

2015 Annual Report

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

Since 2010, the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Memorial Foundation has provided nearly \$120,000 in financial assistance to WSDOT employees and their families. While much of the assistance provided by the Foundation is confidential in nature, the Foundation can disclose its involvement in the following activities:

Provided financial aid to over 66 individuals including, but not limited to, the families of fallen workers, employees struck by vehicles (in separate accidents), employees with medical-related issues, families in crisis, employees with house fires, end-of-life matter and employee emergency travel funds. In addition, the Foundation awarded financial aid for college to children of fallen WSDOT workers. The Foundation has also invested in the GETS program in order to be able to provide other children of fallen WSDOT workers with financial aid when they reach college age. Lastly, the Foundation has worked with WSDOT and the Department of Enterprise Services (DES) on the design and location of a Fallen Worker Memorial near the HQ Transportation Building.

The Professional Technical Engineers Local 17 and Washington Federation of State Employees were recognized for support of the Foundation. With their help the Foundation was able to get the Tuition Waiver for Survivors of Fallen Highway Workers passed into law. Survivors will have tuition waived at the two state universities and the state colleges.

Scott Daukas (COO Twinstar Credit Union) and Bill Hanson (Lottery Director) were appointed to the Foundation Board. Kevin Dayton was appointed to fill a vacant board position. Pasco Bakotich became an ex officio board member.

The Foundation is a non-profit charitable organization 501 (c) (3) supported entirely by voluntary donations – no state or federal funds are used. The Foundation is registered with the Internal Revenue Service, Secretary of State and Combined Fund Drive (#1480378).

Bill Ford, President
WSDOT Memorial Foundation