

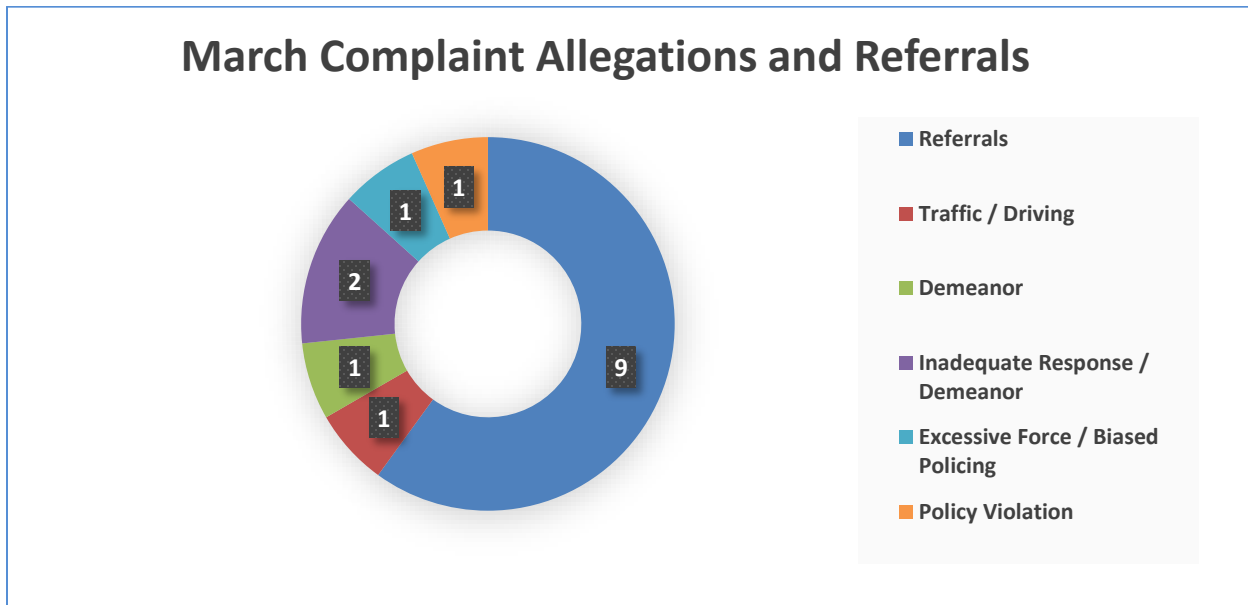


# Office of the Police Ombudsman

## Public Safety & Community Health Committee Report

Reporting Period: March 1-31, 2024

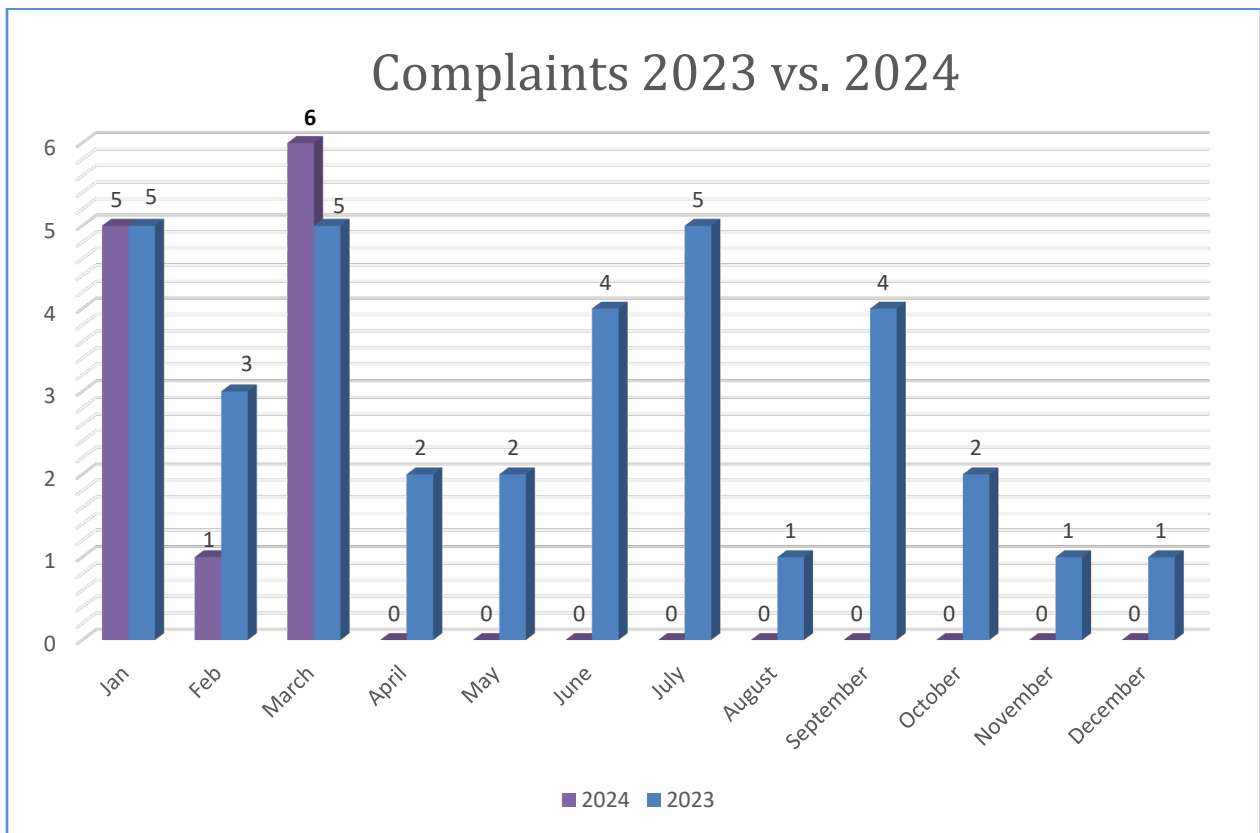
### Complaints and Referrals



In March, the Office of the Police Ombudsman (OPO) submitted 6 complaints and 5 referrals to the Spokane Police Department (SPD) Internal Affairs. The OPO also submitted 2 referrals to the Spokane County Sheriff Office(SCSO) and 1 referral to Code Enforcement.

- OPO 24-08: A community member was frustrated with SPD’s response when they called for assistance in removing a person who passed out in their business parking lot.
- OPO 24-09: A community member was concerned with how officers entered a medical facility to arrest a patient.
- OPO 24-10: A community member stated that they were almost hit by an SPD vehicle while they were getting ready to cross the street downtown.
- OPO 24-11: A community member believes that they only received a traffic ticket as retaliation for giving a disapproving look to the officer.
- OPO 24-12: A community member witnessed officers allegedly using excessive force on people after a vehicle accident. The same person was then pushed by officers while on the scene for recording them.
- OPO 24-13: A community member is concerned that a detective is disseminating information unethically.

- IR 24-10: A community member wanted to follow up on a hit and run to see if a person was caught and held responsible; SPD / IA.
- IR 24-11: A community member is frustrated with the lack of response regarding a suspected drug house they live next to; SPD / IA.
- IR 24-12: A community member is frustrated with responding officers taking the word of other people instead of them; SPD / IA.
- ER 24-13: A community member believes that the person who assaulted them should have been arrested; SCSO.
- ER 24-14: A community member is frustrated that a person who drums in the park is not being held accountable to the noise ordinance; Code Enforcement.
- IR 24-15: A community member has been trying to get an update on a case for 4 weeks; SPD / IA.
- IR 24-16: A community member is concerned that a detective is disseminating information unethically; SPD / IA. Upon review, this was submitted at OPO complaint OPO 24-13
- ER 24-17: A community member is frustrated with how they are being treated like the criminal in a no contact order; SCSO.
- IR 24-18: A community member is frustrated that SPD stated their parents' vehicle being stolen is a civil matter and will not enter the vehicle as stolen; SPD /IA.

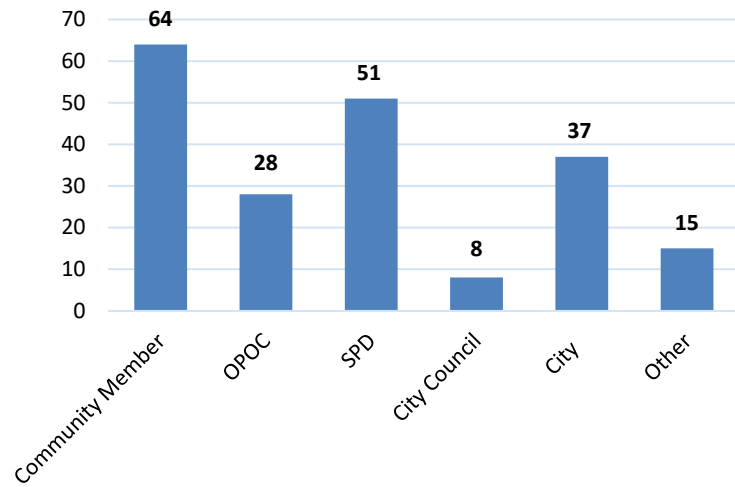


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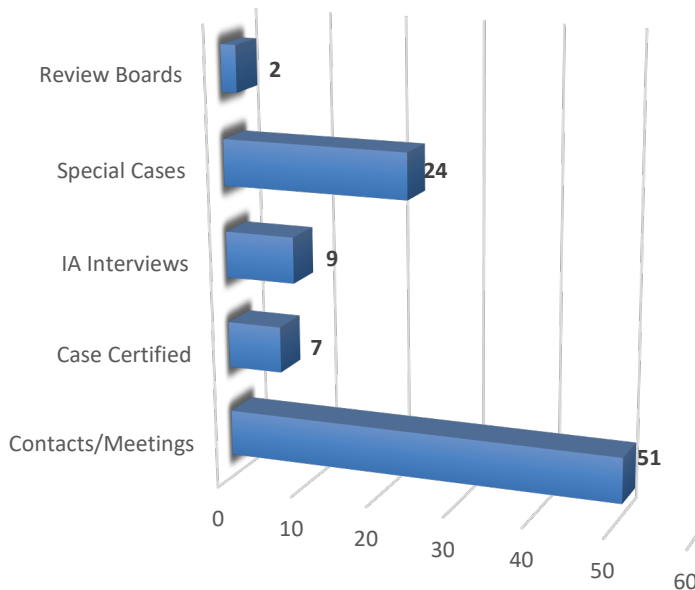
- 203 total contacts
- 20 OPO interviews were conducted
- 51 total SPD contacts

### March Contacts



## Oversight Activities

### March SPD Engagement



### Case Work

7 – Cases certified  
 1 – Case declined  
 9 – IA Interviews

### Review Board

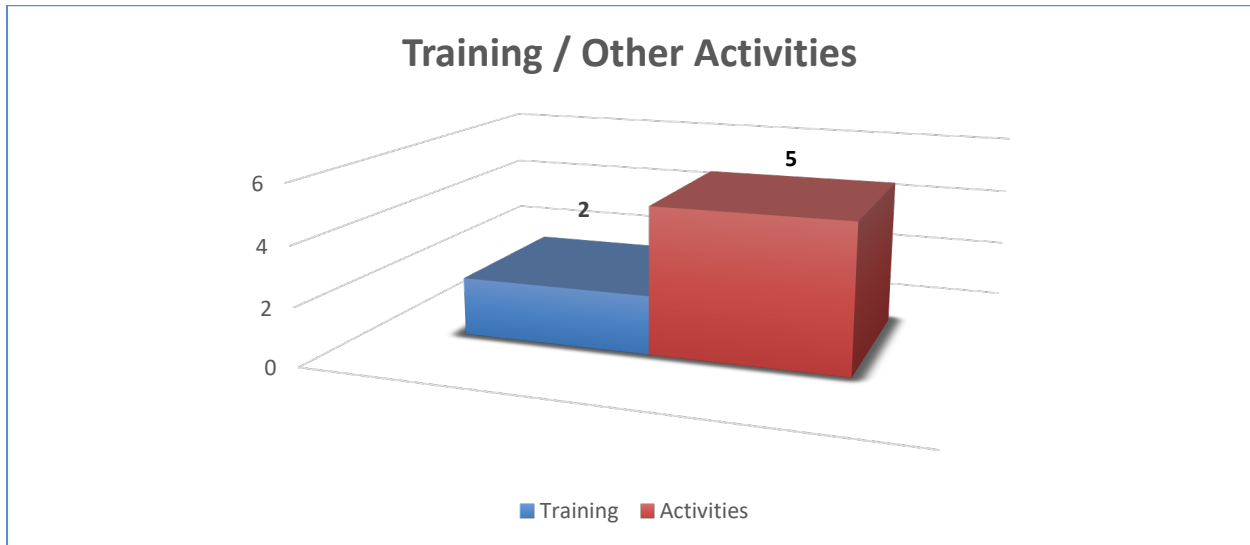
#### Cases

6 – Use Of Force  
 3 – K9  
 14 – Collision  
 1 – Pursuit

### Critical Incidents

OIS on 3/31/2024  
 On Dean Ave

## Training / Other Activities



### Highlights:

- Community Meetings / Events – Spokane Police Annual Employee Awards Ceremony, Fundraiser for Camp Stix, Leadership Spokane Board Meeting (2), Other Meetings (8)
- Oversight / Outreach – IA Biweekly meeting (2), NACOLE board meeting, NACOLE Committee meeting (5), WSCJTC meeting, Police / Fire Chief recruitment kick off
- Training – Journeyman Leadership training (2)
- OPOC Community Meetings – NAACP, Audobon / Downriver Neighborhood Council, Chief Garry Park Neighborhood Council

### Upcoming:

- OPOC Appointments
- WSCJTC Commission Meeting
- NOLA Peer Review report
- OPO / OPOC Annual report
- Chief of Police hiring panel
- OPO / OPOC Budget request

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/>