

"WSPMF is truly a family. They genuinely care for each member of the Patrol as an individual with unique needs, not just a number. When I was diagnosed with my brain tumor, they were immediately there for us with an outpouring of love and support towards my family and I."
- Amanda Knoop, wife of CVEO Donald Knoop

This year, the WSPMF provided \$42,968 in financial assistance to WSP families who have encountered a tragic or unforeseen event, and to statewide memorial projects. Some of this assistance is confidential in nature. One publishable highlight was the construction and dedication of the memorial for Trooper Jim Saunders at the Kennewick Detachment this summer. This project was partly funded by the WSPMF and will permanently stand as a wonderful tribute to Jim's life and sacrifice.



Billie, Megan and Jim, Jr. with Chief Batiste at the Trooper Jim Saunders Memorial in Kennewick June 24, 2015

This year marks the 24th year of the WSPMF scholarship program. The WSPMF awarded 10 new scholarships and 17 renewable scholarships totaling \$27,634. These scholarships are awarded annually and contributing members or their immediate family may apply.

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Washington State Patrol Memorial Foundation Annual Report

October 1, 2014 - September 30, 2015

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 families in times of need.

33rd Annual WSPMF Memorial Dinner and Auction a Success!

This year's Memorial Dinner was held at the Vancouver Hilton on April 18, 2015. The auction and raffle raised over \$23,000 for the Fallen Officer Children and Spouse's Education Fund. Currently, this fund is assisting Megan Saunders, daughter of fallen trooper Jim Saunders for her freshman year at UW, as well as Emily Hanger, daughter of fallen detective Brent Hanger, at WWU. We were fortunate to have the families of the following fallen officers at the dinner:

Trooper Sean O'Connell
Trooper James Saunders
Trooper Steven Frink
Trooper Cliff Hansell
Trooper James Gain
Trooper Frank Noble
Officer Joseph Modlin
Trooper Allen Ludden

The 2016 WSPMF Memorial Dinner will be held on April 30, 2016 at the Tulalip Resort in Marysville. Please see WSPMF website at www.wspmf.org for details and group rates for this amazing venue.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership has held steady over the past year. We currently have over 1100 contributing members (910 active employees, 201 retired employees).

Please check your paystub because many people have contacted us this year and were surprised that \$5 wasn't coming out of their paycheck each month.

If you aren't a member, please consider filling out a payroll deduction form available on the WSPMF website. Why wouldn't you want to participate in such a worthwhile cause? \$5 per month (\$2.50 per paycheck) gives you membership and voting rights.

Our goal is to reach 100% employee and retiree participation in the Memorial Foundation. Please consider a small monthly donation today!

Memorial Foundation

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