



OPERATION SOBER HANDLE

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**Spotting, Assessing, and Interdicting
DUI-D Drivers**

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Sgt. Brock Haner

Paul Woodside

**Sgt. Travis
Snider**

Ryan Hernandez

Lt. Bruce Maier

Support and/or Interest From:

- **WSP**
- **SPD**
- **WTSC**
- **GHSA**
- **Responsibility.org**
- **IACP**
- **FMCSA**
- **NTLC**



5 % of the registered vehicles in the U.S.
10% of the vehicle miles traveled
12% of the fatal crashes





13% of the traffic fatalities
22% of all PVO deaths (98% of fatalities come
from the passenger vehicles)
CMVs involved in more fatal crashes per mile

Prevalence of CMV Operator Drug Use

- **Drugs?**

- **Prevalence?**

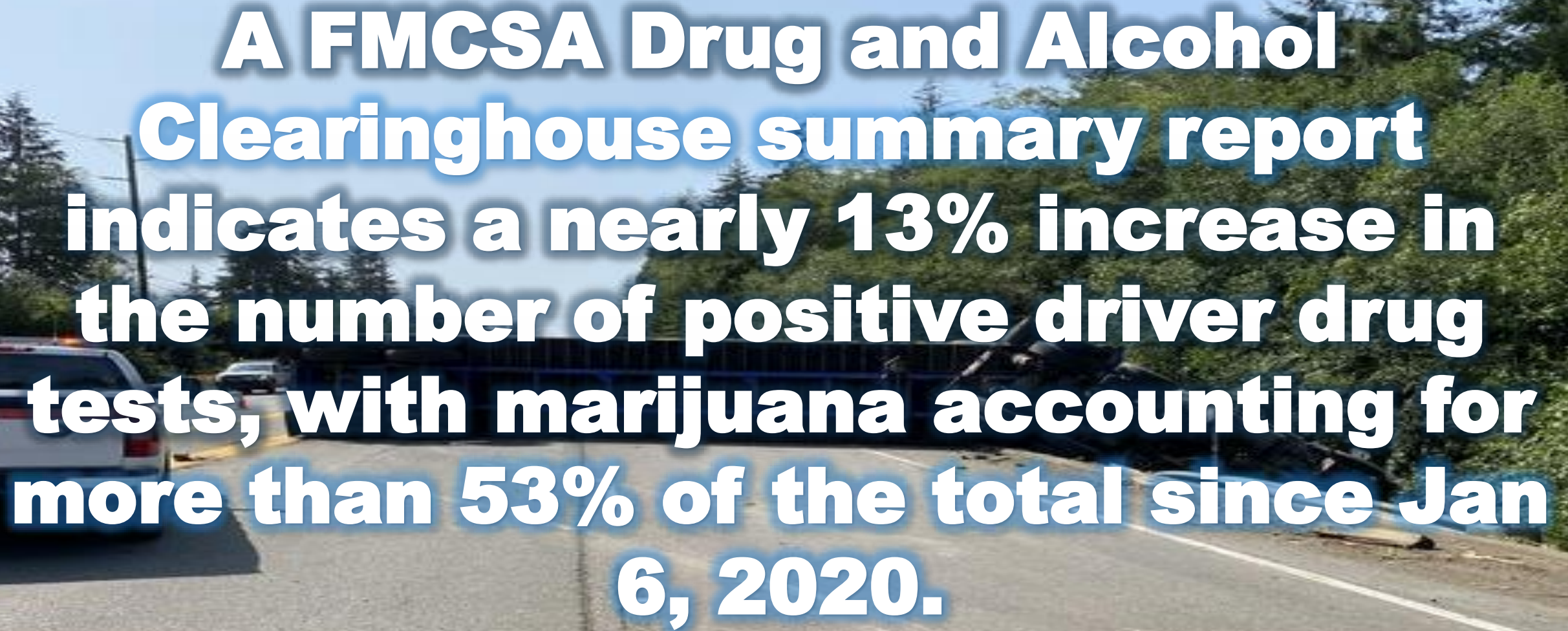
1 in 20!

Amphetamines 21.3%
Cannabis
Opiates
Some Depressants

FMCSA 2020 Violations



- **56,000 alcohol and drug violations**
- **1,203 alcohol related**
- **Most for cannabis**
- **Cocaine and amphetamines also high**
- **High cheating reported**



A FMCSA Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse summary report indicates a nearly 13% increase in the number of positive driver drug tests, with marijuana accounting for more than 53% of the total since Jan 6, 2020.

As of August, 87,438 drivers had at least one drug or alcohol violation.

[Driver Positive Drug Tests Up 13% From One Year Ago | Go By Truck Global News \(gobytrucknews.com\)](https://gobytrucknews.com)

Agenda:

DAY 1

- **Welcome/Why Should You Care/Prevalence**
- **CNS Stimulants**
- **Narcotic Analgesics**
- **Cannabis**
- **SFST Review**
- **Show & Tell- Paraphernalia**
Lunch- On Your Own
- **Basics of Stopping CMVs**
- **Hands On Practice- Stopping CMVs**

DAY 2

- **Morning Meeting- Quick Review of Basics and Safety**
- **Work the Road- Stop CMVs**
- Lunch Together (Provided)**
- **Work the Road- Stop CMVs**
- **Adjourn**

DAY 1













SERVICE WITH HONOR



LYNNWOOD
POLICE

Day 2





Thomas & Sons Distributors

T & S
DRIVE-4-US
800-598-3706

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800-598-3706

LOGGING CAMP 14.8 MI SOUTH
FAMILY ACTIVITIES 1.0 MI 14.9

STATE PATROL

WASHINGTON
7847SP

DURANGO

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT













Sno Co Class

- **Making a Positive Impact on Traffic Safety**

Seattle Class





Interest



**Region
1**

**Region
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Regional Training Model

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Spotting, Assessing, and Interdicting DUI-D Truckers

Regional 2 Day Trainings
(1-hour lunch on your own)
8am- 5pm Each Day

FREE

Training

****Limited Seating!** **ONLY
DRE/ARIDE
trained officers eligible to
attend**

****Please attend the training
nearest where you work****

28-29: October- Pierce County

18-19: November - Kitsap County

9-10: December - Vancouver

7-8: April, 2022- Wenatchee

21-22: April, 2022- Tri-cities

12-13: May, 2022- Spokane

Agenda to Include:

- Day 1: Safely Stopping Commercial Motor Vehicles (CMVs), Practice Stopping, Interdiction Tips and Tricks, Signs and Effects of the Most Common Drugs by Truckers, Signs and Symptoms of Use, Drug Trends in CMV population.
- Day 2: Practical Application (Stopping CMVs on our roadways)

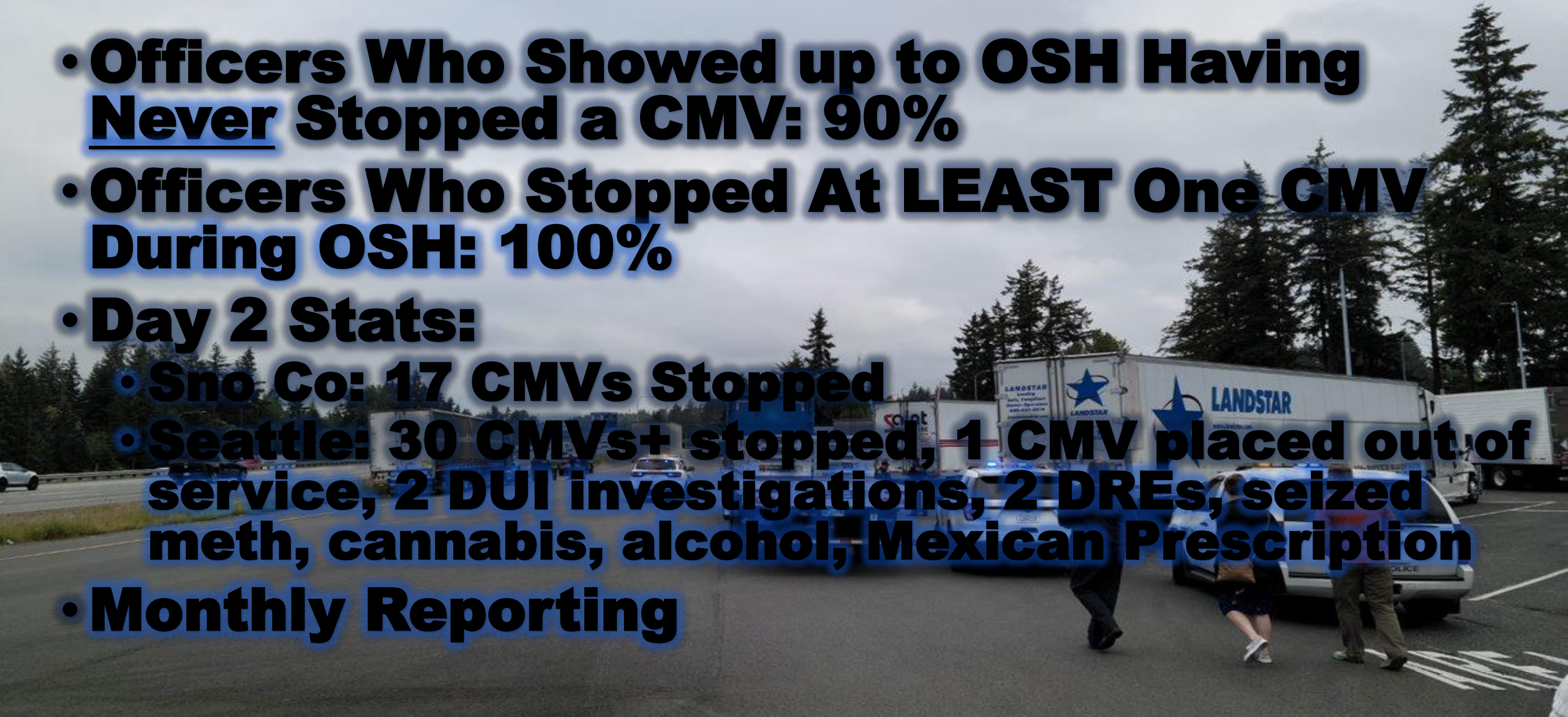


Please **REGISTER** on the TSRP
Website; the class is listed under the
events tab:
www.duienforcers.wildapricot.org

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Data Tracking

- **Officers Who Showed up to OSH Having Never Stopped a CMV: 90%**
- **Officers Who Stopped At LEAST One CMV During OSH: 100%**
- **Day 2 Stats:**
 - **Sno Co: 17 CMVs Stopped**
 - **Seattle: 30 CMVs+ stopped, 1 CMV placed out of service, 2 DUI investigations, 2 DREs, seized meth, cannabis, alcohol, Mexican Prescription**
- **Monthly Reporting**



Any Questions?

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