

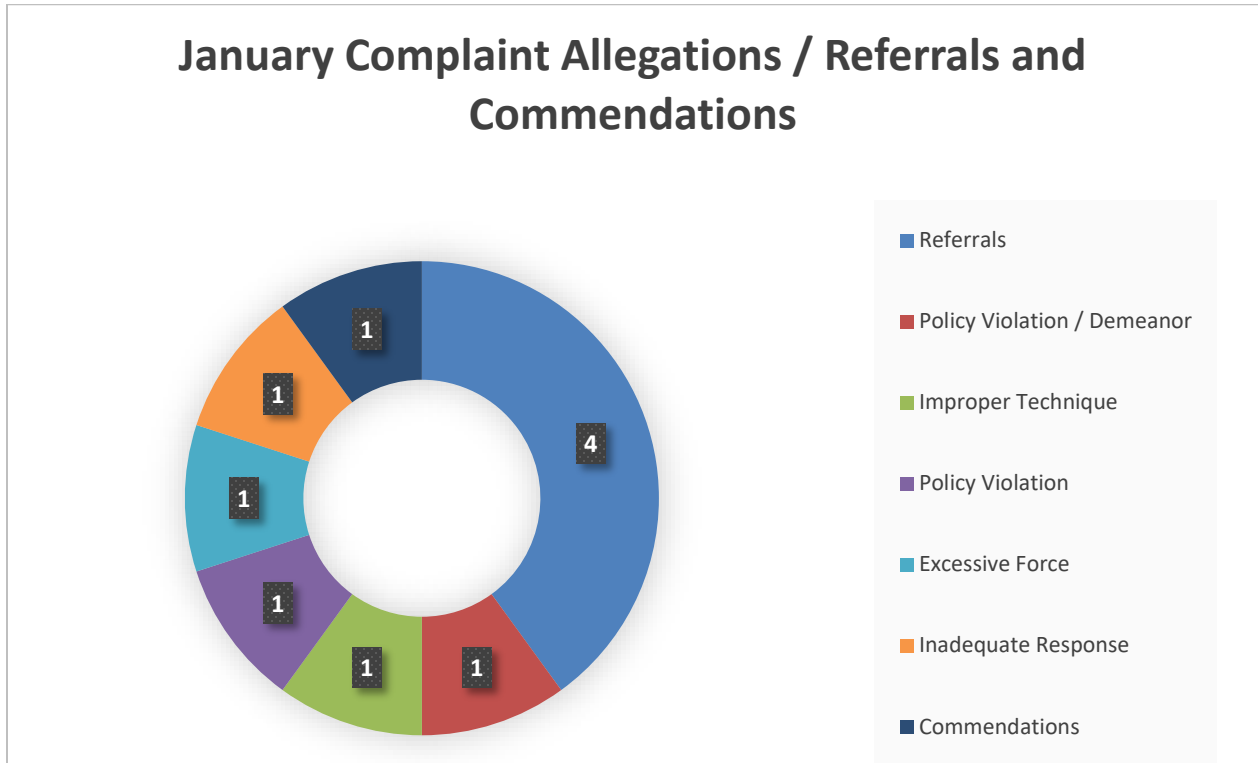


# Office of the Police Ombudsman

## Public Safety & Community Health Committee Report

Reporting Period: January 1 – 31, 2024

### Complaints / Referrals / Commendations



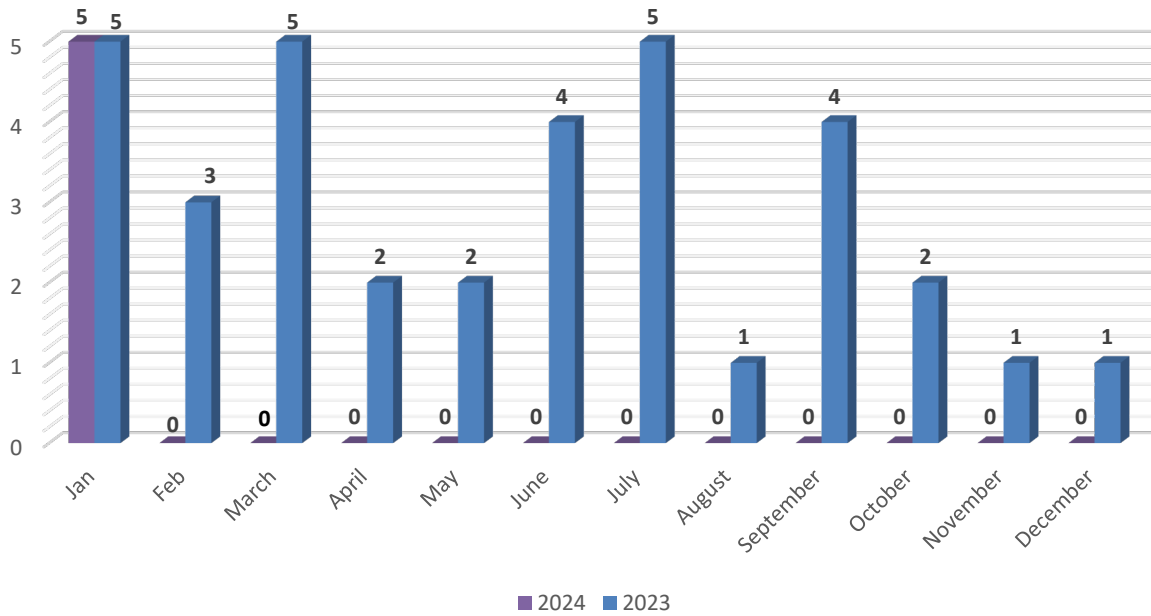
### Highlights:

In January, the Office of the Police Ombudsman (OPO) submitted 1 commendation, 4 referrals and 5 complaints to the Spokane Police Department (SPD) Internal Affairs department.

Highlights include:

- OPO 24-01: A community member alleged an officer used an inappropriate hand gesture to a person who was frustrated about their vehicle being towed.
- OPO 24-02: A community member was frustrated with the amount of force that was used during their arrest.
- OPO 24-03: A community member was concerned about inappropriate behavior of an officer during their arrest.
- OPO 24-04: A community member was frustrated with techniques that were used on them believing that the techniques were not in policy.
- OPO 24-05: A community member appreciated how a hit and run was handled by officers.

## Complaints 2023 vs. 2024



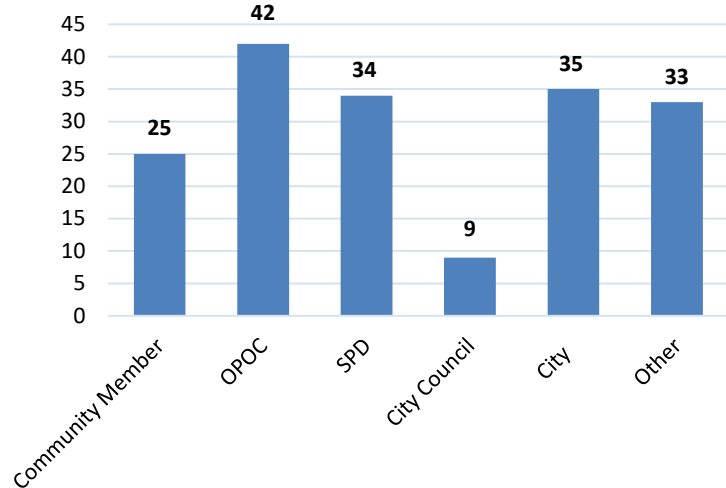
- 2023 Total numbers: Complaints – 34, Referrals – 61, Commendations – 17

## Contacts / Oversight:

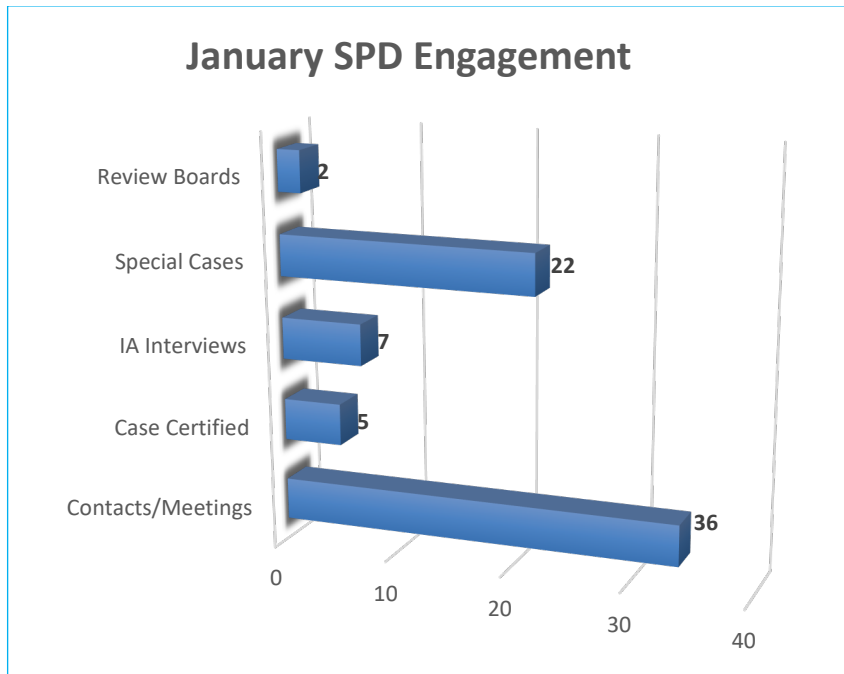
### Contacts / Oversight

- 173 total contacts
- 10 OPO interviews were conducted
- 34 total SPD contacts

### January Contacts



## Oversight Activities



### Case Work

5 – Cases certified

7 – IA Interviews

### Review Board Cases

8 – Use Of Force

3 – K9

10 – Collision

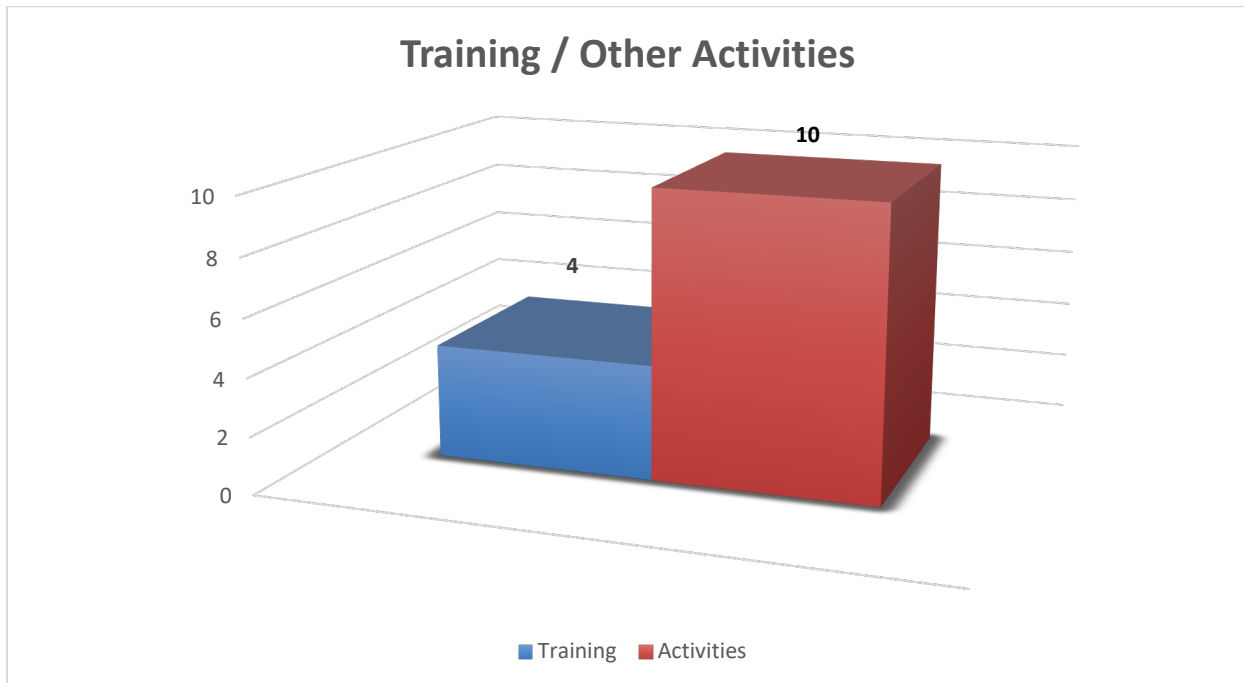
1 – Pursuit

### Critical Incident

OIS on 1/31/24

Lower South Hill

## Training / Other Activities



## **Highlights:**

- Community Meetings / Events – OPOC Meeting, Swearing in ceremony for new officers at the Spokane Police Academy, Journeyman Leadership Meeting, Leadership Spokane Board Meeting (4), Outreach Connections (4)
- Oversight / Outreach – IA Biweekly meeting, NACOLE board meeting (2), WSCJTC SW Washington Regional Police Academy Grand Opening ceremony,
- Training – Axon Standards Training, NACOLE Webinar

## **Upcoming:**

- OPOC Appointments and Reappointments
- NACOLE Winter Board Meeting
- WSCJTC Committee Meeting
- NOLA Peer Review report
- OPO / OPOC Annual report

Office of the Police Ombudsman Commission Meeting:  
Held in person, the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 5:30pm  
Virtual meeting options available.

Agendas and meeting recordings can be found at:

<https://my.spokanecity.org/bcc/commissions/ombudsman-commission/>