

WSP Participates in Anti-Terrorism Drill Aboard the Ferry M.V. Salish

On October 29, 2012, members of WSP's SWAT Team participated in a large-scale anti-terrorism exercise aboard the M.V. Salish. The Washington State Ferries (WSF) is the largest ferry system in the nation and is considered a potential terrorist target. To prepare and train for the potential of a terrorist attack, a number of local and national law enforcement agencies teamed up to conduct a realistic anti-terrorism drill aboard the ferry.

The Salish sailed north to Everett from Bainbridge to give participants the experience of conducting law enforcement operations on a moving vessel. The number of people involved in the training exercise was between 125 and 150, involving the U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Customs and Border Patrol, Seattle Police Department, King County Sheriff's Office, and WSP.

The training exercise consisted of two 45-foot U.S. Coast Guard response boats that pulled up to the rear of the ferry as it was moving so SWAT Teams could conduct "insertions," or jumping from one moving boat onto another.

"We have trained extensively on the ferries over the past few years, but it is rare to get to use a moving ferry for training," said Lieutenant Ron Mead, SWAT Commander. "It was very dangerous as the boat was moving at 17 to 18 knots and there were large ocean swells," he said.

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Top photo, troopers jump aboard the M.V. Salish as part of the terrorism training exercise.

Bottom photo, after boarding the ferry, troopers move through the car deck as they look for the people role playing as terrorists and attempt to secure the ferry.



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WSP Recognizes Two Men with Awards of Merit

Vancouver – WSP recognized Detective Rick Hughes of the Centralia Police Department and Robert Gordon of Washington County, Oregon, with the department's "Award of Merit" on November 29, 2012, in Vancouver. The two men selflessly risked their own safety to assist Trooper Rob Moore while he was being assaulted on Interstate 5 in Lewis County, July 3, 2012.

A citation of the events read during the ceremony thanked the men for their life-saving efforts. "The actions of Detective Rick Hughes and Robert Gordon not only helped, but also may have prevented further significant injury to Trooper Moore."

The WSP's Award of Merit is presented to law enforcement officers or citizens who risk their own safety to assist a WSP employee in the performance of a hazardous act. Both men, along with other individuals, assisted Trooper Moore with apprehending a male pedestrian who had become combative during a contact on Interstate 5 near exit 77.

While contacting the pedestrian, Trooper Moore was confronted with two 12-inch sticks and a knife. The pedestrian was yelling and reaching behind his back. Trooper Moore was able to get the individual to follow his commands of dropping the weapons. The pedestrian then reached behind his back and threw a large lug nut at Trooper Moore. Trooper Moore was struck in the face by the lug nut and suffered a broken nose. Trooper Moore attempted to stop the individual with a Taser, but was unsuccessful. Trooper Moore tackled the pedestrian in an attempt to take him into custody.

Detective Hughes and Mr. Gordon observed the confrontation between Trooper Moore and the male pedestrian while Hughes and Gordon were driving down Interstate 5. Both men sprung into action and assisted Trooper Moore get the pedestrian under control and into custody.

Captain Ron Rupke thanked and commended both men for their courageous acts indicating, "We are always thankful when the community we serve assists us in our time of need."



Photo from left to right, Detective Rick Hughes, Robert Gordon, and Captain Ron Rupke, District 5 Commander.

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WSP Wins Its Category in the 2011 National Law Enforcement Challenge



Chief John Batiste is joined by Trooper Ryan Durbin, District 1, and his wife Sarah Durbin, at the 119th Annual IACP Conference in San Diego to receive the 2011 National Law Enforcement Challenge Award. The award is given to law enforcement agencies to recognize excellence in traffic safety and for a continued commitment to saving lives. WSP received the award for taking first place in the State Police Highway Patrol 1,001-2,500 employee category.

Trooper Durbin joined Chief Batiste at the conference for being WSP's 2011 Chief Will Bachofner Award recipient.

VIN Officer Bill Tufts receives the Distinguished and Devoted Service Award



Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) Officer Bill Tufts received the Chief's Award for Distinguished and Devoted Service on October 10, 2012, for his 14 years of dedicated service as a Polygraph Examiner assigned to the Human Resource Division.

Learn more about WSP, WDFW Joint Chaplaincy Program

The Washington State Patrol and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Joint Chaplaincy program is in its second year of providing additional resources to help with the mental, physical, and spiritual well-being of our employees and their families. To learn more about the program and its value, click on the following link to watch a new video [WSP and WDFW Joint Chaplaincy](#) or go to YouTube.com and type in WSP and WDFW Joint Chaplaincy.

Get Winter Driving Conditions on WSP Web Site

Public safety information concerning winter driving preparedness (e.g., safe driving tips, traffic alerts/road and mountain pass conditions, traction devices, etc.) is available on the external web site. Under "Hot Topics" on the WSP home page, note the first link entitled "Alert: Winter Driving Conditions."



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A goal of the exercise was to insert as much realism as possible into the event, with the U.S. Coast Guard crew portraying terrorists while others played the role of passengers.

“We hope vigilance will prevent a terrorist attack from happening,” said Mead, “but the best measures can’t prevent it.” He added, “We hope we never have to do it, but if we do, we’re prepared.” He said he was very proud of the work his team did and of the coordination among the teams, stressing that “communication is essential.”

The exercise also had an 87-foot U.S. Coast Guard patrol boat acting as the command center for all operations. It ran alongside the Salish, about 500 yards off the stern of the ferry. Helicopters were also part of the operation, but conditions were so risky, organizers decided not to attempt helicopter insertions. There were no injuries reported to participants during the training exercise.

This was the first drill of this scale in three years involving the ferries. The WSP, the U.S. Coast Guard, and other agencies will continue to conduct training aboard the ferries.



Troopers check the condition of a suspected terrorist in the ferry's engine room.

Homeward Bound Program Features New Photo

On November 2, 2012, Gordon Trucking, in partnership with WSP's Homeward Bound Program, added a photo of Kayla Croft-Payne to their fleet that includes posters of missing children from Washington and Oregon.

WSP Lieutenant Ron Mead, Trooper Renee Padgett, Sergeant Paul Erdahl, Kayla's parents (Michelle Croft and Thomas Payne) and Steve Gordon, Chief Operating Officer of Gordon Trucking, were at the Gordon Trucking Company offices in Pacific, Washington, to unveil a new, updated age progression photo of Kayla.

Kayla went missing in 2010 and her photo is the newest addition to the fleet of Gordon Trucking trailers with photos of missing children. There are currently 24 different photos of missing children from Washington and Oregon on Gordon Trucking trailers.

Renee Padgett is currently on medical leave to receive treatment for cancer, but participated in the event because she started the Homeward Bound Program in 2006 as a Problem Oriented Public Safety (POPS) project.



Washington State Patrol Memorial Foundation Fiscal Year Update 10/1/11 thru 9/30/12

Since 1983, the Washington State Patrol Memorial Foundation (WSPMF) has provided \$1,526,730 in financial assistance to Washington State Patrol employees and their families.

This year marks the 21st year of the scholarship program. The WSPMF provided 10 new scholarships and 21 renewable scholarships in the last fiscal year, totaling \$31,000 to families of the Washington State Patrol. Christian Frink (son of Fallen Trooper Steven Frink) also received an Educational Grant for books, room and board totaling \$4,427.36. His tuition was waived by the state as a child of a fallen officer.

In addition to scholarships, the WSPMF provided \$35,187.30 in assistance to WSP families in need this year. While much of the assistance provided by the WSPMF is confidential in nature, the WSPMF is proud to disclose its involvement in the following activities:

- The WSPMF Dinner, held in Kennewick on April 28, 2012, raised \$27,929.08 for our Fallen Officers' Spouse and Children College Fund. Family members of Troopers Tony Radulescu, James Saunders, Steven Frink, Cliff Hansell, Glenda Thomas, Frank Noble and Officer Joseph Modlin attended the Memorial Dinner as our guests. Core Values award recipients, Trooper Ryan Dacey and Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officer Jeremy Marceau, read the names of our fallen officers and were our guests for the evening.
- A Christmas donation was made to the family of each employee deployed on active military duty during the holidays.
- Two \$500 donations were made in memory of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty in the state of Washington.
- WSPMF Board of Directors participated in the Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream event on April 3, 2012, raising \$2,449.48 for the WSPMF.
- WSPMF Board of Directors participated in the Camaro Unlimited Car Club Show at the Les Schwab in Puyallup on September 9, 2012, raising \$1,300 for the WSPMF.

The WSPMF currently has 1,149 contributing members (960 active and 189 retired employees). To be a voting member of the WSPMF, you must contribute \$5 per month or \$2.50 a pay period. This minimal deduction goes a long way toward helping WSP families in times of need. If you would like to be a contributing member of the WSPMF, please request the form through Sharon Phillips at sharon@wspmf.org or go to our website at www.wspmf.org to print a payroll deduction form.

The 2013 Washington State Patrol Memorial Foundation Dinner will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2013, at the Kitsap Conference Center on the waterfront in downtown Bremerton. Please join us to remember those officers who lost their lives in the line of duty. Remember – all proceeds from the dinner are placed into our Fallen Officers' Spouse and Children College Fund. Hotel reservations are available at the Hampton Inn and Suites for a reduced rate.

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

Dan Eikum, President
Washington State Patrol Memorial Foundation

WSP Memorial Foundation Elects New Board of Directors

The following were recently elected to serve on the WSP Memorial Foundation Board of Directors for a term of two years:

Detective Sergeant Shannon Bendiksen (Office of Professional Standards)
 Lieutenant Tim Coley (Commercial Vehicle Division)
 Lieutenant James Riley (Special Operations Division)
 Dan Eikum (Office of Professional Standards)
 Stephanie Porter (Field Operations Bureau)
 Mike Buckingham (Retired/Disability)

Elected Officers:

President: Dan Eikum
 Vice President: Arel Solie
 Secretary-Treasurer: Donna Barnes

Additional board members are Sergeant Chuck Arnold, Trooper Mike Cheek, Larry Helton (Retired WSP Employee Association Representation), Denise Poe (volunteer), Melissa VanGorkom, and Sharon Phillips (Manager).

The WSP Memorial Foundation provides financial assistance to active and retired WSP employees and their families in times of need. Requests for assistance are confidential and may be brought to any of the above board members. Since 1983, the Memorial Foundation has provided over \$1.5 million in assistance to WSP employees and their families.

Please mark your calendar now to attend the 2013 Memorial Foundation Dinner, which will be held at the Kitsap Conference Center (Bremerton) on Saturday, April 27, 2013, to honor our fallen officers and their families. If you or someone you know would like to donate an item to the raffle or silent auction, please contact Sharon Phillips, Manager, at (360) 866-9555. All proceeds from the dinner go to the Fallen Officers' Spouse and Children Education Fund.

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 retirees' 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:

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



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Sergeant
James G. Brown



Sergeant
Jason W. Greer



Sergeant
Scott L. Lasher



Barbara R. McMullen

James G. Brown was promoted to RCW Sergeant effective August 16, 2012, assigned to Burlington. Brown was born in Yakima and graduated from Highland High School in Cowiche, Washington. He served in the U.S. Army for three years.

Brown began his career with the Washington State Patrol on October 28, 1988, as a trooper cadet assigned to Wenatchee.

He graduated with the 68th Trooper Basic Training Class and was commissioned on June 29, 1989, assigned to Yakima.

On March 16, 2011, he was selected as a Tow and Wrecking Trooper with the Commercial Vehicle Division in Yakima.

Jason W. Greer was promoted to RCW Sergeant effective September 16, 2012, assigned to Vancouver.

Greer was born in Tacoma and graduated from Foss High School in Tacoma.

Greer began his career with the Washington State Patrol on July 5, 2005, as a trooper cadet assigned to Mansion Security.

He graduated with the 93rd Trooper Basic Training Class and was commissioned on November 1, 2006, assigned to Bellevue.

Scott L. Lasher was promoted to RCW Sergeant effective September 16, 2012, assigned to Ritzville.

Lasher was born in National City, California, and graduated from Coeur d'Alene High School in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. He served over six years as a paratrooper in the U.S. Army, where he was promoted to sergeant. He served in Operation Desert Shield, Desert Storm in the Persian Gulf and Operation Joint Endeavor in Bosnia Herzegovina.

Lasher began his career with the Washington State Patrol on July 3, 1997, as a trooper cadet assigned to the Commercial Vehicle Division in Spokane.

He graduated with the 83rd Trooper Basic Training Class and was commissioned on July 1, 1999, assigned to Vancouver. On June 4, 2001, he transferred to Spokane.

Lasher has taken on several extra duties, such as, Child Safety Seat Technician, Problem Oriented Public

Safety (POPS) Trooper, Aggressive Driver Apprehension Team (ADAT), Firearms Instructor, Field Training Officer, and Drug Recognition Expert.

Barbara R. McMullen was promoted to Washington Management Service (WMS) Band 2 - Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal effective July 16, 2012.

McMullen attended Cera Coso College where she earned her Associate of Arts Degree in Sociology. She went on to earn her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology from Saint Martin's University.

Prior to her employment with the WSP, McMullen served in the U.S. Air Force and continues to serve in the U.S. Air Force Reserve.

McMullen began her employment with the Washington State Patrol on September 16, 1998, as an Office Assistant Senior assigned to the Fire Training Academy in North Bend. On January 1, 1999, she transferred to the Fire Protection Bureau Headquarters in Olympia.

On August 1, 1999, McMullen was promoted to Labor and Risk Management as a Confidential Secretary.

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Mary E. Ransier



Sergeant
John M. Ryan



Sergeant
Daniel L. Shades



Sergeant
Ryan W. Tanner

She promoted to Deputy State Fire Marshal with the Fire Protection Bureau Plan Review Section on October 10, 2005.

Mary E. Ransier was promoted to Communications Officer 3 with the Tacoma Communications Center, effective August 16, 2012.

Ransier graduated from South Kitsap High School in Port Orchard.

She began her career as a communications officer on September 1, 2005, assigned to Bremerton Communications. On September 1, 2006, she promoted to Communications Officer 1.

Ransier was named the District 8 Communications Officer of the Year for 2009.

On October 1, 2009, Ransier was promoted to Communications Officer 2 and remained in Bremerton.

Ransier was named District 8 Communications Officer of the Year for 2011.

John M. Ryan was promoted to RCW Sergeant effective September 16, 2012, assigned to District 6, Columbia Basin.

Ryan was born in Sacramento,

California, and graduated from John F. Kennedy High School in Sacramento. He attended Peninsula University, where he earned an Associate of Arts Degree. Ryan served in the U.S. Navy for six years.

Ryan began his career with the Washington State Patrol on January 16, 1998, as a trooper cadet assigned to the Training Division.

On March 23, 1998, he transferred to the Commercial Vehicle Division assigned to the Ridgefield Port of Entry.

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

Ryan transferred to Port Angeles on July 2, 2003.

Daniel L. Shades was promoted to RCW Sergeant effective July 1, 2012, assigned to Kelso.

Shades was born in Sedalia, Missouri, and graduated from Benton County High School in Cole Camp, Missouri. He served in the U.S. Navy for six years.

Shades began his career with the Washington State Patrol on December 19, 1999, as a trooper cadet

assigned to the Training Division.

On January 21, 2000, he was assigned to the Accident Records Section, Crash Program.

He transferred to Executive Services Section, Mansion Security, on February 22, 2000.

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

Shades was assigned as a flight officer with the Aviation Section on January 20, 2003.

He was assigned as a Single-Engine Traffic Pilot on August 25, 2003, and progressed to a Multi-Engine Pilot and Section Flight Instructor.

On March 1, 2006, he transferred to the Executive Services Section, Capitol Detachment.

He transferred to Olympia on April 16, 2008.

Shades was temporarily assigned to the Human Resource Division on April 1, 2012.

Ryan W. Tanner was promoted to RCW Sergeant effective August 16, 2012, assigned to Kelso.

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Tanner was born in Portland, Oregon, and graduated from Fort Vancouver High School in Vancouver.

Tanner began his career with the Washington State Patrol on March 19, 2002, as a trooper cadet assigned to the 10th Arming Class at the Training Division

On May 6, 2002, he transferred to Labor and Industries Security.

Tanner graduated with the 89th Trooper Basic Training Class and was commissioned on July 1, 2003, assigned to Oak Harbor and transferred to Vancouver on March 18, 2004.

Tanner was appointed to the position of District 5 Public Information Officer on June 1, 2011.

Promotions

Park, Marlene L., Information Technology Specialist 3, Information Technology Division, Application Development and Support Section, Patrol Application and Development Support Team, eff: 07/01/12;

Shepel, Galina N., Information Technology Specialist 4, Information Technology Division, Application Development and Support Section, Patrol Application and Development Support Team, eff: 08/01/12;

Perryea, Gregory M., Information Technology Specialist 3, Information Technology Division, Customer Service Unit, Mobile Office Platform, eff: 08/16/12;

Thorsell, Gerald C., Electronic Communications System Technician, Electronic Services Division, eff: 08/16/12;

Miller, Christina M., Communications Officer 2, Tacoma

Communications, eff: 09/01/12;

Randall-Vradenburg, Amy, Research Analyst 5, Investigative Assistance Division, Northwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, eff: 09/01/12;

Harper, Tara L., Fiscal Technician 2, Criminal Records Division, eff: 09/01/12;

Berg, Christopher M., Communications Officer 2, Bremerton Communications, eff: 09/16/12;

Lerew, Jonathan W., Communications Officer 2, Tacoma Communications, eff: 09/16/12;

Molenda, Christopher M., Information Technology Specialist 5, Information Technology Division, Integrated System Server Support Unit Team 2, eff: 09/16/12.

WSP Service Pins

30 years

Laura Cashen, Secretary Supervisor, November 1;

Kristina Klingele, Correctional Records Technician 2, November 15.

25 Years

Terence McAdam, Washington Management Services Band 3, October 1;

CVEO 3 Jeffery Osberg, October 1;

Cynthia Dalesky, Information Technology Specialist 3, October 6;

Yim Locke, Fiscal Analyst 1, October 19;

Trooper Michael Brearty, October 30;

Trooper Curtis Ladines, November 10;

Kelly Prigge, Transportation Planning Technician 2, November 13;

Karl Shoemaker, Senior Telecommunications Specialist, November 16;

Rebecca Anderson, Administrative Assistant 3, November 30.

20 Years

Nicole Footh, Office Assistant 3, October 12;

CVEO 1 Brian Baldwin, October 26;

Johanna Noedel, Washington Management Services Band 2, October 26;

Christine Fox, Washington Management Services Band 1, November 1;

CVEO 1 David Robinson, November 16;

Brian Williams, Communications Officer 1, November 24.

15 Years

Trooper Jeffery Hatteberg, August 1;

Donna LaMarca, Vehicle Identification Number Officer, October 1;

Jennifer Houskeeper, Customer Service Specialist 2, November 3.

10 Years

Megan Inslee, Forensic Scientists 3, October 1;

Patrick Horan, Information Specialist 5; October 14;

CVEO 1 Lace Koler, October 21;

Timothy McDonald, Communications Officer 2, October 21;

Trooper Andrey Liksakov, October 22;

CVEO 2 Nicholas Hopper, October 28;

Chad McCurdy, Vehicle Identification Number Officer, November 12;

Denise McMillen, Vehicle Identification Number Officer, November 12;

CVEO 2 Michael Nesary, November 18.

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5 years

Anna Green, Communications Officer 1, October 1;
Mistica Straight, Property & Evidence Custodian, October 8;
CVEO 1 Thomas Byrnes, October 15;
Marion Clark, Forensic Scientist 3, October 16;
Charles Francisco, Jet Aircraft Technician, October 22;
Breanna Peters, Fingerprint Technician 2, October 22;
Shawn Smith, Fingerprint Technician 2, October 22;
Sarah Battin, Secretary Supervisor, November 1;
Ryan Parypa, Law Enforcement Equipment Technician 2, November 1;
Tyler Ray, Washington Management Services Band 2, November 1;
CVEO 1 Leslie Walker, November 5;
Trooper Andres Gore, November 7;
Beverly Wood, Secretary Senior, November 16;
Trooper Maxwell Criss, November 19;
Trooper Timothy Salverson, December 19;
Taya Hendry, Administrative Assistant 1, November 22;
Christopher Couet, Vehicle Identification Number Officer, November 26;
CVEO 1 Ryan Farrell, November 26.

Deaths

Elaine Manning, mother of **Trooper James Manning**, passed away in Glennallen, Alaska, on October 5, after a lengthy illness.

William Harvey Quinn, 92, grandfather of **Aimee Cox**, Correctional Records Technician 1,

Criminal Records Division, passed away from a stroke on October 7, in Puyallup.

Karen Eeleisa, sister of **CVEO 4 William E. Balcom**, Commercial Vehicle Division, passed away peacefully with her family at her side on October 10.

Irene Lane, 84, of Mossyrock Washington, mother-in-law of **retired Lieutenant Jeff Jones**, passed away on October 15.

Retired Sergeant Loyde E. Mattern, 77, passed away on October 16, due to complications from a genetic disorder that mimics Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease. Sergeant Mattern retired from the Washington State Patrol on June 18, 1990, after serving 25 years in various assignments, including Capitol Grounds Security, Aviation and as Bomb Squad Commander.

Vickie Hollinshead, 70, retired Criminal Records Technician from the Criminal Records Division, passed away on October 19 from a lengthy illness with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease.

Karyn Mary O'Brien, 55, sister of **Trooper Pam O'Brien**, Impaired Driving Section - Seattle, passed away unexpectedly on October 20, due to complications from pneumonia.

Paul Ritchie, 86, father of **Gary Ritchie**, Fingerprint Technician 2 In-training from the Criminal Records Division, passed away October 23.

Gerry Dizon, father of **Trooper Cadet Jessica Dizon**, Training

Division, passed away unexpectedly on October 27.

Sharon Geiger, a retired Training Division Cook, passed away on October 28 after a short illness.

Retired CVEO 1 George Sickler, 77, passed away peacefully in his sleep on October 31 at Ministry St. Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield, Wisconsin. Sickler was assigned to District 1, serving 20 years as a CVEO 1 and retired in 1998.

Retired Trooper Roger A. Bruland, 71, passed away on November 1. Trooper Bruland retired from the Washington State Patrol on June 17, 1991, after serving 25 years. His assignments included Capitol Grounds Security and Bomb Squad Technician.

Sandra Sommerfeld, wife of **retired Trooper John Sommerfeld**, passed away on November 2 after a short battle with cancer.

Floy Bula, 99, mother-in-law to **Sue Bula**, Communications Officer 2, passed away in Spokane on November 6.

Retired Trooper and retired Grays Harbor County Coroner Ed Fleming, passed away following an extended illness on November 8.

John "Jack" W. Hayden Jr., 84, passed away peacefully at his long-time Olympia area home on November 11. Hayden served as assistant attorney general and legal advisor to the Washington State Patrol beginning in 1969. In 1973, Hayden was appointed to the rank of Colonel by Chief Will Bachofner to

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serve as director of the newly created Organized Crime Intelligence Unit. After retiring from the WSP in 1982, Hayden resumed his private law practice, which he maintained for 27 years until retiring in 2008.

Retired Trooper Lee Fagan, husband of **Carol Fagan**, Commercial Vehicle Division, and brother-in-law of **Tammy Usher**, Administrative Services, and **Donald Usher**, retired, Property Management Division, passed away on November 18.

Clayton Gocha II, 68, father of **Trooper Clayton Gocha**, and father-in-law of **Laura Gocha**, Office Support Supervisor 1, passed away unexpectedly from a brief illness on November 22 in Warren, Michigan.

Leroy Witman, 80, father of **Detective Scott Witman**, passed away unexpectedly at his residence in Sumas, WA on November 23.

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

Retirees Calendar

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

- **First Friday**, the breakfast group meets monthly at 9:00 a.m. at the Homestead Restaurant in Tacoma, 7837 South Tacoma Way, Tacoma.

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

District 3

Kennewick - Second Wednesday of the month, at 11:30 a.m., Old Country Buffet at the south end of the Columbia Center Mall, 1321 N. Columbia Ctr. Blvd., Kennewick.

Yakima - First month of each quarter, on the 3rd Monday, The meetings are at 12 p.m. at Shari's Restaurant, off N. 40th Ave., at 1401 Lakeside Court, Yakima.

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 - Second Tuesday of every odd month, beginning at 11:30 a.m. At present, the location is changing each time, with one time in Skagit County and the next time in Snohomish County. Please contact District 7 Secretary, Bridgett Hamilton, at (360) 654-1108, or bridgett.hamilton@wsp.wa.gov to find out where and when the next luncheon will be held.

District 8 - Second Wednesday, monthly luncheon, noon, Alderbrook Inn, 7101 E., SR 106, Union.

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

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CVEO 1
George E. Goss



Trooper
Steve E. Luce



Trooper
Terry N. McCallum



Sergeant
Patrick M. Percival

George E. Goss retired on June 29, 2012, after more than 19 years of dedicated service to the Washington State Patrol and to the citizens of the state of Washington.

Goss was born in Juneau, Alaska, and graduated from Lewis and Clark High School in Spokane. He served in the U.S. Army for two years.

Goss began his career with the Washington State Patrol on August 17, 1971, as a trooper cadet assigned to Hoquiam. He was commissioned on November 22, 1971, assigned to Shelton.

On June 26, 2000, Goss was hired as a Commercial Vehicle Officer 1, assigned to the Spokane Port of Entry.

Goss was selected as the 2006 District 4 Commercial Vehicle Officer of the Year.

He promoted to Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officer 1 on August 1, 2007, remaining in Spokane.

Steve E. Luce retired on September 28, 2012, after more than 25 years of dedicated service to the Washington State Patrol and to the citizens of the state of Washington.

Luce was born in Monrovia, California, and graduated from Redmond High School in Redmond, Washington.

Luce began his career with the Washington State Patrol on September 18, 1987, as a trooper cadet assigned to Vancouver Communications.

He graduated with the 67th Trooper Basic Training Class and was commissioned on March 25, 1989, assigned to Seattle.

Luce transferred to Spokane on July 1, 1991. On November 4, 1991, he transferred to Bellevue.

Luce transferred back to Seattle on November 5, 2001, assigned to the Breath Test Program. On May 1, 2009, he transferred to the Impaired Driving Section as the Ignition Interlock Coordinator, remaining in Seattle.

Terry N. McCallum retired on July 23, 2012, after more than 25 years of dedicated service to the Washington State Patrol and to the citizens of the state of Washington.

McCallum was born in Aberdeen.

He attended Central Washington University, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Elementary Education.

McCallum began his career with the Washington State Patrol on August 1, 1986, as a trooper cadet assigned to Seattle.

He graduated with the 65th Trooper Basic Training Class and was commissioned on July 2, 1987, assigned to Cle Elum.

On August 3, 1987, he transferred to Ellensburg, where he was assigned for the remainder of his career.

Patrick M. Percival retired after more than 25 years of dedicated service to the Washington State Patrol and to the citizens of the state of Washington.

Percival was born in Tacoma and graduated from Olympic High School in Silverdale, Washington. Percival also attended National University in Irvine, California, and Orange Coast College in Huntington Beach, California. He served almost four years with the U.S. Marine Corps.

Percival began his employment

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Sergeant
Roy L. Rhine



Kathy A. Ritter



Sergeant
Blair W. Schmidt

Kathy A. Ritter

retired on June 29, 2012, after more than 11 years of dedicated service to the Washington State Patrol and to the citizens of the state of Washington.

Ritter was born in Seattle and graduated from Highline High School in Seattle.

Ritter began her career with the Washington State Patrol on September 25, 2000, in a temporary appointment as an Office Assistant Senior

with the Washington State Patrol on August 21, 1987, as a trooper cadet assigned to Mansion Security.

He graduated with the 67th Trooper Basic Training Class and was commissioned on March 25, 1989, assigned to District 2, Seattle.

On June 20, 1990, Percival transferred to District 4, Colville. He then transferred to Spokane within District 4 on January 24, 1996.

Percival was appointed to the position of Staff Armorer on August 16, 1998.

On August 21, 2000, he was appointed to Problem Oriented Public Safety (POPS) Trooper in District 4.

Percival was promoted to RCW Sergeant on July 19, 2004, with District 7 Marysville. On June 16, 2005, he transferred to District 4, Spokane, where he remained until his retirement.

Roy L. Rhine retired on June 27, 2012, after more than 26 years of dedicated service to the Washington State Patrol and to the citizens of the state of Washington.

Rhine was born in Portland, Oregon, and graduated from

Evergreen High School in Vancouver, Washington. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps for two years.

Rhine began his career with the Washington State Patrol on November 8, 1985, as a trooper cadet assigned to Commercial Vehicle Enforcement in Vancouver.

He graduated with the 63rd Trooper Basic Training Class and was commissioned on July 10, 1986, assigned to Yakima.

On July 3, 1987, he transferred back to Vancouver, and on July 1, 1998, he was appointed Problem Oriented Public Safety (POPS) Trooper.

Rhine was promoted to RCW Sergeant on April 21, 2004, assigned to Kelso.

He transferred to Vancouver on October 18, 2004.

During his career, Rhine received several commendations including one for the apprehension of a suspected armed burglar and stolen vehicle recovery. He was also recognized for his effort with an emphasis patrol and special truck check in Goldendale, and for organizing a successful blood drive.

with the Fire Protection Bureau.

On May 1, 2001, Ritter accepted an in-training appointment as an Office Trainee. She completed her in-training appointment on November 1, 2001, and promoted to an Office Assistant Senior.

Her position was reallocated to Secretary Administrative effective April 27, 2004.

On July 1, 2007, her position was reclassified as an Administrative Assistant 3.

Blair W. Schmidt retired on July 31, 2012, after more than 26 years of dedicated service to the Washington State Patrol, and over 34 years of total state services.

Schmidt was born in Sacramento, California, and graduated from Castle Rock High School in Castle Rock, Washington. He attended Lower Columbia College and The Evergreen State College, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree.

Schmidt began his career with the Washington State Patrol on May 27, 1986, as a trooper cadet assigned to Vancouver Communications.

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Trooper Detective
William D. Tufts

He graduated with the 64th Trooper Basic Training Class and was commissioned on January 9, 1987, assigned to Bellevue.

In 1997, he was the District 5 Trooper of the Year.

On January 11, 1988, he transferred to Kelso.

Schmidt was selected as a Problem Oriented Public Safety (POPS) Trooper on August 21, 2000.

Schmidt was promoted to RCW Sergeant on April 8, 2005, assigned to Kelso.

Throughout his career he has been a Field Training Officer, a Certified Technical Collision Investigator, and also an Emergency Vehicle Operator Course (EVOC), Firearms, and Defensive Tactics Instructor.

William D. Tufts retired on September 14, 2012, after more than 33 years of dedicated service to the Washington State Patrol and to the citizens of the state of Washington.

Tufts was born in Bremerton and graduated from East High School in Bremerton. He attended Central

Washington University where he earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Law and Justice.

Tufts began his career with the Washington State Patrol on March 5, 1979, as a trooper cadet assigned to Bremerton VIN.

On November 1, 1979, he transferred to service patrol on Stevens Pass.

He graduated with the 58th Trooper Basic Training Class and was commissioned on June 30, 1980, assigned to Kelso.

Tufts transferred to Tacoma on October 1, 1981.

On August 8, 1988, Tufts was selected Trooper Detective with the Traffic Investigation Division / Accident Investigations in Tacoma.

Tufts transferred to the Human Resource Division on May 22, 1998, as a full-time Polygraph Examiner.

Tufts received several commendations during his career, including recognition for his commendable work effort in 1987, and the Chief's Award of Professional Excellence in 1992.

Tufts retired as a trooper and was recently rehired with WSP as a Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) Officer in District 1.

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.

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



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



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



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



Trooper Thomas Hendrickson died on November 17, 1974, at the age of 31. Trooper Hendrickson was struck and killed by a hit-and-run driver while making a traffic stop on State Route 20 in Mount Vernon. At the time of his death, Trooper Hendrickson had served almost four years with the Washington State Patrol.

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Letter received thanking a District 2 Motors Trooper for his professionalism and humility:

Dear Chief Batiste,

I am writing to express my gratitude and appreciation for an act of kindness shown to me by a WSP Trooper on September 28, 2012, at about 9:45 a.m., southbound I-5, HOV lane, just a few miles past Southcenter. The trooper was on a motorcycle.

If there is any better example of your slogan, "Service With Humility", than this fine man, I don't know about it. I am writing in hopes that you could thank him for me.

My wife and I were traveling together to visit close friends in Oregon. I was driving. A very recent death in our family was the subject of our conversation. This distracted me from my usual attentiveness to the speedometer. It was only when I saw the flashing lights in my rear view mirror that I had realized I was going 75 mph.

As I handed the trooper my license, he could tell that something out of the ordinary was going on. When he inquired further, I explained that the recent family loss had me shaken. Thereupon, he went back to his motorcycle with my license.

When he returned a few minutes later, he said in a firm but compassionate voice, "Sir, I am very sorry for your loss, but you really need to pay attention to your speed. Are you safe to drive? Perhaps you should put on the cruise control." The adrenaline of all this definitely shifted my focus to the here and now. I assured the trooper that I was safe to drive. He seemed satisfied that this was true and said, "I am going to give

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you a warning this time, but don't let it happen again." With that he handed me back my license and departed.

While my respect for the WSP already was a very high level (Mr. Terry McAdams is my teaching partner at UW Law School), this act of kindness by the trooper at a difficult time is something I will never forget.

As a gesture of my appreciation for all that those who wear the WSP uniform do for the people of Washington, I made a donation to the WSP Memorial Foundation.

Thanks to you and all those who serve under you – we are so fortunate to have your dedicated professionals.

Sincerely Yours,
William S. Bailey

E-mail received thanking Trooper Julie Judson, District 2, for her assistance at a distracted driving event:

Dear WSP:

We met Trooper Julie Judson during our "On Location with Christie Johnson (from KING 5 News)" on Friday, October 12, 2012. She assisted Christie during the filming of her distracted driving segment. We are the Avellino family (Tony, Jennifer, Ashleigh & Michael) and we had purchased "three hours on location with Christie" at a Gala this summer. We were delighted to meet Trooper Julie-she is absolutely amazing! She is very nice, personable, knowledgeable and a true asset to your department! She did a fantastic job filming with Christie and definitely delivered the message of how distracted driving is not safe! Also, she was wonderful with our children who

are 10 & 8 years old.

As a previous Nordstrom employee, I know top service when I see and experience it. Trooper Julie has a gift with people and a huge heart! We really enjoyed our time with her and would love to return! Please pass this email to her commanding officers (who we also enjoyed meeting that morning).

Secondly, big kudos to the K-9 officer who allowed Ashleigh to see his police dog. We also enjoyed speaking to him and appreciated the time he gave us!

We had a truly enjoyable morning at the WSP! Thank you!

Sincerely,
Jennifer, Tony, Ashleigh & Michael Avellino

E-mail received via our Web site thanking a District 4 trooper for his professionalism and patience:

I would like to write to the Washington State Patrol office located in Colville, at least that is the one I assume that the officer who pulled me over works out of.

On Saturday afternoon, September 22, I was driving from Oroville down to Deer Park with my family to a wedding. An officer pulled me over just south of the Jump Off Joe Lake turn off on Highway 395. I can't lie, when he first approached my Suburban, he worried me greatly as he was Mr. Serious and ALL business.

He started his approach to my car by tapping quite firmly on my back passenger tail light as it was obviously not functioning properly. As soon as I saw the lights I knew he was going to notice my tail light that was out. I had just replaced a front head light the

day before, but I didn't have that bulb and hadn't made it to the store yet to get a new one yet....but it was on my list of to-do's. He started telling me that my foot was quite heavy today as I had just passed somebody and had continued above the speed limit. It was true as I hadn't put my cruise control on again yet and well, I was running a little late too, so yes, I was pushing the envelope ever so slightly, although I never made it over 70. So, I wasn't a complete maniac. Of course, with a last name of Quick, the officer must have known that speed is in my blood and it's hard to control sometimes when you're running late.

The fun continued as he asked for my registration, which he was quick to point out that my tabs were expired, which truly did surprise me. I went to find my insurance card, and well, that too had expired in August, even though I am all paid up with full coverage. I really thought I was going to get a whopper of a ticket. Honestly, if he had looked in my upper corner of my window even my engine was a couple of months overdue. The stars were not aligned for me and I obviously hadn't been taking care of business lately as I should. I thought speeding, tabs, brake light, insurance card...crap, I'm doomed! To my great surprise and relief the rather gruff and all business-like officer that was much older and wiser than I, simply told me to take care of everything by Monday please and to drive more carefully on the very dangerous highway that it is.

I would just like to say thank you to this kind officer. Although he seemed a little old and grumpy at first, he definitely made my day by sending me down the road with just a verbal warning. I do have a clean driving record and I do hope to keep it that

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way for a long time. I learned a long time ago that slowing down pays off not only in terms of safety, but in the old pocket book as well, especially with those insurance companies we all love to despise! With my last name as it is, my younger days had me paying more insurance than I really should have been because of speeding tickets. I really did learn my lesson. Promise. I'm older and wiser now...but obviously I'm not perfect yet.

Anyway, thank you so much for the warning and for not writing me a ticket that could have cost me a lot of money and grief. I would like the officer to know that I did take care of every last item that needed to be fixed right away, including changing the oil. Sorry for wrongfully judging and thank you for taking your job seriously. I appreciate what law enforcement does in terms of both prevention and enforcement.

Thank you to all the WSP officers for doing your job and keeping us safe out there!

Sincerely,
Steve Quick
Oroville, WA

E-mail received via our Web site complimenting Trooper Jason Fallon for his speedy and professional assistance with VIN verification:

We just wanted to write a quick note to say thank you for helping us with solving the mystery VIN number on our newly purchased 1963 Mercedes earlier this week (Oct 17) at your Port Angeles office. I can't emphasize enough how stressed we were at the thought of not having a matching VIN on the car and even worse, not being able to bring the car

back to Canada. We absolutely had no idea of what we would do.

Your willingness to assist us so quickly and the effort you put in to finding the VIN was amazing! Thanks to you, we were completely put at ease and made the ferry from Port Angeles back to Victoria BC with a bit of time to spare.

You truly saved our day!

All the best.
Monte and Sharie (from Victoria BC)

Letter sent to Captain Robert Johnson, District 8, thanking Trooper Michael Johnson, District 8, for his professionalism and willingness to assist fellow police agencies:

Sir,

On the morning of October 28, 2012, I observed a suspected DUI driver southbound on Hwy 3 in Gorst. Bremerton units were tied up on other details, so I requested assistance from WSP. Trooper Johnson, who had already arrested two DUI's earlier in the night, arrived on scene and assisted with the investigation. The driver was subsequently arrested by Trooper Johnson for DUI.

During the stop, I was very impressed with Trooper Johnson's professionalism and courtesy toward the suspect driver. I was equally impressed with his investigative skills and proficiency with the roadside tests. I have had the pleasure of working with Trooper Johnson on a few details and each time, I am extremely impressed by him. I wanted to take a quick minute and pass along my "Thanks" and bring Trooper Johnson's

quality work performance to your attention.

Sincerely,
Sergeant Billy Renfro, #415
Bremerton Police Department

E-mail received thanking a Trooper for help during a medical emergency:

Dear Washington State Patrol,

On Saturday, October 27, I was driving from Ellensburg towards Yakima at approximately 2:00 p.m.

I called 911 because I had an unexpected allergic reaction to a food I had recently eaten. A trooper arrived first and met me at my car (I am sorry I do not have his name.) He stayed while I talked with the medics and walked with me back to my car. The trooper was wonderful! His demeanor was calm and collected and his personality was warm and kind. I really couldn't have asked for more - his professional manner was a relief and I was scared and unsure about my health and safety.

I hope you are able to pass on my thanks to this trooper and to his supervisors. This wonderful experience lightened my load and made me feel safe as I completed my drive to my friend's wedding.

Thank you so much!

All the best,
Andrea J. Lahr