



## ***WCOG Recognizes Washington State Patrol Public Records Officer with Open Government Key Award***

Olympia – A public records officer for the Washington State Patrol was recently recognized for her diligence and efficiency by The Washington Coalition for Open Government.

Dayal Trusty, a forms and records analyst, revamped the processing of public records requests to the state patrol’s communications division, which deals with requests involving radio and telephone recordings and logs.

“Dayal developed a system to process disclosure requests for all eight districts, including the tracking of time spent on each request, final disposition of the request and a log of any redactions made to any given request,” said Heather Anderson, commander of the Communications Division and Trusty’s supervisor. She partnered with the public records officers in each state patrol district to set up a more efficient system of processing requests, and helped several catch up with their backlog, Anderson said.

The award was presented recently at the State Patrol headquarters by Toby Nixon, WCOG president.

“She really took the initiative to streamline the process of responding to public records requests,” Nixon said. “We want to encourage and recognize that.”

The Washington Coalition for Open Government presents Key Awards to individuals and organizations throughout the year for using or furthering the state’s Open Public Meetings Act or Public Records Act. The Key Award was presented on May 16, 2017.

WCOG was founded in 2002 by a group of individuals representing organizations with a broad spectrum of opinions and interests but all dedicated to the principles of strengthening the state’s open government laws and protecting the public’s access to government at all levels. WCOG stands for the principle that transparency and public participation are essential building blocks of good government.