

Washington State Patrol Budget Fact Sheet

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What the Washington State Patrol does:

The Washington State Patrol is a full-service police agency. It includes the Washington State Crime Lab and the Washington State Fire Marshal's Office. The agency and its offices:

- Provide statewide law enforcement services focusing on traffic law enforcement. The agency also responds to and investigates all types of crime.
- Provide criminal records/background check services that law enforcement officials and citizens depend on.
- The Washington State Crime Lab gathers and analyzes forensic evidence on behalf of all law enforcement agencies in the state.
- The State Fire Marshal's office provides prevention and public education services, both directly and in support of local education efforts. It also manages state fire mobilizations by locating and dispatching resources to agencies overwhelmed by major incidents.

	Operating	Transportation
2007-09 Operating Budget	\$122.7 million	\$339.1 million
2009-11 Maintenance Level	\$135.1 million	\$349.5 million
2009-11 Operating Budget	\$136.5 million	\$352.4 million

Reductions and actions we are taking:

- Reducing staffing by 45 trooper full-time equivalent employees, as directed by the Legislature. This reduction may be absorbed through attrition in 2009-11.
- Deferring the purchase of equipment for the Crime Lab.
- No longer analyzing misdemeanor amounts of marijuana submitted by local police agencies to the Crime Lab. The result is a shift of expenses as local agencies wanting to pursue such cases will need to contract with private labs.

Programs and services we will continue to deliver:

- Aggressive traffic law enforcement to keep interstates and state routes safe for our citizens.
- Criminal investigative assistance to local agencies when requested.
- Laboratory services, including crime scene response, for local agencies.
- Funding for fire mobilizations that are necessary when wildfires overwhelm local departments and fire districts.

For more information, visit <http://www.wsp.wa.gov/information/budget09.htm>, or contact:

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