

2017 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 over \$235,000 in financial assistance to WSDOT employees and their families. While much of the assistance provided by the Foundation is confidential in nature, the Foundation is able to disclose its involvement in the following activities:

Provided financial aid to 106 individuals and families 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 educational grants for college and trade school to children of fallen WSDOT workers.

The Foundation initiated and developed the Chaplain Memorandum of Understanding with Secretary of Transportation and Chaplains Association.

In April, the Foundation helped to host the 2017 WSDOT Worker Memorial. This event was held for the second time in the OB2 auditorium on the capitol campus to accommodate more participation by employees and families of fallen workers. The 2017 Worker Memorial expanded the size of the honor guard which was comprised of WSDOT employees from around the state and across the agency.

The Foundation added a representative from the Retired Washington State Department of Transportation Employees (RWSDOTE) Association to the board of directors to facilitate better interaction between the two organizations.

Lastly, the Foundation began work on a new worker memorial display for the lobby of the HQ Transportation Building. Completion is anticipated in early 2018.

Membership in the Foundation increased 36% during the past year.

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).

Kevin Dayton, President
WSDOT Memorial Foundation