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These team members have been tasked with many different assignments this year. In addition to performing their normal traffic functions, members of the unit were also used to backfill dayshift patrol, work hot spot areas, and appear at public functions representing the Spokane Police Department. Some of the events that the Traffic Unit participated in throughout the year were: Groovy Shoes Parade, MLK Parade, St. Patrick's Day Parade, Bloomsday Run, Spokane Lilac Parade, the Law Enforcement Memorial, the WSU Spring Football game, the Bike Swap, Summer Parkways, Bike Criterium, Cops and Kids, Night Out Against Crime, Neighbor Days, Hillyard Night Out, the Hillyard Parade, and the opening of the Downtown Police Precinct.

Even with all of their different job functions, the Traffic Unit compiled the following, impressive statistics:

Calls for Service	1,398	Felony	39
Self-Initiated calls	8,760	Misdemeanor	1,049
Hazard Infractions	6,559	Warrants	84
Non-Hazard	4,234	Collisions	675
Commercial Vehicle Inspections	1,305		

The Traffic Unit continues to apply for and receive grants from the Washington Traffic Safety Commission and Federal Government. In 2013, the Traffic Unit completed enforcement grants for a nighttime seat belt emphasis, child car seat emphasis, Highway 195 safety project emphasis, Garry Middle School emphasis, and Division Street emphasis. We also received a Federal Grant to reduce the commercial vehicle collisions in the City of Spokane. This grant allowed the unit to purchase two new Tahoe's for the Commercial Vehicle Officers.

The Traffic Unit's educational outreach effort continues with the teaching of the traffic school, appearances at the Minors in Prevention program, the DUI victim's panel, car seat checks, and staffing of the Spokane County fair booth.

We also coordinated and led 10 different escorts throughout the year. These escorts were for the fallen airmen from Fairchild Air Force Base, Spokane Firefighter Jon Knighten's memorial, the funeral for WWII veteran, Delbert Belton, the Vietnam Memorial Biker escort, the Law enforcement Torch Run, the National Christmas Tree escort, and the Tom Foley funeral service.

If not for the dedication and work ethic demonstrated by each member of this team, the Traffic Unit would not have been able to accomplish the important goals outlined above and further the department's mission and goals.

I am very proud to present members of the Traffic Unit with the Chief's Citation Award. The Traffic Unit will receive a plaque and members of the unit will be recognized at our annual Employee Awards Ceremony. A copy of this document will be placed in your department personnel file.

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Chief of Police

