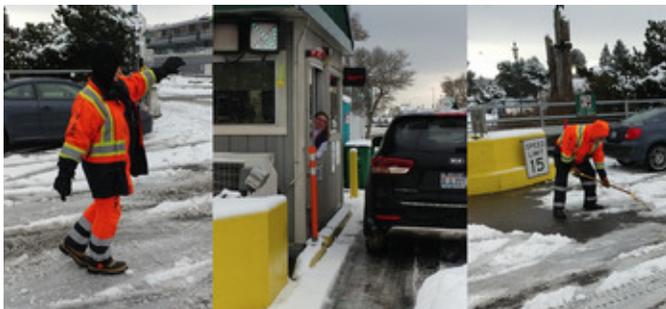




We love our dedicated employees!

Happy Valentine's Day! Today is about celebrating love, so it's a good time to show appreciation for our employees who love their jobs. During the recent snowy blast, I've heard stories about employees walking to work, sleeping aboard vessels and picking up colleagues to make sure we kept the system running. Our dispatchers worked hard throughout the storm to fill all shifts and to find replacements for employees who couldn't make it into work. Thank you for your commitment to face the wintry elements and keep our customers safe and able to get where they needed to go!



Dave Manahan, Karen Ramsey, Kim McCole and 14 other Edmonds terminal employees received a Certificate of Appreciation for making every effort to report to work.



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WSF job love

In the spirit of Valentine's Day, I asked our employees why they love working for Washington State Ferries. Here are a few of their responses:



"No two days are ever the same." - Capt. Russ Fee (left) with Quatermaster Greg Kruse



"I love my job because I get to interact with and help people every time I come to work." - Travis Lee, Call Center

Clinton terminal attendant Chrystyl Levee Zwink braves the snow to spread salt on walkways in an effort to keep our customers safe.

And, we love our customers!

As a gesture of love to our customers this Valentine's Day, we handed out carnations, courtesy of [Thistle Floral and Home](#), to passengers aboard this morning's 7:55 a.m. Kingston to Edmonds commute sailing. It's been a busy winter season with many people adjusting their commutes for the Alaskan Way Viaduct closure and wild weather, so there is no better time than Valentine's Day to stop and smell the carnations!



We surprised customers on the Edmonds/Kingston route this morning with Valentine's Day flowers.

Puget Sound Regional Council presentation

I presented our [2040 Long Range Plan](#) this morning to the Puget Sound Regional Council's (PSRC) [Transportation Policy Board](#). The board, which includes representatives of the PSRC's member jurisdictions and regional business, labor, civic and environmental groups, advises PSRC's Executive Board on key transportation issues. WSDOT Secretary Roger Millar was also at the board's monthly meeting to go over his recent State of Transportation address. [PSRC](#) develops policies and coordinates decisions about regional growth, transportation and economic development planning.

Capt. Marsha Morse featured in Vashon-Maury Island



"Need I say more?" - Scott Boyer, Chief Mate



"Michael works for the IT Network Operations team. He is very passionate about his role within WSF (and) loves all of the challenges that this job brings. Michael also loves working closely with various WSF staff and doing everything that he can to make sure their network experience is the best that it can be." - IT Supervisor Todd Stewart about IT Infrastructure Support Technician Michael Burgos, seen here climbing the head frame at Kingston terminal to troubleshoot and repair a wireless outage aboard a vessel

REMINDER: SR 305 Agate Pass Bridge closures

Don't forget Bainbridge customers! The SR 305 Agate Pass Bridge will be reduced to one lane of alternating traffic each day from Tuesday, Feb. 19, through Friday, March 1, for annual [bridge work](#). Bainbridge customers are encouraged to add more travel time to reach the

Beachcomber

Another longtime WSF employee who truly loves her job is Capt. Marsha Morse who typically works on the Fautleroy/Vashon/Southworth route. A [story in this week's Vashon-Maury Island Beachcomber](#) features her and captures the long history of WSF in our region. Thank you, Capt. Morse, for your dedication! I look forward to sharing more stories of women at WSF as we approach Women's History Month in March.



Capt. Marsha Morse, who's worked for WSF since 1975, enters the wheelhouse of the Kitsap.

Amy Scarton

Assistant Secretary, WSDOT/Ferries Division

terminal. Other alternatives include taking our Seattle/Bremerton or Edmonds/Kingston routes.



"A big thank you to all who are working so hard during these storms, including the intrepid men and women of @wsferries who are keeping one of our most vital transportation systems running."

-Gov. Jay Inslee on [Twitter](#)



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