



# Trisena Sharff

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**Captain  
Washington State Patrol**

Trisena Sharff is a 22 year veteran of the Washington State Patrol who currently holds the rank of Captain. She is proud to have served in several divisions in her agency at various ranks including: Field Operations, Criminal Investigations, Special Operations, Internal Affairs, Human Resources, and Commercial Vehicle Enforcement. Trisena is the first person in Washington State Patrol history to hold the ranks of Detective, Detective Sergeant, Detective Lieutenant and now Detective Captain. She is the first woman in Washington State Patrol history to be in charge of a detective division.

Trisena has two Bachelor's Degrees from Central Washington University in Psychology and Law and Justice. She has an Executive Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Washington. Trisena attended Northwestern University, Center for Public Safety – School of Police Staff and Command.

Trisena has had the privilege of teaching leadership courses, for over a decade, to a variety of different audiences. She is a certified Leadership in Police Organizations instructor for the International Association of Chief's of Police.

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*Topic: "Upward Leadership and Effective Followership (and how this affects culture in your agency)"*