 to Exit 167, Riggs Rd. Go east (left) on Riggs Road approximately seven miles to the entrance of Sunbird Golf Resort, which is the first signal light after McQueen. Turn right, to the guard office, then continue down Championship Drive to Waterview. (Stop sign). Turn left on Waterview to the Clubhouse. The Reunion will be on the big patio, by the pool.

Hope to see everyone there. If you have any questions, you can call Fred Pilon at 480-802-0722 or e-mail at msunbirds@aol.com.

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WSP Commissions New K9's



Trooper Robert Richey & K9 Rocket, Explosive Detection Canine Handler, Homeland Security Division



Trooper Grant P. Sligh & K9 Hetzer, to Narcotic Detection Canine Handler, District 2 – Seattle



Trooper Charles R. Gardiner & K9 Corbin, to Narcotic Detection Canine Handler, District 5 – Vancouver



Sergeant Geof Jacobson & K9 Rocco, Explosive Detection Canine Handler, Homeland Security Division

Additional K9's were commissioned at the ceremony:

Deputy Beau Lamens & K9 Maddox,
Grant County Sheriff's Department
Detective Carl Zylak & K9 Zoe,
Seattle Police Department
Officer Russ Mize & K9 Otis,
Tumwater Police Department
Officer Jason Glasgow & K9 Lance,
Bremerton Police Department

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Susan L. Aschenbrenner



Lieutenant
Steven D. Johnson

Susan L. Aschenbrenner was appointed as the Technical Services Bureau Assistant Director, effective October 1, 2009.

Sue graduated from Central Washington University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Administration and Economics.

She began her career as the Supply Section Logistics Officer with Washington Management Service, Band 1, on December 18, 2000, assigned to the Property Management Division in Tumwater.

Sue was recognized for her work on the firearms transition, improving supply deliveries, and streamlining purchasing in 2003, and again in 2004 for her efforts to improve her division's operation and enhancing the capacity of her unit.

On May 1, 2007, she was promoted to Budget Management Analyst with Budget and Fiscal Services.

Steven D. Johnson was promoted to RCW Lieutenant, effective September 1, 2009, assigned to the Commercial Vehicle Division.

Steve was born in Newport, Washington, and graduated from Central Valley High School in Veradale, Washington. He earned his Associates of Arts Degree in Law

Enforcement from Spokane Community College, a Bachelor of Arts Degree and his Masters Degree in Public Administration from The Evergreen State College.

Steve began his career with the Washington State Patrol on September 2, 1986, as a trooper cadet, assigned to

District 4, Spokane. He graduated with the 64th Academy Class and was commissioned on January 9, 1986, assigned to Grand Coulee.

On January 11, 1988, Steve transferred to District 1, Tacoma. He was appointed to the SWAT team on February 1, 1991.

On October 17, 1994, he transferred to District 8, Shelton. He was appointed to the position of detective on January 24, 1996, assigned to the Traffic Investigation Unit in Bremerton.

Steve was promoted to the rank of RCW Sergeant on March 10, 1997, assigned to District 8, Bremerton.

On December 21, 1998, he transferred to the Administrative Division, assigned to the Drug Evaluation and Classification Program.

He transferred to District 1, Olympia, on January 17, 2005.

Steve received several commendations, which includes recognition for professionalism and outstanding performance during a pursuit and officer-involved shooting, outstanding response to a riot situation, Chief's Coin for dedicated service as the Washington State Drug Evaluation and Classification Program coordinator, and Chief's Coin for

actions during a civil disturbance at the Port of Olympia.

Promotions

Crary, Karen E., Forensic Scientist, Marysville Crime Lab, eff: 07/16/09.

David, Cynthia G., Correctional Records Technician 1-Identification and Criminal History, eff: 10/01/09.

Hawkins, Jamie L., Communications Officer 2-Yakima Communications, eff: 10/01/09.

Henson, Crystal F., Information Technology Specialist 4-CS Applications 2, eff: 10/11/09.

Kaelin, Rachel L., Communications Officer 1-Tacoma Communications, eff: 10/13/09.

Legun, Thomas A., Warehouse Operator 2-Supply, eff: 09/16/09.

Lowry, Crystal L., Administrative Assistant 3-Internal Affairs, eff: 10/01/09.

Lynch, Bethany A., Communications Officer 2-Yakima Communications, eff: 10/01/09.

Moniz, Amber D., Communications Officer 2-Wenatchee Communications, eff: 10/01/09.

Morelli, James L., Transportation Specialist 2, Criminal Records Division, eff: 09/16/09.

Ransier, Mary E., Communications Officer 2-Bremerton Communications, eff: 10/01/09.

Skinner, Molly A., Correctional Records Technician 2- Identification and Criminal History, eff: 10/01/09.

Stevens, Cary D., Communications Officer 1-Tacoma Communications, eff: 09/16/09.

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Service Pins

30 years

John Martin, Washington State Information Network Coordinator, October 1;
Trooper Gary Scott, October 1.

25 years

VIN Officer 2 Gloria Lelifeld, October 9.

20 years

Brian Everson, Information Technology Section, October 2;
Trooper Bryant Blake, October 3;
Captain Stephen Burns, October 13;
Trooper Herbert Jackson, October 16;
CVEO 3 Linda Powell, October 16;
Karen Groom, Office Assistant 3, October 30;
Kathy Schiewe, Confidential Secretary, October 30.

15 years

Trooper David Hodel, October 3;
Sharyl Crabtree, Property and Evidence Coordinator, October 10;
Trooper Leonard McLaughlin, October 10;
CVEO 2 Michael Williams, October 17.

10 years

Neclisa Floyd, Officer Manager, October 9;
Trooper Jill Hannem, October 18;
Darron Hartman, Construction and Maintenance Supervisor 2, October 18;
CO 2 Michele Jeffrey, October 18;
CO 1 Angela McKee, October 20;
Holly Dahl, Information Technology Specialist 3, October 25.

5 years

Joshua Napier, Information Technology Specialist 4, October 6;
Melissa Fecht, Office Assistant 3, October 25.

Births

Forensic Scientist 3 Janice Wu gave birth to Sydney Kate on September 29. Sydney weighed 6 lbs., 6 oz., and measured 18 in. long.

Shira Jones, wife of **Trooper Clark Jones**, gave birth to baby boy, Sawyer Tate Jones, on October 8. Sawyer weighed 7 lbs., 3 oz., 19 3/4 in. long.

Karen Lever, wife of **Assistant Chief Jim Lever**, Technical Services Bureau, gave birth to a baby girl, Maggie Kristine Lever, on October 19. Maggie weighed 7 lbs., 3 oz.

Deaths

Edith Akehurst, 95, mother-in-law of **Carol Akehurst, Correctional Records Technician 1**, and grandmother of **Melissa Gannie, Deputy State Fire Marshal**, passed away on September 30.

Former **Communications Officer 3 Jessie-Joy (Baker) McNinch**, and wife of former **Sergeant Gary McNinch**, passed away on October 6, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Retired Trooper Orville J. Brown (Chehalis) passed away on October 6, in Centralia.

Jim Johnson, brother of **retired Detective Ron Johnson**, and brother-in-law of **Communications Officer 1 Nancy Johnson** died in a one-car collision in Spokane County, on October 7.

Eleanor Sherman, 86, wife of **retired Captain Russell Sherman**,

passed away on October 10, in Olympia.

Velma Gustafson, 92, grandmother of **Kim Gustafson, Secretary Senior**, passed away on October 11.

Billy G. Jackson, 80, father-in-law of **retired Lieutenant Bruce Clark**, died on October 14, in Wenatchee.

Wilma L. "Billie" Baran, 76, mother of **Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officer 1 Rick Baran** passed away on October 15.

Retired Automotive Technician Richard (Dick) Smith, 84, passed away on October 16, in Olympia.

Enid Knutzen, 88, mother of **retired Trooper Rod Hewitson**, passed away on October 17.

Bennie Lisenbey, 70, father of former **Communications Officer 1 LaDeana Morehead** and father-in-law of **Sergeant Steve Morehead**, passed away on October 18, in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Stephanie E. Keck, 49, sister of **Communications Officer 1 Dave Kastel**, passed away on October 18, in Tacoma.

Gary Jones, 68, father of **Lieutenant Jeff Jones**, Commercial Vehicle Division, Region 3 Commander, passed away suddenly on October 20.

Marion Eichhorn, widow of deceased **Trooper Ernest Eichhorn**, passed away on October 23, in Puyallup.

Steven Miller, 27, son of **Trooper Gary Miller** and stepson of **Communications Officer 4 Anne Miller-Hewitt**, died unexpectedly on October 23.

Retired Communications Officer 3 William M. Richards passed away on October 22, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Dr. Margaret Pranger, grandmother of **Forensic Scientist 4 Natasha Pranger**, passed away on October 22.

Retirements Retirements Retirements



Kip Johnson



Diane D. McNamara



Kenneth R. Morss

Kip Johnson retired on October 1, 2009, after 21 years of dedicated service with the Washington State Patrol and 23 1/2 years total service with the state of Washington.

Kip began her career with the Washington State Patrol in 1988. On October 28, 1991, Kip was promoted to the position of Clerical Supervisor 1 located at the Records Section in Olympia.

Kip was selected for promotion to Clerical Supervisor 2 in the Records Section in October 1992.

In June 1997, Kip's position was reallocated to the class of Office Support Supervisor 2 and then in January 1999, her position was placed in the Washington Management Service and titled Collision Records Program Manager.

On August 1, 2003, Kip's position as Collision Records Program Manager was reallocated and she promoted to a Transportation Planning Specialist 2 with the Collision Records Section, where she remained for the duration of her career.

Diane D. McNamara retired on October 1, 2009, after almost 16 years of dedicated service with the Washington State Patrol.

Diane was born in Seattle, Washington, and graduated from Soap Lake High School in Soap Lake, Washington. She attended Big Bend Community College and graduated from Capitol Business College.

Diane began her career with the Washington State Patrol on November 29, 1993, as a Temporary Office Trainee, assigned to the Identification Section.

On August 15, 1994, Diane began a probationary appointment within the Identification Section as an Office Trainee.

Diane was promoted to a Microfilm Technician 1 effective March 2, 1995, and then on September 2, 1995, promoted to a Microfilm Technician 2 within the Identification Section.

On October 9, 1995, Diane was promoted to the position of Clerk Typist 3 with the Identification Section.

Diane's position as a Clerk Typist 3 was reallocated to the title of Office Assistant Senior effective July 1, 1997, and then on December 1, 1999, her position as an Office Assistant Senior was reallocated to a Customer Services Specialist 3.

On April 1, 2004, Diane's position was reallocated to the class of Correctional Records Specialist.

Kenneth R. Morss retired on October 1, 2009, after 14 years and three months of dedicated service with the Washington State Patrol, and 19 years and six months total service with the state of Washington.

Kenneth began his career with the Washington State Patrol on July 1, 1995, as a Program Manager Technical Specialist 3, assigned to the Fire Services Bureau in Longview. Kenneth came over to the State Patrol when the Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development's Fire Service became part of the Washington State Patrol.

On October 1, 1998, Kenneth's position was reallocated to the class of Deputy State Fire Marshal.

Kenneth was selected for promotion to Deputy State Fire Marshal Supervisor with the Fire Protection Bureau effective December 2, 1999.

WSP Retirees

The Inside Out is always looking for stories about life after the Patrol.

Contact the Inside Out at (360) 596-4010 or insideout@wsp.wa.gov if you would like us to tell your story.

Mark your calendar

The 2010 WSP Memorial Foundation Dinner will be May 1, 2010, at the Hilton Hotel in Vancouver, WA.

The Washington State Patrol recognizes and honors the officers who served with distinction and died in the line of duty during the month of October.



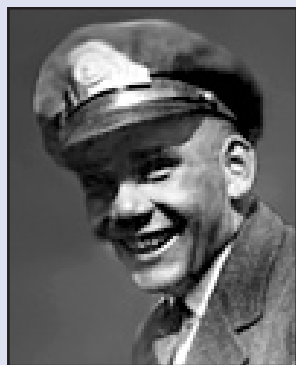
Trooper James Saunders died on October 7, 1999, at the age of 31 from gunshot wounds while conducting a traffic stop in Pasco. At the time of his death, Trooper Saunders had served 8-1/2 years with the Washington State Patrol as a trooper. Saunders is the 26th Washington State Patrol officer to die in the line of duty.

Trooper Saunders began his State Patrol career on January 7, 1991, as a cadet assigned to Governor's Mansion Security in Olympia. He was commissioned December 20, 1991, with the 73rd Trooper Basic Training Class and assigned to Coulee City, working out of the Ephrata detachment. He transferred in 1996 to Kennewick.

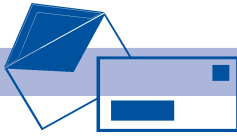
His survivors include his wife, Billie; daughter, Megan; son, James; along with his parents John and Jan Saunders, and his sister Jennifer.



Trooper H. Douglas Cossman died on October 9, 1929, at the age of 28. He died from injuries he received in a collision with an automobile and his motorcycle at 46th & Park Avenue in Tacoma. At the time of his death, Trooper Cossman had served only 2 months with the Washington State Patrol as a trooper.



Trooper Irving Thorsvig was on his motorcycle August 29, 1926, going westbound on the old Bothell-Seattle highway when he slipped on the brick surface. A handle bar struck him in the chest. At first, it was believed to be a minor chest injury and later a bruised lung, but it developed into a serious lung problem. His mother took him to Los Angeles, but he died October 26, 1926, before reaching a sanitarium. Trooper Thorsvig had served 9 months with the Washington State Patrol.



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E-mail received in regards to Trooper Carson Abell, District 1, and the Aggressive Driving Apprehension Team (ADAT).

I would like to thank the officers who stopped the truck speeding and driving reckless on September 4, 2009, going westbound on Highway 16 at 1:30 p.m. The vehicle was stopped between the 19th Ave. and 6th Street exit in Tacoma. The WSP officer was driving a gold patrol vehicle. This vehicle was driving at a high rate of speed and endangers all drivers on a busy holiday travel day. Job well done WSP!!!!

Thank you,

Russell D. McPhee

Letter received from the Department of Revenue in regards to Trooper Ray Ensley, District 7, who went "beyond the license plate."

Dear Trooper Ensley,

Thank you for your assistance. The referral and subsequent information you provided to the Department of Revenue regarding the sale of sawdust in Burlington by an unregistered business led to a tax assessment in the amount of \$24,292.21.

Your observation of the fraud and detailed communications of it to us made this tax assessment possible. Monies like these go a long way toward helping the Department of Revenue fulfill our goal of funding the services of Washington State.

We appreciate your assistance.

Sincerely,

Wende Caldwell, Revenue Agent

E-mail received in regards to motorist assistance from Trooper Mark Hirz, District 3. Photo was taken by the motorist.

Trooper Hirz,

My friend, Michelle Lund, and I would like to express our thanks and gratitude to you for the assistance you gave us with changing my flat tire last Thursday, October 8, when we were starting out on our trip to Wisconsin. The help and kindness you gave us certainly expressed the WA State Patrol motto "Making a Difference Every Day," You certainly made a difference to our day and our trip! We ended up needing a new tire (from Les Schwab in Ritzville), and arrived safely in Wisconsin late Saturday night, October 10. Again...thank you and God bless you!

I've attached a picture that I took of you changing the tire.

Carolyn Teegardin



E-mail received from District 2 in regards to Trooper Kyle Smith's professionalism during a traffic stop.

Hi,

I wanted to send out a small compliment to Officer K. Smith. I am sorry that I do not have any additional information except that he pulled over my mother Mary Johnson for crossing the carpool double white line today around 3:30pm right before the 15th street exit. He explained that the WSP has been working extra hard to make sure people do not cross over and I am very grateful for all your hard work. But I wanted to let you know that Officer K. Smith was so professional and respectful. I am a 35-year-old woman and have seen a lot of bad attitude police officers and it's so refreshing to have and know someone like K. Smith is out making our area safer.

Thank you so much and please let him know how grateful I am as to his kindness and courtesy of explaining the infraction.

Jody Devereaux