# Inside Out WASHINGTON STATE PATROL

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## Target Zero Teams Launch Combined Anti-DUI Effort

Data, intense patrols, and expert prosecutors aim to reduce DUI deaths.

Starting July 1, 2010, the message from 21 Washington State Patrol troopers, fellow police officers from local cities, and deputies from King, Pierce, and Snohomish Counties is, if you choose to drink and drive in our counties you stand a greatly increased chance of being caught and convicted.

Why the tough talk? Because nearly three dozen police agencies will have officers spending the next two years on one of three Target Zero Teams - a multi-agency task force that will intensely hunt for impaired drivers in the three-county area.

"We've long had regional, multi-agency teams for serious crimes such as narcotics and auto theft," said State Patrol Chief John R. Batiste. "It's time we applied that same successful approach to the very serious crime of impaired driving."

The core of these Target Zero Teams will be 21 members of the Washington State Patrol. Six troopers and one sergeant will work full-time in each county. County and local agencies will contribute deputies or officers as time and resources permit.

The Target Zero Teams are funded by a two-year grant from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). The project goes far beyond traditional DUI squads of the past.

• Experienced planners will use the latest GIS mapping software to guide the Target Zero patrols. Team members will know where crashes are occurring and which roads lead to high-collision areas.

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Top photo, troopers at the Target Zero Teams media event, from left to right, Trooper Angela Hayes, Trooper Phillip Davis, Trooper Mike Cheek, Trooper John Garden, Trooper Linda Hayes, Sergeant Ray Schierhoff, and Trooper Scott Sweeney.

Bottom photo, vehicles from law enforcement agencies involved with the Target Zero Teams all lined up during the media event at Boeing Field.



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#### Training Division and Human Resource Division Have New Commanders

Captain Marc Lamoreaux from the Human Resource Division will be taking over as the Division Commander the Training Division effective August 1, 2010. Captain Lamoreaux has been the Commander of the Human Resource Division since September 2006. Prior to his position as HRD Commander, he held the position of lieutenant with the Investigative Assistance Division, Special Investigations Section.



Captain Marc Lamoreaux

Captain Jay Cabezuela from the Field Operations Bureau/Rapid Deployment Force has been assigned as the Commander of the Human Resource Division effective August 1, 2010. Cabezuela was appointed to Staff Captain with the Field Operations Bureau as the Rapid Deployment Force/Incident Management Team Planning Captain in April, 2010. Prior to him becoming a Staff Captain, he was assigned to District 3, Kennewick, as a lieutenant.



Captain Jay Cabezuela

# WSP Places Third in the 2009-2010 IACP National Law Enforcement Challenge

The Washington State Patrol received third place in the 2009-2010 International Association of Chiefs of Police National Law Enforcement Challenge. WSP competed in the category of State-Agencies Highway Patrol 1001-2500 personnel.



The National Law Enforcement Challenge provides law enforcement agencies with an opportunity to make a significant difference in the communities they serve. The Challenge is a competition between similar sizes and types of law enforcement agencies that recognizes and rewards the best overall traffic safety programs in the United States.

The program is designed to strengthen and support traffic enforcement nationwide and targets three major traffic safety priorities: occupant protection, impaired driving, and speeding. Participating agencies are asked to provide documentation on their agency's efforts and effectiveness in areas of officer training, public information, and enforcement to reduce crashes and injuries.

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### Awards and Recognition

On June 2, 2010, Corporal Mark Tegard received the Distinguished and Devoted Service Award from Chief John R. Batiste. His award was in recognition of his dedication to officer safety, his firearms expertise, and valuable contributions as the lead Firearms Instructor to the Training Division.



On June 11, 2010, Trooper John J. Pederson received the Distinguished and Devoted Service Award from Deputy Chief Dave Karnitz in recognition of his outstanding service to the citizens of Washington State through his commitment to the Collision Technician Program, and for being the Washington State Patrol's longest serving Collision Technical Specialist.

On June 2, 2010, Roy Marsh received the Professional Excellence Award from Chief John R. Batiste in recognition of his work on the "Fusion Net" Project at the Washington State Fusion Center in 2009, his expertise as a resource for law enforcement statewide, and his continued high level of work performance.



#### Trooper Receives Top Graduate Award During Air Force Basic Training, Now in Pararescue Course

On July 9, 2010, Trooper Scott Raedel, District 5, received the U.S. Air Force Basic Military Training Top Graduate Award out of 800 Airmen Trainees at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. The award is based on academics, physical fitness, core values, and leadership.

Raedel is now currently in Pararescuemen or "PJ" training at Lackland Air Force Base. It takes about 18 months to complete PJ training, with all the specialty schools they are required to attend. The schools range from Pararescue/Combat Control Course, U.S. Army Airborne Parachutist School, U.S. Army Combat Divers School, U.S. Army Military Freefall Parachutist School, U.S. Air Force Basic Survival School, Special Operations Combat Medic Course, and the Pararescue Recovery Specialist Course.



Pararescuemen are the U.S. Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC) and Air Combat Command (ACC) operatives tasked with recovery and medical treatment of personnel in humanitarian and combat environments. They are the only members of the Department of Defense specifically organized, trained, and equipped to conduct personnel recovery operations in hostile or denied areas as a primary mission. In addition, Pararescuemen provide contingency landing sites for NASA missions.

Raedel is on military leave from the Patrol and is an Airman with the U.S. Air Force Reserve.

#### Target Zero

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- State troopers, sheriff's deputies, and city police officers will be out every night of the week looking for impaired drivers. Each officer was selected by his or her agency because they are the most motivated and experienced at arresting impaired drivers.
- Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutors will work with officers to improve the quality and content of their investigations and reports. These prosecutors are also available, upon request, to assist local prosecutors in presenting the best possible cases in court.

"These will be intense, multi-agency, data-driven patrols with the goal of reducing fatalities and serious injuries," said Lowell Porter, director of the Washington Traffic Safety Commission (WTSC). "We will use objective data to make sure we're patrolling the right roads, at the right time, with officers very experienced at arresting impaired drivers."

The grant also funds research to measure every aspect of performance and results.

Batiste is especially happy to have two expert prosecutors as team members.

"These are highly skilled and very experienced prosecutors. They will help our troopers, deputies, and officers do better investigations and write better reports," Batiste said.

The name "Target Zero" is drawn from the state's plan to reduce highway deaths to zero by the year 2030.

## Share the Hard Work or Events in Your Office

The Inside Out would like to tell your office, district, or detachment story.

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#### Former WSP Communications Officer Recognized by the Seattle Mariners for helping Families With Sick Kids

Former WSP Communications Officer 3 Tim Hannah, who lost his two-year-old daughter in 2006 to a heart defect, now helps other families deal with caring for ill children, he has been named the Seattle Mariners 2010 Major League Baseball and People Magazine "All-Stars Among Us" winner.



Former CO 3 Tim Hannah

Hannah was honored with
29 other people from across
the country during a pre-game
ceremony at the 81st Major League
Baseball All-Star Game on July 13, 2010.

Hannah was chosen from among three Mariners finalists by online voting of fans. Fans across the country cast 1.7 million votes, more than double the number from last year. Created in 2009, "All-Stars Among Us" recognizes individuals who are serving their community in extraordinary ways.

Hannah has channeled his grief at the death of his two-year-old daughter from a congenital heart defect into a way to help other families caring for very sick children. Hannah founded the non-profit "Jamie's Heart," named after his daughter, to help families pay for such things as medical care and housing and travel and provide much needed encouragement from someone who has experienced what they are going through. Hannah says every time he helps another family, he is honoring the memory of his daughter.

Hannah was a CO 3 for several years, both in Spokane and at Headquarters in Olympia. He is now the director of the Puyallup's 911 center.

#### 3 Marathons in 73 Days Began With Walks Around Capitol Lake

A Chinese Proverb states "A journey of a thousand miles began with a single step." To join the Marathon Maniacs, your journey starts with three marathons in 90 days. Heidi Thomsen with Budget and Fiscal Services completed her journey in 73 days.

The Marathon Maniacs is a group of 2,700 people worldwide who enjoy running marathons or ultra marathons. An ultra marathon is any race longer than the 26.2 mile marathon.

There are different levels to qualification within the Marathon Maniacs. The bronze qualification is three marathons in 90 days: the top level is the Titanium level and these are for runners who completed 52 marathons in 365 days.

"I qualified at the bronze level. This year I ran three marathons in 73 days," said Thomsen.

The three races that got her qualified for the Marathon Maniacs were the Yakima River Canyon Marathon (March 27), Eugene Marathon, Oregon (May 2), and Cork City Marathon, Ireland (June 7).

Thomsen started running in 2003 and she ran her first marathon in 2004 in Honolulu, Hawaii.

"The Honolulu Marathon was my first race and I was there with 25,000 other runners. After that race, I got into the whole thing about running marathons and traveling," said Thomsen.

Thomsen has now done a total of eight marathons since 2004. She has done five marathons here in the U.S. and one in Ireland, Scotland, and England.

"I started running to change my lifestyle to a healthier one. At the time I had a lot of stress in my life with work and my mom having cancer. I started by just walking around the Capitol Lake during my lunch hour," said Thomsen.

Thomsen started out walking then added some jogging. Once she was able to jog a few miles, she started doing local races. It began with 5K races, then 10K and half marathons. "Then I thought, I should try a marathon," said Thomsen.

Thomsen was never a runner or sports person until she began running in 2003, and her advice for people looking at running as a way to better their fitness: "Start out slow, I have been in situations where I have taken on too much and I have gone too far. I ended up getting injured, so pace yourself. It does take time," said Thomsen.

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Heidi Thomsen after running the Las Vegas Marathon



Thomsen finishes another marathon race, this one was in Nottingham, England.

## Runners and Walkers Kick off the WSP Wellness Challenge with the 2010 Dick Hjelmeland 5K Run and Walk

On June 26, 2010, current and retired Washington State Patrol employees and their families laced up their running or walking shoes and headed out to the Training Academy for the 2010 Dick Hjelmeland 5K Run/Walk. This year, 106 runners, walkers, and kids of all ages helped kick off the seventh annual WSP Wellness Challenge by completing the 5K run and walk event held on the Academy's drive course.

Top finishers received trophies and awards.

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#### **Female**

Award Category	Name	Time
1st Prize - 45+ yrs	Julie Taylor	24.54
1st Prize - 30 - 45 yrs	Melinda Brooks	26.07
1st Prize - 14 - 29 yrs	Morgan Tomaras	22.72
1st Prize - 13 yrs and under	Makayla Kee	26.09

The event was free and people who pre-registered received an event t-shirt, and after completing their 5K run or walk, participants were treated to a family picnic with a BBQ lunch and games for the kids.

The success of this event would not have happened without the help from the WSP Athletic Association, who provided all of the t-shirts and the awards, the WSP Troopers Spouses Association, for providing the BBQ and Fun Time Events, and the Academy staff and their families.











#### Students Spend a Week at the Academy Learning Police Work

Recently, a select group of high school juniors and seniors from around the state spent a week at the Academy for the 33rd Annual Washington State Patrol Kiwanis Youth Law Enforcement Career Camp.

The camp went from July 11 to July 17, 2010, and the purpose of the camp was to provide these select students with an interest in law enforcement an opportunity to explore the various job opportunities in that field. During their week at the camp the students were exposed to problems encountered by law enforcement officers on a daily basis and shown how to handle these situations in a professional manner. Many students who attend the academy go on to have careers in the criminal justice field.

Some of the most popular classes are demonstrations about the SWAT team, K-9, driving course, and defensive tactics. Guest speakers from various agencies provide first-hand information to the students.

WSP and other police departments provide officers as staff members to instruct and serve as counselors. This gives the students a variety of experiences and exposure to federal, state, county, and local law enforcement as a possible career path. This academy is sponsored and paid for by Washington Kiwanis clubs statewide and supporters.



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She also recommends to read and learn about training plans that meet their level of fitness. Take it slow and as they progress and if they can run five or six miles, enter a 5K, and build themselves up from there. Run some local races at 5K, 10K, half marathons until they feel like they can handle a marathon race.

"It comes down to getting used to the time spent on your feet. It's not about building muscle or strength, it's really about getting the time on the road and out there running," said Thomsen. She normally follows a fourmonth training plan to be prepared to run a marathon.

Thomsen's weekly running schedule when she's training is about 40-45 miles, five days a week.

Her next marathon will be this October; she has her sights set on running the race in either Niagara Falls, New York, or Portland, Oregon.







Top photo, students learn how to retrieve fingerprints and create plaster casts of foot prints (middle photo).

Bottom photo, students line up before moving to their next class.

## People People People



Lieutenant Jason W. Armstrong



Sergeant Brian E. George



Sergeant Aaron B. Hayes



Lieutenant Robert E. Huss

**Jason W. Armstrong** was promoted to RCW Lieutenant effective June 16, and assigned to Kennewick.

Armstrong was born in Tacoma and graduated from Lincoln High School in 1987. He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology at Western Washington University in 1999, and his Master of Science in Criminal Justice from Kaplan University in October 2007.

Armstrong began employment with the Washington State Patrol on July 16, 1990, as a trooper cadet assigned to Bremerton Communications.

Armstrong was commissioned on February 9, 1991, and assigned to Bellevue.

On March 30, 1992, Armstrong transferred to Bellingham, where he held positions as a Field Training Officer, Emergency Vehicle Operations Course Instructor, and in the Executive Protection Unit.

Armstrong was recognized as the top DUI Enforcement Trooper for 1997 and named District 7 Trooper of the Year for 1997 and 1999.

On May 3, 2004, Armstrong was promoted to RCW Sergeant and assigned to Burlington. He transferred to Bellingham on December 16, 2009.

**Brian E. George** was promoted to RCW Sergeant, effective May 1, 2010, and assigned to Marysville.

George graduated from North Kitsap High School in Poulsbo. He attended Whatcom Community College, and Olympic College.

George began his career with the Washington State Patrol on September 5, 1997, as a trooper cadet, assigned to the Training Division.

He graduated with the 81st Trooper Basic Training Class and was commissioned on May 1, 1998, and assigned to Bremerton.

George served as the District 8 Public Information Officer from 2004 until 2007.

On August 16, 2007, he was appointed trooper detective with the Investigative Assistance Division, Criminal Investigation Unit in Bremerton.

**Aaron B. Hayes** was promoted to RCW Sergeant in Yakima, effective June 16, 2010.

Hayes was born in Renton and graduated from Auburn High School.

He began his career with the Washington State Patrol on September 3, 1986, as a trooper cadet. On January 8, 1988, Hayes was commissioned as a trooper assigned to Bellevue. He transferred to Port Angeles on February 11, 1991.

Hayes transferred on July 9, 2001, to the Training Division as a temporary instructor.

On April 1, 2002, Hayes transferred back to Port Angeles.

He again transferred back to the Training Division on May 1, 2002, as a temporary instructor. Hayes was appointed as an Academy Instructor on October 16, 2002.

On July 1, 2007, he transferred to the Field Operations Bureau and was assigned to Olympia.

**Robert E. Huss** was promoted to RCW Lieutenant on June 16, 2010, and assigned to the Office of Professional Standards, returning to Internal Affairs.

Huss was born in Shelton and graduated from Timberline High School in Lacey.

Huss began his employment with the Washington State Patrol on November 13, 1989, as a trooper cadet assigned to Olympia Operations.

On March 5, 1990, Huss was assigned into a project temporary



Howard G. Scartozzi

appointment as a Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officer 1, assigned to Vancouver.

On September 23, 1991, Huss transferred to the Academy as a trooper cadet; as a member of the 74th Trooper Basic Training Class.

Huss was commissioned as a trooper on March 31, 1992, assigned to Tacoma. On January 24, 1996, he transferred to Olympia.

Huss was assigned to the Office of Professional Standards as a detective in Internal Affairs on November 8, 1999.

Huss promoted to RCW Sergeant on September 6, 2002, and assigned to Chehalis.

Huss transferred to the Training Division as an academy supervisor on February 1, 2007.

Howard G. Scartozzi was promoted to Washington Management Service Band 2, Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal, Chief of Instruction at the Fire Training Academy effective June 16, 2010.

Prior to coming to work for the Washington State Patrol, Scartozzi served as Fire Chief for the City of Goldendale Fire Department. He was also owner of his own safety and security company.

Scartozzi began his employment with the Washington State Patrol on January 24, 2005, as a Commercial Vehicle Officer 1, assigned to the Plymouth Port of Entry.

Howard was selected as the 2006 Commercial Vehicle Officer 1 of the Year for District 3. In addition, he was selected as a WSP Belt Weapons and Firearms Instructor.

On August 1, 2007, Scartozzi was promoted to Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officer 1 and remained at the Plymouth Port of Entry.

Scartozzi accepted a promotion to Deputy State Fire Marshal at the Fire Training Academy in North Bend on April 1, 2008.

Scartozzi was selected as the Fire Protection Bureau's 2009 Civil Service Employee of the Year.

#### **Promotions**

**Vaughan, Darlonna M.**, Human Resource Consultant 2-Human Resource Division, eff: 06/16/10.

#### Service Pins

35 years Trooper Joseph Pass, July 21.

25 years Trooper

Trooper David Anderson July 5; Lieutenant Kevin Arras, July 5; Sergeant Darrell Farwell, July 5; Sergeant John Huntington, July 5; Trooper Stanley Batt, July 8; Trooper William Clack, July 8; Michael Geiger, Washington Management Services Band 3, July 8; Trooper Donald Cunningham,
July 26;
Trooper Dougles Dorich, July 2

Trooper Douglas Dorich, July 29.

20 years Lieutenant Jason Armstrong, July 16.

15 years Manual Sierra, Custodian 1, July 5; Rachel Grayless, Fiscal Analyst 1, July 6;

**Mellissa Strickland,** Washington Management Services Band 1, July 22.

10 years Melissa Rasmussen, Human Resources Consultant 2, July 26.

5 years Trooper Thomas Burress, July 5; Trooper Grant Clark, July 5; Trooper Michael Conroy, July 5; Karen Crary, Forensic Scientist 3, July 5;

July 5; Trooper Justin Destito, July 5; Trooper Timothy Dick, July 5; Trooper Brandon Dumont, July 5; Trooper Ryan Durbin, July 5; Trooper Jeffery Evers, July 5; Trooper Matthew Fehler, July 5; Trooper Justin Fournier, July 5; Trooper Christopher Frederick, July 5;

July 5;
Trooper Gary Gooch, July 5;
Trooper Jason Greer, July 5;
Trooper Nathan Hovinghoff, July 5;
Trooper Matthew Jeffery, July 5;
Trooper Brandon Lee, July 5;
Trooper Benjamin Lewis, July 5;
CO 1 Christina Miller, July 5;
Trooper Casey Myers, July 5;
Trooper Jason Nichols, July 5;
Trooper Collin Overend Pearson,
July 5;

**Trooper Douglas Power**, July 5; **Trooper Lawrence Provoncha**, July 5,

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**Trooper Scott Raedel**, July 5; **Trooper Kristopher Sivertsen**, July 5;

Trooper Kyle Smith, July 5; Trooper Chris Stone, July 5; Trooper Richard Thompson, July 5; Trooper Derek Watkins, July 5; CVEO 1 Dion Doar, July 22; Raina Kittilstved, Forensic Scientist 3, July 22.

#### **Births**

Jocelyn Keltz, wife of **Trooper Alex Keltz**, gave birth to a baby girl, Brooklyn Amber, on July 2. Brooklyn weighed 8 lbs., 3 oz., and was 20 in. long.

Laura Zimmer, wife of **Trooper Joe Zimmer**, gave birth to a baby boy,
Lucas Mitchell Zimmer, on
July 3. Lucus weighed 8.5 lbs., and
was 20.5 in. long.

**Trooper Jesse Layman** and his wife Rachel are the proud parents of a baby girl, Ripley JoAnna, who was born on July 8. Ripley weighed 7 lbs., 8 oz., and was 20 in. long.

Sonja Burgess, wife of **Trooper Kyle Burgess**, gave birth to a baby boy, Tobias Edward John Burgess, on July 10. Tobias weighed 8.8 lbs., and was 18.5 in. long.

Megan Mosqueda, wife of **Trooper Daniel Mosqueda**, gave birth to a 6 lbs., 11 oz., 21 in. long baby boy, Daniel Xavier, on July 11.

Dorinda Walwark and **Trooper Cadet Daniel Walwark**, welcomed their baby girl, Kodie Raelyn, on July 14. Kodie weighed 6 lbs., 15 oz., and was 19 in. long.

**Sarah Battin**, Administrative Assistant 3 with the Criminal Records Division, gave birth to a baby girl, Emily April Battin, on July 21. Emily weighed 8 lbs., 1 oz., and was 19 1/2 in. long.

Shonte Goold, wife of **Trooper Eric Goold**, and daughter-in-law to **Martin Goold**, Crime Lab Division, gave birth to a 6 lbs., 13 oz., 18.5 in. long baby boy named Hudson Beckett on July 23.

**Trooper Jeff Street** and his wife Jessica are the proud parents of a 9 lbs., 11 oz., 21.5 in. long baby boy, Liam Allen, who was born on July 23.

Diane Birman, wife of **Trooper Cameron Birman**, gave birth to a 6 lbs., 10 oz., 19.5 in. long baby girl named Avery Grace on July 28.

#### **Deaths**

David Fisk, 47, Kennewick, brother-in-law of **Trooper Renee Padgett**, passed away suddenly on July 1, after a brief battle with cancer.

Melvin Walker, 87, grandfather of **Sergeant Lennie Walker**, passed away on July 4, 2010. Melvin was a long-standing Prosser resident who served for 40 years with the Prosser Police Department, 29 years as Chief of Police.

Ingrid Kellogg, 96, mother of **retired Sergeant Dick Kellogg**, passed away on July 11, in Olympia.

Brett Kellogg, 34, son of **retired Sergeant Dick Kellogg** and his wife
Patty, passed away unexpectedly in
Las Vegas, Nevada, on July 18.

Robert Perz, 89, father of **Assistant State Fire Marshal Paul Perz,** passed away July 23 at home in St. John, Indiana, after a month-long hospitalization.

#### Retirees Calendar

**District 1** - First Wednesday, monthly luncheon, 11:00 a.m., Nickelby's, 600 Trosper Rd. S.W., Tumwater.

**District 2** - *First Tuesday*, monthly luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Galliano's Cucina, 16435 Military Road S., SeaTac.

**District 3** - *Third Monday*, monthly luncheon, noon, Old Country Buffet, 2515 Main St., Union Gap.

**District 4** - *Last Wednesday*, monthly breakfast, 7:30 a.m., Longhorn Barbecue Restaurant, W. 7611 Sunset Highway, Spokane.

**District 5** - *Second Friday*, monthly breakfast, 7:30 a.m., Oak Tree Restaurant, 1020 Atlantic, Woodland.

**District 6** - *Tuesday*, Weekly coffee gathering of law enforcement retirees, 9 a.m., Wenatchee Senior Center, 1300 Maple Street, Wenatchee.

District 7 - (New Location)
the second Tuesday of every
odd month beginning at 11:30:
Homestead Restaurant, 1700
Continental Pl, Mount Vernon 98273.
(360) 424-9222..

**District 8** - *Second Wednesday,* monthly luncheon, noon, Alderbrook Inn.

Third Tuesday - Peninsula Law Enforcement and Firefighters Association - monthly luncheon, Red Ranch Restaurant, 820 W. Washington, Sequim.

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Paulette L. Greenlee



Trooper Tracy L. Hansen

**Coral L. Estes** retired after more than 26 years of dedicated service to the Washington State Patrol and to the citizens of the state of Washington.

Estes was born in Vancouver,
Washington, and graduated from
Junction City High School in Junction
City, Oregon. She attended Arizona
State University and Oregon State
University, where she received
a Bachelor of Science Degree in
Physical Education. She attended City
University and received her Master of
Business Administration in Managerial
Leadership. She also attended the
218th session of the FBI's National
Academy

Estes began her career with the Washington State Patrol on August 6, 1984, as a trooper cadet, assigned to Mansion Security.

She graduated with the 61st Academy Class and was commissioned on July 31, 1985, assigned to Seattle. While in Seattle, she was awarded Auto Theft Trooper of the Year for District 2. She received a commendation on March 19, 1987, for performing her duties and responsibilities in an accident investigation and reducing accident-causing violations.

On October 16, 1989, she was appointed trooper detective, assigned to the Narcotics Section in Tacoma where she received a letter of commendation for her work.

She transferred to the Unified Narcotics Enforcement Task Force in Lewis County on February 10, 1992. She was assigned to the Clandestine Laboratory Team on December 1, 1993.

Estes was promoted to RCW Sergeant on June 8, 1995, and assigned to Tacoma. On September 22, 1997, she transferred to the Executive Protection Unit.

Estes was promoted to RCW Lieutenant on July 7, 2000, and assigned to the Technical Services Bureau. She was appointed Staff Captain on June 18, 2002, assigned to the Public Disclosure/Evidence Division.

On February 9, 2004, she transferred to the Commercial Vehicle Division as their division commander.

On April 16, 2007, she became the division commander for the Training Division. She held this position until her retirement.

Paulette L. Greenlee retired on June 30, 2010, after more than 29 years of dedicated service to the Washington State Patrol, and more than 30 years of service to the state of Washington.

Greenlee was born in Olympia and graduated from Olympia High School.

She began her career with the Washington State Patrol as a Secretary in the General Administration Building. She left the Patrol on October 30,

1966, returning on December 1, 1982, as a Clerk Steno 2, assigned to Olympia Headquarters.

On October 24, 1983, she was promoted to Clerk Steno 3, remaining in Olympia.

On April 23, 1984, she was promoted to Secretary 1 and assigned to Fleet & Supply.

Greenlee was promoted on July 1, 1984, to Secretary 2, assigned to the Field Operations Bureau.

She transferred as Secretary 2 on January 21, 1985, to the Investigative Services Bureau.

On June 6, 1990, she promoted to Confidential Secretary, assigned to the Investigative Services Bureau. She then transferred to the Field Operations Bureau on February 21, 1995. She remained as a Confidential Secretary with the Field Operations Bureau until her retirement.

**Tracy L. Hansen** retired after 25 years of dedicated service to the Washington State Patrol and to the citizens of the state of Washington.

Hansen was born in Yakima and graduated from Mead High School in Spokane. She attended Eastern Washington University and

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Susan N. Knopes

Betty J. Konrad

Lisa J. Nelson

Spokane Community College, where she earned an Associate's Degree in Law Enforcement. She served for 3 1/2 years in the U.S. military as a military police officer.

Hansen began her career with the Washington State Patrol on June 21, 1985, as a trooper cadet, assigned to Commercial Vehicle Enforcement in Yakima.

She graduated with the 62nd Academy Class and was commissioned on December 20, 1985, assigned to Yakima.

On March 27, 1989, she transferred to Spokane. She then transferred to Special Services, Executive Protection Unit, on April 19, 1993.

She was appointed trooper detective on September 22, 1997, assigned to the Traffic Investigation Division in Spokane as a License Fraud Detective.

On February 1, 1999, she was assigned to the Traffic Investigation Division as a Collision Investigation detective, where she remained until her retirement.

**Susan N. Knopes** retired on July 1, 2010, after 33 years, 1 month, and 28 days of service to the state of Washington.

Knopes was born in Orofino, Idaho, and graduated from Colfax High School in Colfax, Washington. She attended Spokane Falls Community College.

Knopes started her state career with the Department of Social and Health Services on May 2, 1977.

She began her career with the Washington State Patrol on August 7, 1978, as a Clerk 3 assigned to the Accident Records Division.

On December 23, 1980, she was promoted within the Accident Records Division to a Clerk Typist 3.

On September 7, 1983, Knopes was promoted to a Secretary 1-Typing position within the Accident Records Division.

Knopes was promoted to a Secretary 2 effective November 1, 1988, with the Department Psychologist's Office, where she remained for the past 21 years. During this time, her position changed to a Secretary Administrative and more recently an Administrative Assistant 3. Betty J. Konrad retired on June 30, 2010, after 22 years, 8 months, and 24 days of service to the Washington State Patrol and 25 years, 3 months, and 11 days of service to the state of Washington.

Konrad was born in Williston, North Dakota, and attended Lewis & Clark High School in Spokane.

She started her state career with the Department of Social and Health Services on

March 19, 1985. Konrad began her career with the Washington State Patrol on October 6, 1987, as a Clerk Typist 3 assigned to the Spokane Crime Laboratory.

On July 17, 1992, Konrad was appointed as a Temporary Secretary 1 -Typing position with the Spokane Crime Laboratory. This appointment became permanent on December 9, 1992.

Her position was reallocated to a Property and Evidence Custodian on July 1, 1997, where she remained until her retirement.

**Lisa J. Nelson** retired on July 15, 2010, after more than 26 1/2 years of service with the Washington State Patrol.

Nelson was born in Peoria, Illinois, and graduated from Wenatchee High School.

Nelson began her career with the Washington State Patrol on October 20, 1983, as a Communications Officer 1, assigned to Wenatchee Communications. On October 16, 1993, she was promoted to Communications Officer 2, remaining in Wenatchee.

In September 2004, Nelson chose

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Trooper Davis S. Richmond



Ronald W. Shell

a tandem position as Communications Officer 1. Over the course of the following years, she was full time and tandem as opportunities were available.

**Trooper John J. Pederson** retired after 36 years of dedicated service to the Washington State Patrol and to the citizens of the state of Washington.

Pederson was born in Fallon, Nevada, and graduated from South Kitsap High School in Port Orchard, Washington. He attended Olympic Community College.

Pederson began his career with the Washington State Patrol on June 3, 1974, as a patrol cadet assigned to Moses Lake. He was commissioned on January 4, 1977, assigned to Yakima.

On September 17, 1979, he received a commendation for his efforts during an uprising at the Washington State Penitentiary in Walla Walla.

On February 16, 1993, Pederson assumed the position of Computerized License Investigation File (CLIF) trooper for District 3. He received a commendation on December 31, 1987, for his assistance with a hazardous

material gas leak.

On July 11, 1996, he was appointed Staff Armorer. Pederson has been a Certified Technical Collision Investigator since 1985, and a Vehicle Identification Specialist since 1974.

Trooper Davis C. Richmond retired after 35 years of dedicated service to the Washington State Patrol and to the citizens of the state of Washington.

Davis was born in Wenatchee and graduated from Wenatchee High School. He attended Wenatchee Valley College and Washington State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Police Science and Administration.

Richmond began his career with the Washington State Patrol on July 15, 1974, as a Weight Control Officer, assigned to Wallula.

On February 6, 1978, he was assigned to Mansion Security. He graduated with the 56th Trooper Basic Training Class and was commissioned on June 28, 1979, assigned to Ephrata.

Davis transferred to Wenatchee on March 3, 1986.

On May 18, 1997, he was named

District 6 Certified Technical Specialist Trooper of the Year.

Richmond received numerous commendations, including recognition of heroic conduct while attempting to rescue citizens from a submerged vehicle; outstanding action in performing professional duties and utilizing knowledge and training, enthusiasm, and performances in the drug enforcement field; and

overall outstanding work performance.

Ronald W. Shell retired on July 31, 2010, after serving 14 years and 6 months with the Washington State Patrol.

Shell was born in Wenatchee and graduated from Eastmont High School in East Wenatchee. He studied computer science and business while attending Wenatchee Valley College.

Prior to employment with the Washington State Patrol he worked for the Chelan County Sheriff's Office for three years and worked for Douglas County for 13 years; he began with the county as a dispatcher and was promoted to chief civil deputy.

Shell began his career with the Washington State Patrol on February 2, 1996, as a Communications Officer with the Wenatchee Communications Center. He was promoted to a Communications Officer 1 in February 1997. In June 1998, he transferred to the Spokane Communications Center.

On September 5, 2002, Shell accepted an in-training appointment from the Community College/

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





Trooper Clifford Hansell was killed July 22, 1987, at the age of 25. His patrol car collided broadside with the front of a semi-truck on North Central Avenue in downtown Kent as he swerved while responding to a collision scene. At the time of his death, Trooper Hansell had served 17 months with the Washington State Patrol.

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Vocational Technical Graduate-IT Register as a Computer Operations Analyst 2 with the Information Technology Division in Tumwater.

Shell then accepted an intraining appointment to an Information Technology Systems Specialist 3 on July 16, 2003, completing the training in October 2004.

He completed another intraining appointment to an Information Technology Specialist 4 on October 7, 2005.

On August 1, 2008, Shell's position was reallocated to an Information Technology Specialist 5 as the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) Server Support Administrator. He remained in this position until his retirement.

## Note to those about to retire

While completing your retirement preparations, you might notify Shari Holt, Human Resource Division, at (360) 704-2300, or Sharon Phillips, Memorial Foundation manager, 1-888-576-0670, of your home mailing address and telephone number. Shari or Sharon, in turn, will notify Gwen Gobel, secretary-treasurer of the Retired Washington State Patrol Employees Association. Gwen can be reached by phone at (509) 337-9177 or by e-mail at waltandgwen@charter.net.

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Retiring Soon...Retired...Know Someone Who is About to Retire?

A Letter from the RWSPEA Board of Directors

Congratulations on your recent retirement. May you have many wonderful years of retirement, enjoying all that retirement offers.

This Retired Washington State Patrol Employee Association (RWSPEA) introductory letter provides some insight to the RWSPEA. The purpose of the Association is to keep retirees informed on retirement issues and to provide a social network and communication forum for retirees.

The Association does not require membership; however, we strongly encourage you to consider membership. Dues are \$20 per year, which provide minimal funding so the Association can maintain a Web site, provide periodic mailings, provide a small stipend to the Association's Secretary-Treasurer and Webmaster, and provide supplies and food for the members at the annual meeting. Dues, for members in good standing, begin the first January following your retirement date. Membership is open to any Washington State Patrol employee. Dues are mailed to the Association's Secretary-Treasurer, Gwen Gobel, P.O. Box 127, Waitsburg, WA 99361.

When you retire, our Web site becomes available to you. The Web site is www.RWSPEA.org. During your initial membership period, you can request access to the RWSPEA Web page by submitting a one word user name and password to webmaster@rwspea.org. After your complimentary period, membership in good standing status is maintained by becoming a dues-paying member. The Web site contains a variety of information including Daily Bulletins, newsletters, personnel lists, By-Laws, meeting information, vital statistics, and notices, and other items of importance. Board members are listed on the Web site along with contact information. Please download the application from the Web site to join the RWSPEA.

The Association, over its history, has monitored retirement issues, worked to maintain member benefits, and has recently provided information to survivors of disabled commissioned officers that allowed them to receive higher benefits as a result of a lawsuit filed by a survivor.

The Association was instrumental in gaining a position on the Select Committee on Pension Policy (SCPP). A retiree is currently appointed to the SCPP, which advises the legislature on retirement issues.

The Association also is available to support legislation and issues that are of interest to retirees.

The Association holds one annual business meeting in Washington in the fall and one in the Phoenix, Arizona, area in the early spring. In addition to these meetings, each district usually has a monthly meeting to gather and, discuss mutual issues and to socialize.

Once again, congratulations on your retirement. We hope you consider becoming a member of the RWSPEA. Your participation makes our Association stronger and better able to monitor and support your concerns regarding retirement issues.

Sincerely:

**RWSPEA Board of Directors** 

#### Letters Letters Letters

A letter received from a citizen thanking Trooper Mark Haas of District 4 for his assistance:

Dear Captain Otis,

I am writing a letter of commend for the above and beyond the call of duty that Trooper Haas performed on the morning of June 23, 2010. This concerns a patient of mine who lives in Yakima and is on public assistance.

My patient left Yakima at 2 o'clock in the morning for an appointment in my office. Somewhere around 6 o'clock in the morning, my patient's car died on him in the Sprague area. My patient could not get the vehicle restarted even though it would turn over. Given this, he felt the need to get into Sprague where he could get some help for his vehicle and then proceeded to get his walker out of his car and walk down the shoulder of the road with a severely arthritic hip. Evidently a number of calls came in concerning my patient walking with his walker. Trooper Haas stopped, picked him up, and evidently took him back to his vehicle and then obtained some gasoline to see if they could get the automobile started under the assumption he ran out of gas. They could not get the car started, except by dribbling gasoline in the carburetor the vehicle would start, run for few seconds, and then die.

Given this, Trooper Haas concluded that the vehicle could not readily be put back on the road. He had my patient get into his car and Trooper Haas pushed the vehicle out of harm's way for everybody. Trooper Haas then transported my patient to my office for his medical appointment where he was found to have severe loss of vision in one eye which will need surgical repair.

I wish to commend Trooper Haas for his above and beyond the call of duty in care of his fellow man.

Sincerely, Larry Milsow, MD

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A letter received from a citizen thanking Sergeant Dave Bangart, District 1, for his assistance:

Dear Sergeant Bangart;

Just want to take a moment to thank you for all the professional courtesy and thoughtfulness you showed me yesterday. Of course most of my gratitude is a direct reflection of receiving a WSP correction notice versus a citation. Your actions truly "made my day," and I simply wanted to again thank you. Not only were the tabs on my Kia expired, but also on my pickup. I took care of them first thing this morning.

One could probably debate the value of giving a citation or giving a correction notice from the WSP perspective or the taxpayer perspective. More than likely there are those folks in the WSP who hang their hat on the volume of citations they write. Yet, from a taxpayer's perspective, we learn more about police officers through kindness and understanding, such as you shared, than we learn from a citation. Hopefully, your supervisors and the folks you personally supervise appreciate your approach and your very professional manner in dealing with folks like me during a traffic stop. For I will long remember your actions over the actions of someone else who would have issued me a citation. Additionally, I will hold much more respect for folks who approach folks

like me as you did versus simply writing me a citation. Yours is a difficult and complex profession, and one I could not do. So I am grateful to know that there are folks like you representing the Washington State Patrol.

Sincerely Darrell Six

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E-mail received via the WSP Web site, in regards to the assistance given by Duane Ungers, District 2, Forms and Records Analyst:

To whom this may concern;

I am writing this letter to show my appreciation for Duane Ungurs in records at the highway patrol station in Bellevue.

After many weeks of headache with insurance companies not following through with acquiring the information they needed to process my case, I spoke to Duane at his Bellevue office. I was referred to him by the officer who was at the scene of my automotive collision.

By the time I got home from his office, thirty minutes later, I received an e-mail from him providing all of the information I requested. Because of Duane's extraordinary due diligence, a drunk, hit-and-run driver with a suspended license will not get away with his damages.

Duane's work ethic is hard to find these days, especially in a government work environment. His actions should be noted with great regard.

Sincerely, Brooks Phillips