

## Governor Congratulates WSP for Receiving Two Prestigious Honors

Gov. Chris Gregoire announced on August 16, 2012, that WSP was awarded two prestigious honors.

The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) has named the Washington State Patrol the best state police agency of its size for 2011. WSP competed against other state police agencies with between 1,100 and 2,500 employees.

“This is no surprise for those of us who work directly with the men and women of the State Patrol,” Gregoire said. “I’m very pleased that an outside, objective organization would come to the same conclusion.”

WSP was similarly honored by IACP in 2006 and went on the following year to be named the best police agency of any size.

The second recent honor comes from the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators. WSP Chief John Batiste was personally honored with AAMVA’s Martha Irwin Lifetime Achievement Award.

A statement from AAMVA read, “Under Chief Batiste’s leadership, citizens of Washington have seen an impressive reduction in fatal collisions, consistently exceeding national averages...”

“Chief Batiste began his career as a front-line trooper determined to reduce the number of highway deaths and collisions,” she said. “He has grown to lead and mentor so many others in that role that he has become perhaps the single greatest influence on traffic safety in our state. This is a great honor for a humble person who is always quick to share the successes of his team, but rarely takes any credit.”

Founded in 1933, AAMVA represents state and provincial officials in the United States and Canada who administer and enforce motor vehicle laws.

The IACP is the world’s oldest and largest nonprofit organization of police executives, with over 20,000 members in over 100 different countries.



Chief John Batiste receives the AAMVA’s Martha Irwin Lifetime Achievement Award from (left) Mike Robertson, AAMVA Chair of the Board, 2012-2013 and (right) Brian Ursino, AAMVA Director of Law Enforcement.

## WSP Receives Over 400K for Helping the FBI

Chief John Batiste and Lieutenant Ken Wade accepted a check for \$433,796 from the U.S. Marshal's Office as part of a federal asset-sharing agreement administered by the U.S. Marshal's Office.

The money comes from a 2010 case where the Spokane County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Unit and WSP's Investigative Assistance Division provided assistance to the FBI with an investigation of a Spokane Valley business involved with illegal financial structuring practices.



The WSP Honor Guard presented the Colors at a Mariners vs. Twins game on August 18, 2012.

Maybe the Honor Guard brought good luck to the Mariners...the Mariners beat the Twins, 3 to 2. They should have them back more often.

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## Academy Food Service Manager Receives Distinguished and Devoted Service Award

Debra M. Piper, Training Division Food Service Manager, received the WSP's Distinguished and Devoted Service Award on September 18, 2012, at the Academy.

Piper was hired on September 17, 1984, as a temporary cook and was promoted to Food Services Manager on October 8, 1992.

Piper is responsible for the ordering, planning, and preparation of every meal served at the Training Division. In a typical year, her team serves over 35,000 high quality nutritious meals to students attending training at the Shelton Academy.

Piper takes great pride in her culinary staff, and it shows. She is an advocate for her staff, and is truly proud of their accomplishments. Under Piper's watchful eye, the culinary staff has passed all food service inspections and has received rave reviews and gratitude from every cadet class, Criminal Justice Training Commission Traffic Week, and other visiting students throughout her 29 years of service at the Academy.



Photo from left to right, Captain Marc Lamoreaux, Training Division Commander, Debra Piper, Assistant Chief James S. Lever, Technical Services Bureau, and WSP Chief John R. Batiste.

## WSP Awards Life Saving Awards to Three People Who Tried to Save a USS Reagan Sailor

WSP recognized David Sellers from East Bonney Lake, Wash., Electronic Systems Technician 1st Class Jean-Paul LeVeck and Cpl. Eugene Westgate, Naval Base Kitsap Police Officer, with the Life Saving Award on September 20, 2012, at the District 8 Office in Bremerton. The three men risked their lives in an attempt to save USS Ronald Reagan sailor who drove into the water south of Bremerton on the morning of February 24, 2012.

All three swam over 100 yards into the freezing waters in the dark dawn hours in an attempt to rescue the driver.

Sellers and LeVeck, who had witnessed the collision, immediately entered the water and swam to the submerged SUV. They were able to cut the man out of his seatbelt but he resisted their efforts to remove him from the vehicle. They were unsuccessful and ultimately ordered back by rescue units. A Navy rescue boat arrived and an Officer Westgate from Naval Base Kitsap entered the water. This officer was able to get the now unresponsive driver out of the car and ultimately swam the victim back to the shoreline where CPR was given. Tragically the driver perished from the collision.

Although the effort was ultimately unsuccessful, we felt it was important to recognize their heroic and selfless efforts.



Lieutenant Dan Hall reads the Life Saving Award citations for David Sellers, Electronic Systems Technician 1st Class Jean-Paul LeVeck and Cpl. Eugene Westgate during a ceremony at District 8 Headquarters on September 20, 2012. Photo courtesy of U.S. Navy.

## WSP's Response During the Wildfire Season

When the snow falls this winter many of the wildfires that threaten communities and burned large areas of Eastern Washington are finally expected to be out. Throughout this year's fire season, WSP's role was two-fold. The Washington State Fire Marshal's (WSFM) Office worked the fire mobilizations, allocating resources and equipment to the people fighting the fires. District troopers were supporting county sheriff's offices, city police, and wildfire incident commanders with road closures, evacuations, and law enforcement support.

The State Fire Marshal's role in the Fire Mobilization Plan is to approve and assist in the process for the mobilization of fire service personnel and equipment. This happens once the local fire jurisdiction or region has expended all available local and mutual aid fire resources in attempting to manage a wildfire to protect life and property.

"Exhausting all local and mutual aid resources is the most critical step in the Fire Mobilization approval," said Paul Perz, Assistant State Fire Marshal. "Our actions to grant approval are in response to a request from the local fire chief and with the support from the regional fire coordinator."

An important step in the approval process is to record the time Chief John Batiste approves the plan. "That's the time when we start picking up all the costs for the fire," said Perz.

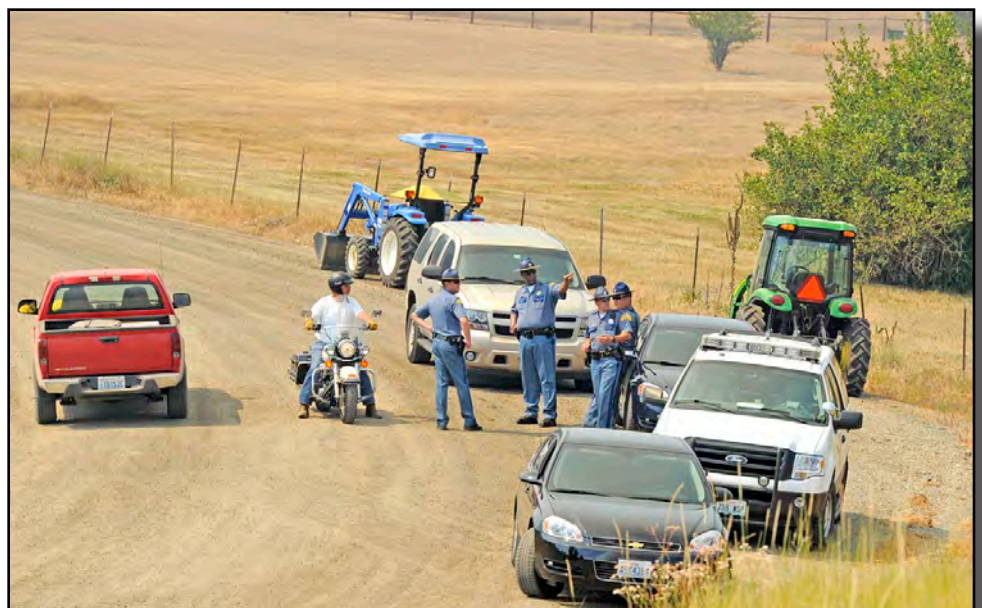
Once Chief Batiste gives approval for the Mobilization Plan, the WSFM's Office will immediately deploy deputy state fire marshals as the agency's field staff to assist the Incident Management Team (IMT). The field staff will usually remain deployed to the wildfire until fire demobilization occurs.

"Expectations are that the field staff will be the local subject matter experts on the mobilization plan," said Esther Hernandez, Deputy State Fire Marshal. "We will provide guidance to the IMT on agency business practices with regards to the plan, where mobilization resources can and cannot be used, and ensure the local fire district is tied in with the IMT and our folks," said Hernandez.

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Top photo, WSP Chief John Batiste and Washington State Fire Marshal Chuck Duffy are briefed on the status of the fires in Wenatchee.

Bottom photo, Chief Batiste meets with District 6 troopers assisting with evacuations and road closures.



The largest fires this year burned mostly in the District 6 area. Troopers assisted the county sheriff and the fire incident commanders during the mobilization with evacuation notices, road closures, and a law enforcement presence.

“Even before the fire mobilization happened, our troopers and CVD officers were out assisting with road closures and helping to evacuate families and their livestock,” said Lieutenant Kandi Patrick, District 6 Acting Commander. “Lieutenant Scott Martin even went back into an evacuation area for a family to retrieve their medicine that got left behind,” she said.

Troopers also assisted the sheriff’s offices by handling calls for service when the county deputies were busy assisting with the fire response.

“Our first-line troopers did a phenomenal job; they did their jobs in very hazardous air quality conditions,” said Patrick. “I am very proud of our troopers, not only for how they stepped up and took control of the district, but how well they worked with the other law enforcement agencies.”

Top photo, Deputy State Fire Marshal Esther Hernandez with fire fighters at the Incident Command Center in Wenatchee.

Middle photo, Highway 97, Blewett Pass road closure.

Bottom photo, Table Mountain fire burns near Cle Elum.



# Social Media and the Washington State Patrol

Article by Jessica James, Kent Hernandez, Bob Calkins

You’ve probably heard the term “social media” before and may have wondered how it and the WSP fit together. At first glance they don’t seem as if they should have much to do with one another -- social media is for finding out what your friends are doing on vacation, and the State Patrol is more concerned if your friends get safely to that vacation destination.

Well, technology has changed in recent years and WSP is embracing that change.

In 2009, the Government and Media Relations office (GMR) realized that social media could be a valuable communications tool and obtained a Twitter account for the agency. It wasn’t until July 2010 that they decided to dig deeper and that summer was a fateful one. GMR and the Web Support Team from the Information Technology Division (ITD) crossed paths and a partnership was formed; GMR was committed to engaging the people the State Patrol serves and had enthusiasm to try new ways to do that, and the Web Support Team had the technical experience and know-how with web-based technologies like social media.

Together they could see the great potential of social media as a way to communicate and engage the community. GMR outlined the business and public relation requirements, such as record retention and public disclosure, and the Web Support Team found technical solutions, ensured privacy and security were maintained, and provided guidance on how to talk to the Twitterverse (i.e., the people who make up the Twitter community). Together, and with many of the agency’s Public Information Officers (PIO’s), the WSP has seen the value of social media.

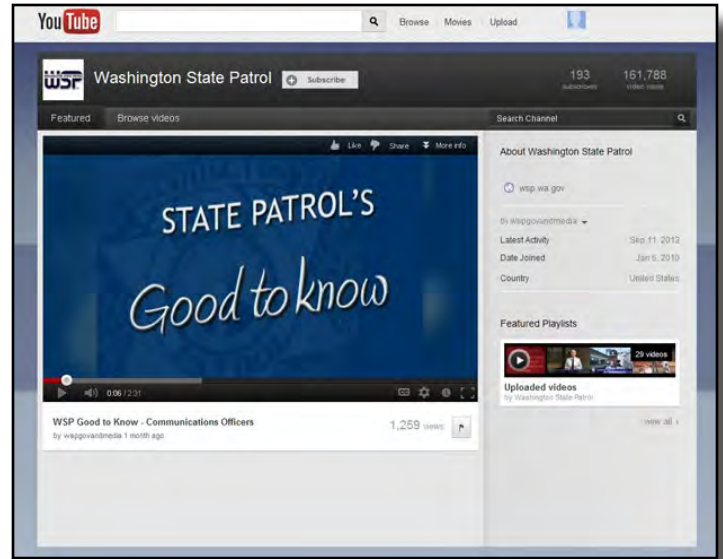


- With social media, WSP can now directly engage the public without filtering by traditional media. People hear our messages from our lips.
- With social media, WSP can quickly respond to legitimate questions or criticisms – and often turn them into positives! During the January 2012 ice storm, people were complaining mightily about the closure of the Tacoma Narrows Bridge. Those complaints turned to expressions of gratitude when PIO Trooper Guy Gill from District 1 posted pictures on Twitter of the ice chunks that were falling from the bridge cables. Travelers realized how dangerous it really was once they got a good look at those ice chunks!

- With social media, WSP can reach special interest audiences that the agency couldn't before. We don't have to rely on traditional media to carry a story that might only be of interest to motorcyclists, or fitness enthusiasts, or outlying geographic areas – we put the messages out there and those exact people have direct access to our content. Also through retweeting, reblogging, sharing and liking, those messages make their way to narrower audiences.

- With social media, WSP has grown relationships with the community. In District 1, PIO Trooper Guy Gill is known as “Trooper Guy” to those that follow him on Twitter (@wspd1pio). When people ask questions, he answers; when they see something suspicious, they know “Trooper Guy” will listen. Those who are interested in becoming a trooper for WSP know they can ask Trooper Recruiter Pete Stock (@troopercareers) anything about the testing process and he'll have answers for them.

- With social media, WSP can immediately respond in emergencies. During the January 2012 winter storms over 150 “tweets” (140 character messages) were sent by PIO's in Districts 1, 2, 7 and 8. They kept the public abreast of up-to-date road conditions, locations of collisions, and shared safety tips on what to do if you spin out and go into a ditch, or what to do if traffic signals are not working. One tweet alone reached over 53,000 account holders in a matter of minutes.



The WSP has only scratched the surface of what can be accomplished with social media. With help from WSP's public information officers throughout the state, GMR and the Web Support Team are committed to working together to serve the people of Washington in the digital world as well as the physical one.

To find the WSP on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube, visit the [Get Connected](#) page.

## New Online Program from DRS to Help Plan for Retirement



As people near retirement or are just starting with the State Patrol, the Department of Retirement Services has a new online program and links to assist folks with planning and calculating their retirement.

There are several important things to think about as you near retirement:

- Do you know what your [retirement benefit](#) will be?
- How will your benefit change if you work past normal retirement age or you decide to [retire early](#)?
- Are you eligible for [retiree health benefits](#)?
- Will you want to increase your benefit by [purchasing additional service credit](#)?
- What [other income](#) will you have available to you in retirement?

For more information on retirement planning with DRS, go to their website at <http://www.drs.wa.gov/>.

# The Ospreys of District 2

By Bruce Lane

It starts around mid-April, when the mornings are still cool enough to wreathe the fir-scented greenbelt in translucent white mist, yet warm enough to let you know Old Man Winter has packed up for another year. Among the buzzing chirps of chickadees, the trilling of robins, and the eerily beautiful call of the varied thrush, a sharp flute-like note cuts through the still air. It heralds the annual return of some very special visitors.

Since 2006, the communications tower at District 2 Headquarters has held more than antennas, cables, and lights: Its top platform, nearly 200 feet up, is home to a mated and breeding pair of North American Ospreys. They've produced at least one, sometimes two, successful hatchings each year.

Ospreys are unique among raptors (birds-of-prey), with a diet consisting almost exclusively of live fish. Their excellent eyesight allows them to spot movement under the water's surface; they will then dive feet-first into the water, grab their prey, and lift off with it using powerful wings which can reach a span of more than five feet.

Their feet are well-adapted to this task. Rather than the more common three-forward, one-back configuration of their toes, ospreys have a two-forward, two-back configuration. Combined with tiny hook-like protrusions on the lower surface of their feet, this helps them to keep a good grip on their slippery meal.

Although ospreys are a relatively common sight across the country, all but the southernmost populations (in Florida, and other parts of the southeast US) are migratory. Our pair is likely to winter in Mexico or South America, departing around early September. Their nests can be quite large, up to eight feet or more in diameter, and are built from a combination of sticks and grasses. The nest stays in place year-round, the birds tending to any necessary repairs or maintenance when they return in the spring.

Ospreys will usually build their nests on top of large trees, rocky cliffs and promontories. They will, however, build a nest on the ground if the site is free of mammalian predators. It has become increasingly common to see them nesting on top of man-made structures. In many cases, nesting platforms have been built specifically to attract them away from dangerous sites, such as high-voltage transmission towers (Seattle City Light installed such a platform in Tukwila in 2011).

These birds are protected under federal and state laws, and they are quite protective of their young, so you should avoid climbing or disturbing any structure bearing a nest. If you wish to take still pictures or video, please do so only from the ground or from the roof of a building not attached to the structure.

I would also suggest not parking within 50 feet of any nest-bearing structure, unless you like the idea of being decorated by discarded fish parts, molted feathers, and a very 'fresh' paint job!





## Trooper Tony Radulescu Memorial 10k/5k Run/Walk

On July 28, 2012, over 200 runners and walkers came out to the Training Academy in Shelton for the Trooper Tony Radulescu Memorial 10k/5k Run/Walk. Also taking part in the event to help motivate their moms and dads were kids riding in strollers, on bikes, or on scooters. The run/walk and BBQ picnic afterwards was sponsored by the WSP Athletic Association.



## WSP's Missing and Unidentified Person's Unit Conducts Child Safety Outreach in Tumwater

Members of the WSP's Missing and Unidentified Person's Unit (MUPU) participated in the Tumwater Albertsons grand re-opening event on August 22, 2012. Parents that stopped by the event received child safety information and had their children fingerprinted for a Child Identification Kit.

MUPU staff also answered questions from people about the State Patrol's role in Missing Persons/Children investigations and gave parents information on different ways they can keep their children safe.

In the photo, Mei-Ping Murray and Alexis Newton from WSP's MUPU make copies of the child's fingerprints for the parents to have in their child's identification kit.



## District 2 Teams Up With Fellow Law Enforcement and EMS to Educate the Public on the Dangers of Distracted Driving

WSP, King County Emergency Medical Services (EMS), and the City of SeaTac Police Department participated in an interagency initiative to educate the public regarding the dangers of distracted driving. Of particular concern are drivers attempting to talk on their phones or text and drive.

The safety emphasis started on Sept. 17, 2012, in SeaTac. As the new school year begins it is imperative for drivers of any age to be aware of the dangers of distracted driving in order to keep pedestrians and other drivers safe.

According to the National Safety Council, cell phone use was a factor in 24% of all crashes in 2010. Using a cell phone while driving, handheld or hands-free, delays a driver's reaction as much as having a blood alcohol concentration at the legal limit of .08, according to a 2009 study by the University of Utah. Even worse, a driver that is texting is impaired at the level of .16, double the legal limit.



## WSP Celebrates Chief for a Day With Kids at CJTC and in Walla Walla

The 2012 Chief for a Day celebration at the Criminal Justice Training Commission in Burien was held on August 16, 2012. This year’s WSP Chief was Alex Penny. Alex is 11 years old and is entering the sixth grade. He loves playing video games and board games. Alex was diagnosed with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy at age three and is now permanently wheelchair bound. Despite his physical challenges, Alex is a positive force in his community and always has a smile on his face.

Chief Penny and the other nominated Chiefs and Sheriffs were sworn-in at a ceremony at CJTC. After the ceremony the Chiefs received lunch and then able to experience presentations given by local law enforcement agencies, which include demonstrations by K-9 units, mounted patrols, SWAT, rifle units, a police helicopter, and the WSP Honor Guard.

The Chief for a Day event celebrates the lives of children who have been diagnosed with a chronic illness.



Photo of WSP Chief John Batiste and Chief Alex Penny at a National Night Out celebration in Fircrest, Washington.



The Walla Walla Chief for a Day event was held on August 7, 2012, at Pioneer Park. This year’s WSP Chief was Braydon Stemple. The Chief for a Day program was established to honor children who have a life-threatening illness or disability, or other special circumstance. This year WSP honored a military family. Chief Braydon was chosen because his dad was serving overseas and has recently returned home.

Chief Braydon received a custom made uniform and badge and was officially sworn in by the Honorable Judge Donald Schacht.

This was the second year of the Walla Walla “Chief for a Day” event. The swearing in ceremony of the Chiefs was the kick-off event for National Night Out, an annual crime prevention celebration



## WSP Recognizes an Employee for Over 50 Years of Service

WSP retirees join John Mittman for a group photo with Captain Jeff Otis, District 4 Commander, after he awarded Mittman his retirement award for 51 years of service with the patrol.

Mittman was a trooper for many years and after retirement worked as a volunteer at District 4. One of his many roles was to coordinate the district's volunteer activities.

**Front row,** Trooper Fred Swan, Captain Rick Meyers, Lieutenant Darrel Bailey, Sergeant John Mittman, Captain Jeff Otis.

**Back row,** Trooper Don Richard, Sergeant Rod Mittman, Sergeant Ken Lofquist, Trooper Greg McNeilly, Sergeant Joe Kimball, Trooper Mike Wunsch, and Trooper Phil Leliefeld.



## Seattle Storm Honors Local Heroes

Trooper Tony Brock, District 2 Bellevue, was recognized for his service to his community by the Seattle Storm during their "Hero Appreciation Night" on September 16, 2012, at the Key Arena in Seattle.

Trooper Brock is a former District 2 Trooper of the Year and has held several specialty positions during his 13 years with the WSP. He is currently a member of the Target Zero Team. In 2005 he received an Award of Merit in recognition of his courageous actions, despite sustaining a broken back, to rescue a subject from a burning vehicle. Trooper Brock recently received the Medal of Courage for his involvement in a pursuit where he was injured during the apprehension of an individual suspected of stealing a car on February 2, 2011.

Trooper Brock (right) is pictured with three members of the Seattle Police Department.

The Seattle Storm is a professional basketball team based in Seattle, Washington, playing in the Western Conference in the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA).



## WSP Scientists Enjoyed the Thrill of Olympian Games During Annual Cookout

The Seattle Forensic Laboratory Services Bureau facility celebrated a Laboratory Cookout on a bright, sunny, short-sleeved day on September 20, 2012. Their theme this year was in celebration and semi-continuation of the London Olympic Games. This was the fifth all lab celebration - previous annual celebrations included Hawaiian Day, Pirates of the Parking Lot, the 80's, and "Minute to Win It".

The events of these Olympian Games included several that should be considered carefully by the better known competitions that occur every four years. The Circular File Toss, the Extreme Staple Pull, and the Office Chair Relay provided some of the best competition seen in these games.

As the photos show, the games included wire-to-wire competitions, the exhilaration of victory and agony of defeat, and the always popular "I win, you lose" competitive spirit of such well-conditioned athletes/scientists. The sunny weather provided a great day of relaxing and enjoying each other's company!



# People People People



Lieutenant  
Keith H. Trowbridge



Sergeant  
Scott L. Betts



Sergeant  
Christopher K. Caiola



Sergeant  
Patrick D. Ditter

**Keith H. Trowbridge** was promoted to RCW Lieutenant effective June 1, 2012, assigned to District 8, Bremerton.

Trowbridge was born in Anchorage, Alaska, and graduated from Chief Sealth High School in Seattle. He graduated from Western Washington University with a Bachelors Degree in Sociology.

Trowbridge began his career with the Washington State Patrol on December 30, 1991, as a trooper cadet assigned to Bremerton.

He graduated with the 75th Trooper Basic Training Class and was commissioned on July 10, 1992, assigned to South Seattle.

As a trooper, Trowbridge was also assigned to Bellevue as a Problem Oriented Public Safety (POPS) Trooper and the Aggressive Driving Apprehension Team (ADAT).

Trowbridge promoted to RCW Sergeant on September 23, 2003, assigned to Burlington. In July of 2004, he transferred to Marysville.

On May 14, 2006, he transferred to Bellevue.

**Scott L. Betts** was promoted to RCW Sergeant effective June 1, 2012, remaining in Burlington.

Betts was born in Longview and graduated from R.A. Long High School in Longview. He attended Central Washington University where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology.

Betts began his employment with the Washington State Patrol on March 20, 2002, as a trooper cadet assigned to the Training Division.

He graduated with the 89th Trooper Basic Training Class and was commissioned on July 1, 2003, assigned to Burlington.

In 2009, Betts was awarded the Chief Will Bachofner Award.

**Christopher K. Caiola** was promoted to RCW Sergeant effective August 16, 2012, assigned to Monroe.

Caiola was born in Seattle and graduated from Inglemoor High School in Bothell, Washington.

Caiola began his employment with the Washington State Patrol on February 25, 1999, as a trooper cadet assigned to the Training Division.

He graduated with the 85th Trooper Basic Training Class and was

commissioned on August 16, 2000, assigned to Marysville.

On September 19, 2005, Caiola was selected as a Narcotic Canine Handler, assigned to the Serious Highway Crime Apprehension Team (SHCAT) in District 7.

**Patrick D. Ditter** was promoted to RCW Sergeant effective July 1, 2012, assigned to Yakima.

Ditter was born in Tacoma and graduated from Eisenhower High School in Yakima. He attended Yakima Valley Community College where he earned an Associate of Arts Degree. Ditter served in the U.S. Army for five years.

Ditter began his employment with the Washington State Patrol on September 29, 1989, as a trooper cadet assigned to the Mountain Pass Assistance Program in Bellevue.

He graduated with the 70th Trooper Basic Training Class and was commissioned on June 20, 1990, assigned to Sunnyside.

On April 23, 1997, he transferred to Yakima.

Ditter was appointed Trooper Detective on July 3, 2000, assigned to the Yakima Traffic Investigation Unit.

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Sergeant  
Darin L. Foster



Sergeant  
Scott E. Gordon



Sergeant  
Kelly N. Gregerson



Jeremy J. Hagquist

He was awarded the Chief's Award for Professional Excellence in 2004.

**Darin L. Foster** was promoted to RCW Sergeant effective August 16, 2012, assigned to Morton.

Foster was born in Yakima and graduated from Naches Valley High School in Naches. He received an Associate in Applied Science Degree from the Community College of the Air Force. He also earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Law and Justice from Central Washington University, and a Master of Arts Degree in Business and Organizational Security Management from Webster University. Foster served in the U.S. Air Force for over six years.

Foster began his employment with the Washington State Patrol on July 7, 1998, as a trooper cadet assigned to the Training Division.

Foster graduated with the 82nd Trooper Basic Training Class and was commissioned on March 1, 1999, assigned to Bellevue.

On July 3, 2001, he transferred to Yakima.

**Scott E. Gordon** was promoted to RCW Sergeant effective July 1, 2012. He was originally assigned to Vancouver, but accepted a transfer to Bremerton effective August 16, 2012.

Gordon was born in Bremerton and graduated from North Mason High School in Belfair. He also attended Olympic College where he earned his Associates Degree.

Gordon began his employment with the Washington State Patrol on May 13, 1994, as a trooper cadet assigned to the Training Division.

He graduated with the 77th Trooper Basic Training Class and was commissioned on October 13, 1994, assigned to Bremerton.

Gordon was assigned as a member of the Canine Unit with Vessel and Terminal Security on August 16, 2004; this later became the Homeland Security Division.

**Kelly N. Gregerson** was promoted to RCW Sergeant effective July 1, 2012, assigned to District 1, Olympia.

Gregerson was born in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and graduated from Cape Henlopen High School in Lewes, Delaware. He served over three years

in the U.S. Army.

Gregerson began his career with the Washington State Patrol on February 22, 2000, as a trooper cadet assigned to Accident Records, then transferred to the Information Technology Division on April 3, 2000.

On December 11, 2000, he transferred to the assistance patrol in Tacoma.

He graduated with the 87th Trooper Basic Training Class and was commissioned on March 15, 2002, assigned to Olympia.

Gregerson transferred to Tacoma on February 1, 2009.

**Jeremy J. Hagquist** was promoted to Information Technology Systems/Application Specialist 6 effective May 16, 2012.

Hagquist earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in International Relations from Pomona College in Claremont, California.

Prior to working for the Washington State Patrol, Hagquist worked for the Office of the Governor, House of Representatives, State Senate, and the Office of Administrative Hearings, where he began his technical career.

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Sergeant  
Stacy A. Moate



Sergeant  
J. Aaron Morrison



Jo Ray

He began as an Executive Assistant, transferred to the Information Technology Unit in an in-training position to an Information Technology/Application Specialist 2. He functioned as an application and web developer and a database administrator. These skills transferred easily into the required development skills at WSP.

Hagquist began his employment with the Washington State Patrol on August 25, 2004, as an Information Technology Applications Specialist 3, with the Information Technology Division in Tumwater. Hagquist's position was reallocated to the class of Information Technology Specialist 3 on June 1, 2005. Hagquist's first project was to rewrite TAS and payroll. Hagquist and the team were very successful in the development effort and enhancements to the applications continue today.

On July 16, 2006, Hagquist was promoted to Information Technology Specialist 4 where he demonstrated strong leadership skills, and on May 16, 2008, he was promoted to Information Technology Specialist 5- Java and Web Support (JAWS) Supervisor with the Information

Technology Division. After attending a Leadership in Police Organizations (LPO) class Hagquist was approached by the Academy and offered the opportunity to become an LPO Facilitator.

**Stacy A. Moate** was promoted to RCW Sergeant effective June 1, 2012. Moate was originally assigned to Bremerton but accepted a transfer to Tacoma on August 1, 2012.

Moate was born in Renton and graduated from Tahoma High School in Maple Valley, Washington. She attended Green River Community College where she earned her Associates Degree and is currently a student at Washington State University earning her Bachelor's Degree.

Moate began her employment with the Washington State Patrol on October 18, 2000, as a trooper cadet assigned to the Training Division.

She graduated with the 87th Trooper Basic Training Class and was commissioned on March 15, 2002, assigned to Seattle.

On November 16, 2006, Moate was appointed to Trooper Detective, assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division.

Moate was selected as the 2009 Detective of the Year.

**J. Aaron Morrison** was promoted to RCW Sergeant effective July 1, 2012, assigned to District 6, Okanogan.

Morrison was born in Warsaw, Indiana, and graduated from Warsaw Community High School. He earned his Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice from the Community College of the Air Force and his Bachelor's Degree in Social Sciences from Washington State University. He served eight years in the U.S. Air Force.

Morrison began his employment with the Washington State Patrol on January 16, 1998, as a trooper cadet assigned to the Spokane Port of Entry.

He graduated with the 83rd Trooper Basic Training Class and was commissioned on July 1, 1999, assigned to District 7, Marysville.

On July 3, 2001, he transferred to District 4, Colfax.

Morrison was appointed Trooper Detective with the Criminal Investigation Unit in Spokane on February 13, 2006.

**Jo Ray** was promoted to Washington Management Services (WMS) Band 1 - Watch Center Manager at the Northwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (NW HIDTA) in Seattle effective July 16, 2012.

Ray began her employment with the Washington State Patrol as a Clerk Typist 3 at the Fire Training Academy in North Bend on July 1, 1995, when the Fire Protection Services Division

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Sergeant  
Trisena M. Sharff



Sergeant  
Mark S. Wilson

became part of the Washington State Patrol.

She promoted to an Administrative Assistant 2 at the Fire Training Academy on July 16, 1996.

On April 19, 1999, Jo accepted a temporary Administrative Assistant 2 position with NW HIDTA in Seattle.

On December 19, 1999, she began an in-training appointment within NW HIDTA as a Research Analyst 1. This position was reclassified as WMS Band 1 - Criminal Intelligence Specialist 1 on May 8, 2000.

Ray transferred to a Research Analyst 3 position within NW HIDTA on April 30, 2006.

She then promoted to a Research Analyst 4 on September 16, 2006. On July 25, 2007, this position was reclassified to a Research Analyst 5.

**Trisena M. Sharff** was promoted to RCW Sergeant effective August 16, 2012, assigned to Vancouver.

Sharff was born in Ellensburg and graduated from Ellensburg High School. She received two Bachelor of Arts Degrees from Central Washington University, and a Masters Degree from the University of Washington.

Sharff began her employment with the Washington State Patrol on August 25, 2003, as a trooper cadet assigned to the Training Division.

On October 13, 2003, she transferred to Labor and Industries Security.

She graduated with the 91st Trooper Basic Training Class and was commissioned on January 5, 2005, assigned to Bellevue.

Sharff was appointed Trooper Detective with the Criminal Investigative Division in Tacoma on April 2, 2012.

**Mark S. Wilson** was promoted to RCW Sergeant effective July 1, 2012, assigned to District 5, Vancouver.

Wilson was born in Everett and graduated from South Albany High School in Albany, Oregon.

Wilson began his employment with the Washington State Patrol on March 1, 1999, as a trooper cadet assigned to the Commercial Vehicle Division in Tacoma.

He graduated with the 86th Trooper Basic Training Class and was commissioned on June 16, 2001, assigned to District 1, Tacoma.

## Promotions

**Teitelbaum, Jeffery B.**, Library & Archival Professional 3-Forensic Laboratory Services Bureau, eff: 07/01/12;

**Pearson, Ciara A.**, Communications Officer 1, eff: 07/11/12;

**Fossett, Diane C.**, Information Technology Specialist 4-Information Technology Division, eff: 07/16/12;

**Meyers, Naomi D.**, Communications Officer 1-Bremerton Communications, eff: 07/18/12.

## WSP Service Pins

### 45 Years

**George Leonard**, Property & Evidence Custodian, August 9.

### 30 Years

**Jill Arwine**, Forensic Scientist 3, July 12,

**James Gilbert**, Construction Project Coordinator 3, September 1;

**Chip Rasmus**, Information Technology Specialist 4, September 1;

**CVEO 1 Keith Qunell**, September 13.

### 25 years

**Randall Watson**, WMS Band 3, July 1;

**Sergeant Leon Leyde**, July 6;

**Trooper Mark Soper**, July 6;

**David Hitchman**, Custodian 2, July 27;

**Mary Whitmore**, Engineering Aide 3, July 28;

**Diane Pietz**, Office Assistant 3, August 9;

**Trooper Allen Larned**, August 21;

**Sergeant Arthur Nelson**, August 21;

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**Sergeant Patrick Percival**, August 21;  
**Sergeant Paul Stanek**, August 21;  
**David Kastel**, Communications Officer 1, August 24;  
**Sergeant Kimberly Triplett**, August 24;  
**Lieutenant Dale Alexander**, August 27;  
**Trooper Sidney Grant**, August 28;  
**Trooper Michael Peterson**, August 28;  
**Sergeant Kenneth Harkcom**, September 14;  
**Julie Hudson**, Communications Officer 3, September 14;  
**Trooper Bryan Martin**, September 14;  
**Trooper Shawn Williams**, September 14;  
**Sergeant Trent Cain**, September 18;  
**Assistant Chief James Lever**, September 18;  
**Trooper Steve Luce**, September 18;  
**Trooper Brian Messer**, September 18;  
**Christine Cupp**, Communications Officer 1, September 21;  
**Cheryl Dumler**, Office Assistant 3, September 21.

**20 years**

**Sergeant Christofer Coglizer**, July 6;  
**Robert Jones**, Vocational Education Program Specialist, July 6;  
**Trooper Guy Rosser**, July 6;  
**Kelly Hunt**, Fingerprint Technician 2, July 17;  
**Daniel Webster**, Senior Telecommunications Specialist, July 20;  
**Trooper George Mars**, July 27;  
**Trooper Davis Clifton**, August 3;  
**Nancy Johnson**, Communications Officer 1, August 3;  
**Michael Aboe**, Vocational Education Program Specialist, August 10;

**Sergeant John Didion**, August 10;  
**Catherine Nicholson**, Administrative Assistant 3, August 10;  
**James Hill**, Information Technology Specialist 4, August 17;  
**Trooper Steven Houle**, August 17;  
**CVEO 3 Sharon Henry**, August 24;  
**Jimmy Manong**, Information Technology Specialist 4, September 14;  
**Debra Tafoya**, Correctional Records Technician 1, September 26;

**15 years**

**Trooper Ryan Aston**, July 2;  
**Trooper Jennifer Barrett**, July 2;  
**Trooper Edward Camden**, July 2;  
**Trooper Elliott George**, July 2;  
**Trooper Walter Heilig**, July 2;  
**Trooper Brandie Penney**, July 2;  
**Trooper Keith Pigott**, July 2;  
**Trooper Andrew Fleming**, July 3;  
**Sergeant John Gundermann**, July 3;  
**Trooper Scott Lasher**, July 3;  
**Trooper Michael Richmond**, July 3;  
**Trooper Philip Riney**, July 3;  
**Trooper Thomas Shirey**, July 3;  
**Trooper William Steen**, July 3;  
**Trooper Andrew Stoeckle**, July 3;  
**Lieutenant Roger Wilbur**, July 3;  
**Melodie Wulfekuhle**, Human Resource Consultant 2, July 21;  
**Christine Golden**, Communications Officer 1, July 23;  
**Brenda Lawrence**, Forensic Scientist 3, July 24;  
**Sergeant Dwayne Korthuis Smith**, July 26;  
**Richard Warren**, Communications Officer 3, July 28;  
**Trooper Paul Carroll**, August 18;  
**William Rose**, Investigator 3, September 2;  
**Trooper Bryan Ducommun**, September 5;  
**Sergeant Brian George**, September 5;  
**Trooper Grant Giacomazzi**,

September 5;  
**Trooper Christopher Holt**, September 5;  
**Trooper Douglas Malmstrom**, September 5;  
**Trooper Victoria Mauro**, September 5;  
**Trooper Sean Meenan**, September 5;  
**Trooper Pamela O'Brien**, September 5;  
**Trooper Jonathan Vaughan**, September 5;  
**Trooper Matthew Weberling**, September 5;  
**Veronica Wilson**, Correctional Records Technician 1, September 8.

**10 years**

**Donald West**, Deputy State Fire Marshal, August 1;  
**Natasha Pranger**, Forensic Scientist 4, August 5;  
**Kari O'Neill**, Forensic Scientist 3, August 12;  
**Coltrane Roberts**, Deputy State Fire Marshal, August 19;  
**CVEO 2 Dean Appell**, September 3;  
**CVEO 2 Dean Robinson**, September 3;  
**Larry Marcus**, Senior Telecommunications Specialist, September 4;  
**Trooper Stephanie Bjorkman**, September 9;  
**Mary Wilson**, Forensic Scientist 3, September 16;  
**Brianne Huseby**, Forensic Scientist 3, September 18;  
**Jennifer Reid**, Forensic Scientist 3, September 23;

**5 years**

**Trevor Allen**, Forensic Scientist 3, July 1;  
**Kristina Hoffman**, Forensic Scientist 3, July 1;

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**Paul Perz**, Assistant State Fire Marshal, July 1;  
**Andrea Ricci**, Forensic Scientist 3, July 1;  
**Jennifer Norwood**, Correctional Records Technician 1, July 9;  
**Suzanne Nott**, Information Technology Specialist 5, July 9;  
**Yvonne Stevens**, Budget Analyst 3, July 9;  
**Teresa Morgan**, Fiscal Analyst 2, July 10;  
**Sherri Allen**, Forensic Scientist 3, August 1;  
**Mary Copp**, Office Assistant 3, August 6;  
**Susan Farrington**, Correctional Records Technician 1, August 6;  
**Erica Graham**, Forensic Scientist 5, August 6;  
**Whitney O'Leary Smith**, Communications Officer 1, August 13;  
**Cynthia Presba**, Office Assistant 3, August 16;  
**Gina Miller**, Forms & Records Analyst 3, August 20;  
**Brenda Biscay**, Administrative Assistant 3, August 27;  
**CVEO 2 Michael Mullen**, August 27;  
**Teresa Shank**, Forensic Scientist 3, August 27;  
**David Stritzke**, Forensic Scientist 3, August 27;  
**Trooper Brenton Campbell**, September 4;  
**Trooper Shaun Casavant**, September 4;  
**Trooper Casey Corey**, September 4;  
**Trooper Trevor Downey**, September 4;  
**Trooper William Finn**, September 4;  
**Trooper Timothy Gorzynski**, September 4;  
**Trooper Adam Gruener**, September 4;

**Trooper Nicholas Hagg**, September 4;  
**Trooper Adam Hengtgen**, September 4;  
**Trooper Dominic Ledesma**, September 4;  
**Trooper Leon Legros**, September 4;  
**CVEO 1 Arnold Leitz**, September 4;  
**Trooper Ryan Los**, September 4;  
**Trooper Kristian Lynch**, September 4;  
**Trooper Brent Mattox**, September 4;  
**Trooper Ryan Mendell**, September 4;  
**Trooper Joshua Mullins**, September 4;  
**Trooper Michael Porter**, September 4;  
**Trooper Jason Roe**, September 4;  
**Trooper Travis Shearer**, September 4;  
**Trooper Raymond Sills**, September 4;  
**Trooper Matthew Sloan**, September 4;  
**Trooper William Stellmacher**, September 4;  
**Trooper Dustin Stephan**, September 4;  
**Trooper Felix Sweetman**, September 4;  
**Trooper Daniel Tennant**, September 4;  
**Trooper Zachary Welch**, September 4;  
**CVEO 1 Shelly Gonsalves**, September 10;  
**Paul Huttner**, Fire Instructor Support, September 14;  
**Jacqueline Duby**, Secretary Supervisor, September 16;  
**Christie Mitchell Mata**, Forensic Scientist 3, September 17.

## Deaths

Jan Pranger, 63, father of **Natasha Williams**, Forensic Scientist 4, CODIS DNA Laboratory, passed away on July 12, from complications due to lung disease.

Lois Claire Klein, grandmother of **Brett Bishop**, Forensic Scientist 3, Cheney Crime Lab, passed away on July 20.

David D. Scheinost, 24, from Puyallup, step-brother of **Lysandra Trejo**, Deputy State Fire Marshal, Fire Protection Bureau, drowned during a diving accident off Bainbridge Island on July 24. He was employed as a geoduck compliance diver with the Department of Natural Resources Aquatic Resources Division.

Patricia Mattson, 89, loving grandmother of **Jennifer Nuse**, Safety & Wellness Coordinator, died of lung cancer on July 24 in Tacoma.

Erin Englund, sister of **Trooper James Arnold**, passed away unexpectedly at her home in Olympia on July 31. Englund had been battling a brain tumor for the past eight years.

**Retired Trooper Charles F. "Chuck" Miller** passed away August 1, in Olympia. He is survived by his wife Alice, children, stepchildren and 21 grandchildren. Miller was hired on June 1, 1971, and graduated with the 49th Trooper Basic Cadet Class on August 6, 1973. Some of his assignments included Administrative Services as a

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photographer; Special Services; and Field Operations.

Evelyn Lucille Smith, 86, grandmother of **Diana Wauzynski**, Criminal Records Division, passed away peacefully on the morning of August 1.

Fred Waters, 88, grandfather of **Sarah Holmes**, Property and Evidence Custodian, Crime Laboratory Division Marysville, passed away on August 18.

Eugene F. Hill, 96, step-father of **retired Captain John Tierney**, passed away September 1, in Yakima.

Kim King, 57, mother of **Sara Trejo**, Olympia Crime Laboratory and Crime Scene Response Team, passed away on September 1, from bladder cancer.

Frank Rubino, 74, father of **William Rubino**, Law Enforcement Equipment Technician 2, passed away on September 2. Rubino lived in Nutley, New Jersey.

Velma R. Mize, mother of **Cliff Rogers**, Deputy State Fire Marshal, and grandmother of **CVEO 1 David Rogers**, passed away on September 10 in Spokane from a sudden illness.

Jean Stearns, 82, grandmother of **Trooper Jennifer Barrett**, died September 14, in Oakland, Oregon, from complications of Parkinson's disease.

Joan Scott, mother-in-law of **Trooper Troy Orf**, passed away at the Evergreen Hospice Care Center in Kirkland on September 14.

Manuela Cortez, 102, mother of **retired Trooper and retired Property & Evidence Custodian Joe Cortez**, **retired Trooper Francisco Cortez**, **retired CVEO 3 Ricardo Cortez**, mother-in-law of Office Assistant 2 **Laurel Ann Cortez** (Kennewick), and grandmother of Administrative Assistant 3 **Norma Moreno** (Yakima), **Trooper J. Michael Cortez** (Yakima), and Confidential Secretary **Rebecca Cortez** (Forensic Laboratory Services Bureau) passed away on September 16 in Yakima.

**Retired CVEO 1 Jess Heinlein** passed away in his sleep on September 18, 2012.

Paul F. Hintz, 76, father of **Trooper Dave Hintz**, passed away on September 17, due to complications from a stroke.

Pearl Wright, 96, mother of **retired Trooper Detective John Wright**, grandmother of Washington State Patrol Spouse's Association President **Angela Morhous**, and grandmother-in-law of **Trooper Detective Ian Morhous**, passed away on September 24 in Wenatchee.

## Remembering WSP's History

The Washington State Patrol Historical Committee is trying to capture WSP history. They are looking for as much history as possible before it's lost. They want to make a history of all the badges and who had badges, humorous and memorial experiences, and much more.

Our retiree's history is rich with stories and experiences, so whether you're commissioned or merit, did or didn't have a badge, let's get our history written down and sent in so it's not lost.

Mail your history to:

Washington State Patrol  
 Attn: Betty Stanek  
 PO Box 42625  
 Olympia, WA 98504-2625



# Retirements Retirements Retirements



Patricia D. Carlson



David G. Gotzh



CVEO 1  
Loren J. Ottenbreit

Community College, and Central Washington University, where he earned a Bachelor Degree in Law and Justice. He served three years in the United States Army.

Gotzh began his career with the Washington State Patrol on July 13, 1970, as a trooper cadet. He retired from the Washington State Patrol as a Sergeant on August 31, 2003. On October 1, 2003, he was rehired as a Vehicle

**Patricia D. Carlson**, retired on July 31, 2012, after more than 24 years of dedicated service to the Washington State Patrol and to the citizens of the state of Washington.

Carlson was born in San Diego, California, and graduated from Mt. Miguel High School in Spring Valley, California. She continued her education at Grossmont College in El Cajon, California.

Carlson began her employment with the Washington State Patrol on December 9, 1985, as a temporary Data Entry Operator 2 for the Identification Section in Olympia.

On December 3, 1986, Carlson separated with the Washington State Patrol to accept a project appointment with the Department of Community Development.

Carlson returned to the Washington State Patrol on September 28, 1987, as a Data Entry Operator 2 with the Identification Section in Tumwater.

Her position was reallocated from Data Entry Operator 2 to Clerk Typist 3 on September 21, 1993. On October 12, 1994, Carlson accepted a

temporary appointment as a Customer Services Specialist 1 with the Identification Section.

She accepted a project appointment on October 9, 1995, as Customer Services Specialist 1, to assist with the Criminal History Improvement Project.

Carlson's position was reallocated to Customer Services Specialist 2 with the Identification Section on April 17, 1996.

Her position was reallocated to Correctional Records Specialist on April 1, 2004, with the Identification and Criminal History Section. Carlson's position when she retired was as a Correctional Records Technician 1.

**David G. Gotzh** retired for the second time on July 16, 2012, after 42 years of dedicated service to the Washington State Patrol and to the citizens of the state of Washington.

Gotzh was born in Leavenworth, Kansas and graduated from Las Cruces High School in Las Cruces, New Mexico. He attended New Mexico State University, Highline

Identification Number (VIN) Inspector assigned to Yakima.

**Loren J. Ottenbreit** retired for the second time on July 31, 2012, after more than 40 years of dedicated service to the Washington State Patrol and to the citizens of the state of Washington.

Ottenbreit was born in Williston, North Dakota, and graduated from Flathead High School in Kalispell, Montana. He attended Spokane Falls Community College and Big Bend Community College.

Ottenbreit began his career with the Washington State Patrol on December 20, 1971, as a trooper cadet assigned to Ephrata. He was commissioned on August 6, 1973, assigned to Capitol Security.

On March 18, 1997, Ottenbreit retired as a commissioned officer after 25 years of service.

Ottenbreit was rehired with the Washington State Patrol as a VIN Inspector on May 7, 1997, assigned to Spokane.

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Charles E. Solomon

His position was reallocated to a Commercial Vehicle Officer 1 on July 1, 2001.

On August 1, 2007, he was promoted to Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officer 1, remaining in Spokane.

**Charles E. Solomon** retired on July 31, 2012, after serving 24 years, six months, and 13 days to the State of Washington.

Solomon was born in Pasco and graduated from Columbia High School in Richland. He attended Columbia Basin College in Pasco, where he received an Associate of Arts degree. He also attended Whitman College in Walla Walla where he obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree, and finally Washington State University in Pullman, where he earned a Master of Science degree.

Solomon began his career with the Washington State Patrol on January 19, 1988, as a Crime Lab Technician in Yakima. He transferred to the Kennewick Crime Laboratory on June 1, 1988.

Solomon was promoted to a Forensic Scientist 1 on November 1, 1989, assigned to the Spokane Crime Laboratory. On December 3, 1990, he was promoted to a Forensic Scientist 2, assigned to the Tacoma Crime Laboratory.

Solomon was promoted to a Forensic Scientist 3 in the Tacoma Crime Laboratory on November 16, 1992. He was promoted to a Forensic Scientist 4 on August 5, 1996, assigned to the Spokane Crime Laboratory.

On January 6, 2003, Solomon transferred to the Kennewick Crime Laboratory, where he remained until his retirement.

Solomon's position was reclassified to a Forensic Scientist 5 on September 1, 2007.

## Note to those about to retire

While completing your retirement preparations and to receive information about the Memorial Foundation or the Retired Washington State Patrol Employees Association (RWSPEA),

you might want to 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 e-mail at [secretary@rwspea.org](mailto:secretary@rwspea.org).

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## WSP Retirees

The Inside Out is always looking for interesting stories about life after the Patrol. Be it new adventures, business, volunteer, or non-profit work.

Contact the Inside Out at (360) 596-4012 or [insideout@wsp.wa.gov](mailto:insideout@wsp.wa.gov)

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



Trooper Ivan Belka died on August 18, 1951, at the age of 38. A vehicle failed to yield to Trooper Belka's paddy wagon. He died from injuries as a result of this collision which occurred in Spokane. At the time of his death, Trooper Belka served 8-1/2 years with the Washington State Patrol.



Trooper John Wright was commissioned September 10, 1951, in the 16th cadet class. He was assigned to the Spokane Valley detachment. Wright died June 28, 1953, of injuries after he was struck by a hit-and-run driver on East Sprague Avenue at Barker Road in Greenacres, east of Spokane. He was 28 years old.



Weight Control Officer Joseph Modlin died on August 15, 1974, at the age of 60. He was killed when he was struck by a logging truck trailer while walking toward a second truck at the Home Valley weigh station on Highway 14, seven miles east of Stevenson. At the time of his death, Officer Modlin had served six years with the Washington State Patrol.



Trooper Ernest Eichhorn died on September 16, 1958, at the age of 33. He was killed by a drunk driver while directing traffic in front of the Puyallup Fairgrounds during the Western Washington Fair. At the time of his death, Trooper Eichhorn had served twelve years with the Washington State Patrol as a trooper.



Trooper Gene Bolstad died on September 3, 1957, at the age of 29 attempting to rescue a teenage boy in the surf at Long Beach. Both were caught in an undertow. At the time of his death, Trooper Bolstad had served 2-1/2 years with the Washington State Patrol.



Trooper Vernon Fortin died on September 30, 1923, at the age of 25. Trooper Fortin was injured when his motorcycle collided with another patrolman's motorcycle while they were en route to the Lynden fair for traffic duty. Trooper Fortin died five days later from his injuries. At the time of his death, Trooper Fortin served 18 months with the Washington State Patrol.



Trooper Clarence Johnson died on September 8, 1968, at the age of 26. He was killed when he was hit head-on by a pickup that crossed the center line on a curve between Fall City and Carnation. At the time of his death, Trooper Johnson had served 18 months with the Washington State Patrol.

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***E-mail received from a citizen thanking Klaudia Ochocka, Correctional Records Technician 1, Criminal History Support Unit, for her assistance:***

My name is Peter Lenton, and I would like to relate a wonderful act of kindness that an employee of the Criminal Records Division did for me. I had non-conviction data that was muddied up by an attorney who, while going for an expunction order in 2003 (despite my strenuous and vocal objections) went and had said non-conviction data vacated, which I found out in Washington State (the hard way), makes for a condition unfavorable to a defendant. This was found out by him this last year (2011-2012) when he tried to get non-conviction data deleted through the Washington State Patrols' record deletion process, and it was denied (unfortunately, he failed to make me aware of what had happened). I later hired another attorney, who I am happy to report was more competent, and petitioned the Court for a record expunction, which was granted in Pierce County Superior Court on August 21, 2012.

On August 23, I went to purchase a firearm, and was denied during the NICS check. I had incorrectly assumed that the expunction order was instantly transmitted to the FBI. Prior to 2011, I usually got a delay while they sorted it out, but I was always able to proceed. I called up the State Patrol Criminal Records Division that day, and my call was taken by an incredibly pleasant employee by the name of Klaudia. I explained what happened with the expunction hearing and the NICs denial, and she politely and concisely informed me that it

normally takes about 14 business days to process and transmit data to the various entities that need to be informed, including the FBI, which I didn't know at that time, and that a vacated disposition was what likely held me up due to the term having a negative impact on one's criminal record.

I explained to her I had filed an appeal with the FBI NICS section just before calling her, and asked if there was any way possible to transmit the expunction order to the FBI faster, as I sent a copy of the expunction order with my appeal, but felt it would have more weight if it was backed up with the same information from the State Patrol. Klaudia said she would do her best, and would notify me via phone when it was transmitted. True to her word, I received a telephone call at my residence from Klaudia on Wednesday, August 29, 2012, informing me that she had transmitted the expunction data to the FBI's Records Division. Today, Thursday, August 30, 2012, I phoned the FBI's NICS Division and was notified that my appeal was granted, my record cleared, and I would be receiving a letter in the next few days verifying those facts. Needless to say, I was overjoyed, as this has been a heavy weight on my shoulders.

Although she could have just had me wait, I feel Klaudia went above and beyond for me, a person she does not know. Because of her dedication to the fine organization she's employed by, and the dedication to the public she serves, she helped one person during a time of crisis in their life, and I wanted her and those directly above her in supervision to know how much that meant to me. I thanked her profusely over the phone,

but that just didn't seem enough. You have a kind, compassionate, and professional employee in Klaudia, and it is personnel such as she that makes the Washington State Patrol the finest law enforcement agency in this great country!

Warmest Regards,  
Peter A. Lenton  
Black Diamond, WA

***E-mail received from a citizen thanking District 4 troopers for their assistance:***

My brother and I were taking a motorcycle trip through the Spokane area on the September 3, 2012, when we became separated. I thought something bad had happened to him. I found a trooper by the side of the road on Highway 35 North; he helped me search the ditches of the highway. He then took all the information of my brother's description and radioed it in. Well within two hours your troopers had found him and phoned my business in B.C. to relay the info to me.

I cannot say how much your troopers and staff impressed me with such speed and dedication to the job.

Thank you,  
Richard L. Dyck  
Kamloops B.C.

***E-mail received from a citizen thanking District 2 troopers for their professionalism and conduct:***

WSP;

On Sunday night, Sept. 2, I was interviewed by two of your officers in consequence of an utterly bizarre



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encounter with another motorist on I-90 just east of Issaquah. This note is to advise you that the appearance and conduct of both officers was in the best tradition of the WSP and both should be recognized as outstanding and a credit to your department. I have the identity of only one officer, Trooper Dustin Drout, badge number 433, but the demeanor and professionalism of both of these fine, young men deserves recognition.

Yours truly,  
Bill Gaffney  
Orofino, Id.

***E-mail received thanking troopers for their work on SR 512:***

To Whom It May Concern:

I just had the delightful opportunity of watching a video in which a Washington State Trooper went completely "out of his way" in delaying rush hour traffic while a duck and her young family managed to safely make their way across a very busy highway, with the assistance of a very kindly and dedicated State Trooper.

Things have changed an awfully lot since I was young, and it seems increasingly difficult to find anything positive and uplifting in the news these days with increasing violence all around us.

The video of this particular Washington State Trooper not only served as a real bright spot in my day, but that Officer is clearly a genuine credit both to your department, to the state, and to the community and citizens whom he is sworn to serve. He stands as a genuine "hero" in my book, and I just wanted to share my personal

feelings of thanks and gratitude for both the spirit and compassion of a man such as this.

Bright Blessings To All,  
Robert J. Humphrey  
Brookings, Oregon

***E-mail thanking Forensic Scientist 1 William Bogen for his professionalism and dedication to service:***

Good Afternoon,

I am writing on behalf of the City of Bremerton Prosecuting Attorney's Office. I would like to extend my great appreciation to Bill Bogen. We are currently in trial in Bremerton Municipal Court on a DUI in City of Bremerton v. Cedric Leonhardt.

The trial was originally set for last week, but I had a funeral to attend so it had to be continued. Bill notified my office that he would be on vacation the first week of September and not available for trial. The defense initially agreed to stipulate to Mr. Bogen's testimony and certifications, but later the attorney changed his mind and filed documents seeking his appearance. Unfortunately, those documents were filed when I was out of the office for the funeral. After further discussions about Mr. Bogen's availability, the defense attorney continued to vacillate about whether Mr. Bogen would have to appear.

As we prepared to go to trial this morning, the City Prosecutor's office decided it would be easier to proceed with Bill rather than take a chance that the court would continue the case or force the City to proceed regardless of his availability. This is a second time

DUI offender who refused all field sobriety tests and was not stopped for any erratic driving. The breath test is critical to our case. I called Bogen this morning at home at 8:00 a.m. He was amazingly gracious in light of the fact that he was on vacation and he had been told we would not need him. Bill showed up to testify on short notice and was professional in his attitude and attire. Within a few minutes of reviewing the paperwork he was ready to testify on behalf of the City and did so with absolute confidence in every aspect of his testimony.

Too often in the law enforcement, great performance is overlooked and small errors are magnified. I personally believe that we all have to work together as a team and Bill was essential to our team today. I cannot thank him enough for his willingness to appear and testify.

For now we will await the jury's verdict....

Yours Truly,  
Gina Buskirk  
Bremerton City Attorney  
Criminal Division

***E-mail received thanking Trooper Karey Reisdorph, District 3, for his assistance:***

My husband and I were stranded on Highway 12 at milepost 378, between Pomeroy and Dayton, on Wednesday, September 5. We called AAA at 5:45 p.m. and they said they would have someone there within an hour. Our friends that were traveling with us left for home when we heard that. After an hour and a half we had not seen nor heard from AAA. I called them again and they said they were

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having trouble finding a tow truck. To make a long story short – it was getting dark and cooler. My husband and I are both 77 years old and didn't want to be out there alone on a busy highway after dark. After several more phone calls to AAA, they called the State Patrol and a very nice Officer Karey came to our rescue and stayed with us until a tow truck showed up at 10:00 p.m. He will never know how glad we were to see him and how much we appreciated his presence. I do not know his badge number, but he is based in Pomeroy. He said he would not leave until help came. I would like to highly commend him for his compassion and caring. He is an asset to the Patrol.

Richard (Dick) and Doris Gludt  
Troy, Idaho

***E-mail received thanking Trooper Sergio Cervantes, District 3, for his assistance:***

Hi,

I would very much like to formally thank Trooper Cervantes in the Tri-Cities area for his courtesy and consideration when he helped me on Thursday, September 6, on westbound Highway 82 between Tri-Cities and Prosser. It was late at night and a potentially dangerous and personally scary situation that his professionalism prevented from becoming something worse. I was driving a work vehicle that became temporarily disabled in an area I didn't know well. I was unsettled and not able to think clearly about how I should help myself get back on the road. He advised me and transported me to and from a place where I could get the help I needed. I

think he is a credit to his organization.

THANK YOU, TROOPER CERVANTES!

Sincerely,  
Shelley Singer

***E-mail received thanking Trooper Kyle Burgess, District 1, for his service:***

I want to personally let anyone listening know that you have an excellent officer on your hands. Officer Burgess is someone to cherish as an employee and sets a prime example on the dedication and high moral values WSP portray. Officer Burgess went above and beyond; he took care of the citizen and made sure the outcome was civil and forthcoming. I could not say enough positive things about my encounter with Officer Burgess, please let his commander know that they have an invaluable officer on their hands that shows the public the commitment he has to his work.

Thank you so much,

Thank you officer Burgess!  
(253) Computer Services  
Jason Bergstrom/Owner

***E-mail received thanking Trooper Charles Stewart, District 8, for his service:***

Greetings,

I am writing this letter to commend the conduct of Trooper Charles Stewart of District 8. On Memorial Day he saved my life. I was out of control. Continuing on with my

reckless nature would have led to the inevitable injury of an innocent person or me. I take responsibility for my actions and without his assistance my revelation would have been delayed or perhaps never come to fruition. I thank him for standing up for something good. One day I hope to do the same. Please don't drink and drive.

Ian Ward

***E-mail received thanking District 1 Staff for their support:***

I served with the WSP family for approximately five years before leaving to work for a smaller agency in 2010. On January 12, 2012, I was informed that I have an inoperable brain tumor. For a time I did not know if I would survive, let alone return to work in law enforcement. After months of treatment and multiple MRIs, I have been cleared to return to full duty shortly.

When news of my medical condition reached my former coworkers and supervisors of the Patrol, they immediately set out to help both morally and financially. They raised a large sum of money for me that took the pressure off when the medical bills started to roll in. This gesture meant more to me than I can ever express, and truly endeared the Patrol as forever family.

The following is a list of people who helped me in my time of need:

- Lt. Ron Mead
- Sgt. Troy Tomaras
- Trooper Jill Hannem
- Trooper Gary Gooch
- Trooper Collin Overend-Pearson
- Trooper Chris Frederick
- Trooper Dan Nashleanas

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Trooper Paul Joyce  
Trooper Paul Sanger  
Trooper Pete Stock  
All of District 1 Communications

I truly have a deep respect for the Washington State Patrol and its employees. Please direct this email to each of their commanders, along with my sincere gratitude.

Officer C. Abell  
Gig Harbor Police Department

***E-mail received thanking Trooper Morgan Mehaffee, District 4, for his professionalism and service:***

I just wanted to complement the WSP on one of their officers. I was stopped on the afternoon of September 22 by Trooper Mehaffee for driving my dump truck in the left lane of the freeway near Broadway. Having lived here my whole life, I had somehow never noticed the signs along the highway stating that was prohibited. Even though that must have seemed ridiculously unlikely to him, he was very polite and let me go with a verbal warning. I would like to thank Trooper Mehaffee for treating me politely, and pointing out my error, rather than just giving me a citation which he could have easily done.

Thank you,  
Daniel J. Dyer

***Letter received from the Spokane County Prosecutors Office thanking Trooper Jon McKee for his professionalism and dedication:***

24 September 2012,

I am a Deputy Prosecuting

Attorney with the Spokane County Prosecuting Attorney's Office. I am sending this letter to express my appreciation of Trooper McKee and to commend him for his professionalism and diligence in the performance of his duties. Trooper McKee testified as a BAC technician in State v. Kienel (report #110902243; case #C00823666). This was the first trial Trooper McKee testified as a BAC Technician. He presented himself to the jury as a relaxed and credible witness for the State. Furthermore, he was not the actual technician who had maintained the BAC instrument in question as he was filling in for a fellow trooper who was unavailable to testify. Trooper McKee proved his credibility to the jury through his honest and straight forward testimony. Specifically, because he was not the actual technician he had to utter the words "I do not know" (or similar phrases) more than once. However, Trooper McKee did an outstanding job of explaining the quality assurance and record keeping process and explained to the jury that he had no doubt as to the accuracy of the test provided by the BAC instrument in question. In my closing arguments I specifically referenced Trooper McKee's testimony that the BAC instrument was functioning properly and delivered an accurate test result. Finally, it was my first trial and Trooper McKee made my job easy through his professional appearance, testimony and presence on the witness stand.

Trooper McKee did an excellent job and I look forward to working with him and all the other professional staff of the Washington State Patrol in Spokane County.

Sincerely,  
Geoffrey Kristianson  
Spokane County DPA

***E-mails received thanking Trooper Grant Campbell and Trooper Andrew Boyer, District 2, for their help and response to a wrong way driver on SR 520:***

Dear Trooper Campbell,

Thank you so much for your attentiveness to the scene of last night's accident. I was very altered by the near miss I had with the motorist going the wrong way on 520. Your calm and professional presence was so great. Please thank Trooper Boyer for his brave response. I am very thankful that he was not gravely hurt. Being braced for the head-on collision that didn't occur left me a little jarred by the rear impact, but I will be just fine.

Let me know if there is anything I can do to help.

Thank you both for doing such excellent work.

Regards,  
Aaron

To the WSP Troopers and other employees:

I wanted to take this opportunity to write a message of thanks to Trooper Andrew Boyer for his actions on the SR 520 east bridge over Lake Washington late last night. His willingness to put himself in harm's way in trying to stop a wrong-way driver likely spared me and my friend serious injury or possibly even worse.

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We were traveling eastbound on 520 last night and I had shifted into the left lane to execute a pass of a slower moving minivan in the right lane. It was more than just a little surprising and scary to suddenly see an oncoming light (only one headlamp on the suspect's vehicle was operating) coming straight for us, and I had to hit the brakes hard and swerve back to the right in order to avoid a very serious collision. Because the minivan was traveling beside us at that point, we needed to give it a moment to pull ahead before cutting back into the other lane.

Had Trooper Boyer not taken the brave action of trying to stop the wrong-way driver with his own vehicle, putting himself at considerable risk, the suspect would have been traveling at a much higher rate of speed down the bridge when we encountered him. The damage caused to the suspect's vehicle and the loss of momentum from the earlier collision probably gave us that extra second we needed to get out of harm's way. I regret not thanking Trooper Boyer last night on the bridge as we inched by his car and the stopped taxi; I'm not sure what had happened had sunk in by that point, but I wanted to take the time to write to correct that missed opportunity.

I'm healthy, safe, and alive today and very thankful we have men and women like Trooper Boyer on the road looking out for us. I would deeply appreciate if you could share this note with him and his commanding officers as an expression of my gratitude. Thank you again for everything that all of you at the WSP do for us.

Sincerely,  
James Tsai

Kudos to the dedication and bravery of the WA state Patrol! Just read about Trooper Boyer's brave decision to stop a drunken driver going the wrong way on the freeway. Although I can't remember them all, his action is not only one to protect the public from the dangers of a DUI. I am very grateful for the service provided by our state police, often under dangerous circumstances.

Having been hit by a drunk driver before, I am aware of the complete lack of cognizance on the part of drunk drivers to the hazards they pose to others. Even if a sober driver is not seriously injured following an accident caused by a DUI, the affected driver may be belligerent and threatening after the accident. With the plethora of guns in our society, I am always happy when the police show up to assist with resolving the accident.

Best wishes,  
Sigrid Reymond

***E-mail received thanking Trooper Ken Roe, District 6, for his assistance:***

To whom it may concern,

This compliment is long overdue, but this should not diminish the importance and gratitude. On the night on May 24, 2012, Trooper Roe of the Moses Lake State Patrol office came to the aid of our seventeen-year-old daughter and her best friend on Interstate 90. After having completed a math placement examination for college, the two girls were traveling back home to Ephrata when they encountered a detour on I-90 that allowed them back onto the highway at the Paha-Packard exit. Just as my

daughter was accelerating to highway speed a tire blew and they were forced to the shoulder of the road.

My husband and I got the call from the girls at 10:00 and quickly got into our car to go help them out and get the tire changed. We were very worried about these two small, attractive, young women being alone and vulnerable at the side of I-90 and told them to not open the window or door for anyone NOT in a state patrol uniform. After the nerve wracking hour drive, we finally arrived and were so very pleased to see a state patrol car parked behind their car and Trooper Roe coming to their aid to help change the tire.

Trooper Roe was friendly, helpful, kind, and understanding of our worries and the situation involving these two young women. My husband and I thanked him profusely for his help, but the gratitude was so deeply felt that we thought more people should know about what a wonderful experience it was to meet him and how much we appreciate his assistance.

We understand that there was a fatality accident that night which caused the detour, and by the grace of God our daughter was not involved.

Thank you so much for taking care of the girls until we could get there Trooper Roe.

Sincerely,  
Hans and Linda Schmidt