



Office of Police Ombudsman Commission

Agenda
April 16, 2019
5:30PM – 7:00PM
Council Chambers
Lower Level, City Hall

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Commission Briefing Session:

5:30 – 5:35pm	1) Welcome to Public	Commissioner Rose
	2) Agenda Approval	Commissioner Rose
	3) Approve March 19, 2019 Meeting Minutes	Commissioner Rose

Items:

5:36 – 6:15pm	1) Public Forum	Citizens Signed Up to Speak
	2) Guest Speaker	Kurtis Robinson – NAACP
	3) Analyst Brief	Luvimae Omana
	4) OPO Report	Bart Logue

Commission Business:

6:16 – 7:00pm	1) June Meeting Date	Commissioner Rose
	2) Retreat Discussion	Commissioner Rose
	3) Summer Plans for Community Engagement	Commissioner Rose
	4) Annual Report Update	Commissioner Rose
	5) Commissioner Speak-Out	Commissioners

Adjournment:

The next Ombudsman Commission meeting will be held on May 21, 2019.

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Office of Police Ombudsman Commission Minutes

March 19, 2019

Meeting Minutes: 1:31

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm

Attendance

- OPOC Commissioners present: Ladd Smith, Jenny Rose, and James Wilburn
- OPOC Commissioners absent: Elizabeth Kelley
- Legal Counsel: Dennis Hession
- OPO staff members present: Bart Logue, Luvimae Omana, and Christina Coty

Items Session

- The Agenda was unanimously approved after removing guest speaker Kurtis Robinson from the agenda. Mr. Robinson will be rescheduled for the April meeting.
- The January 22nd minutes were unanimously approved.

Public Forum

- No public speakers

Administrative Specialist Update

- Upcoming Community events and potential training opportunities
 - SPD In Service Training – March/April
 - SPD Citizens Academy – June 1st and June 2nd
 - SPD Enhancing the Survival Mindset
 - Part 1 – May 15th
 - Part 2 – May 29th
 - Spokane Islamic Center – Program to honor the victims of the New Zealand terrorist attacks – March 22nd at 7:45pm
 - SCAR Meeting – March 25th at 6pm
 - B.E. Open Mic Night – Celebration of Women’s History Month – March 30th 6:00pm-8:30pm
 - Rethinking Incarceration – April 8th 7:00pm – 9:00pm
 - NACOLE Credits – Tracking and updates

OPO Report

- OPO report highlights
 - 101 contacts, 4 complaints, 4 referrals (SCSO), 17 OPO interviews
 - 3 cases – 2 certified, 1 returned
 - Abstained from 1 case due to the involvement of C18-055 (decision that OPOC voted on)
 - 21 special cases
 - 1 case referred for mediation. The mediation will take place on 3/20.

Commissioners’ Business

- Facilities Support of the OPO
 - 2 thank you letters to Asset Management for their support after a security event at the OPO
 - OPOC approved the letters
- Use of Force Dashboard update

- Police Strategies have finally received the necessary information from SPD to build the dashboards.
- It will take approximately 3-4 months to get the dashboards online.
- OPO is interested in signing a 5 year dashboard update contract which would save approximately \$20,000.
- Commissioner Rose is interested in having Mr. Scales come back to show the functionality of the dashboards once they are completed.
- NACOLE Resources
 - A library of resources for civilian oversight agencies is being created by utilizing other agencies around the country.
 - Bart invited Commissioners to send him any ideas of resources they would like to be included.
 - Commissioner Wilburn would like to see data comparing uses of force between Spokane and other jurisdictions across the country.
- Executive Session
 - Began at 6:31pm and ended at 6:48pm
- Commissioner Speak Out
 - Commissioner Rose attended the Race Matters on March 2. She said it was a great workshop. She was particularly interested in the discussion about the history of race issues.
 - Commissioner Smith attended Courageous Conversations on February 23. He stated that he learned so much about African American history, what they went through when they came to the Americas, and gained more understanding into the culture.

Motion Passes or Fails: 3

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:01PM

**Note: Minutes are summarized by staff. A video recording of the meeting is on file -
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April 16, 2019

Public Safety & Community Health Committee Report

Reporting Period: March 1-31, 2019

Snapshot of Activities		Monthly	Year to Date
Community Outreach			
OPO	Total community events and meetings	8	18
OPOC	Community outreach / activities	10	25
Commendations		1	1
Complaints			
	Received complaints	8	20
	Referred complaints	11	25
Contacts		100	332
Case Review			
	Request for further investigation	5	11
	Investigations certified / concurred	6	27
	Declined certifications	0	0
	Special cases reviewed	12	42
Interviews			
	OPO interviews	8	42
	Internal Affairs interviews	8	23
Training		3	5
Critical Incidents		0	2
Mediations			
	Recommended	2	3
	Conducted	1	1
	Declined	0	0
Recommendations		0	0
Other Activities			
SPD Related	Meetings / contacts	27	115
	Review boards	0	0
	Closing meetings	0	1

1. Outreach

a) OPO

- i. Why Race Matters Workshop (3/2)
- ii. Jonah Project Youth Rally to end trafficking in Spokane (3/9)
- iii. Eagle Scout Recognition Banquet (3/16)
- iv. Commissioner Kelley's Event (3/16)
- v. NAACP / Native Project Meeting (3/18)
- vi. OPOC Meeting (3/19)
- vii. Silkies for Heroes Against Veteran Suicide Event (3/22)
- viii. SPD Annual Employee Award Ceremony (3/28)

b) OPOC Actions – Commissioners attended the following events, some events were attended by multiple Commissioners:

- i. Why Race Matters Workshop (3/2)
- ii. ACLU Meeting (3/7)
- iii. Gonzaga Meeting (3/8 & 3/22)
- iv. NAACP / Native Project Meeting (3/18)
- v. OPOC Meeting (3/19)
- vi. Annual Report Meeting with OPO (3/21)
- vii. Spokane International Academy Meeting (3/25)
- viii. Main Library Meeting (3/26)
- ix. SCAR Member Meeting (3/27)
- x. CAAA Meeting (3/29)

2. Commendations / Complaints

a) Received Complaints

- i. **OPO 19-01 – Demeanor / False Arrest:** Complainant said they were arrested for DUI, even though they weren't the one driving and explained that because of medical reasons they wouldn't be able to do a field sobriety test.
- ii. **OPO 19-15 – Inadequate Response:** Complainant was arrested for DUI because they were unable to pass a field sobriety test; due to medical reasons. They were transferred to the hospital for a blood test, complainant stated the results were negative, which were not included in the police report.
- iii. **OPO 19-16 – Inadequate Response:** Complainant was suffering from a mental health situation. Complainant barricaded them self in their ca and requested a counselor. Police broke her window and forcibly removed complainant to take them to the hospital against their will.
- iv. **OPO 19-17 – Inadequate Response / Demeanor:** Complainant requested assistance through Crime Check. Responding officer was dismissive of the concerns and told them that they could not promise they would come.
- v. **OPO 19-18 – Excessive Force / Demeanor:** Complainant stated their minor son had excessive force used on him for a crime that he didn't commit. Complainant stated that senior officer was rude.

- vi. **OPO 19-19 – Excessive Force:** Complainant alleges that excessive force was used on them during their transport to jail by SCSO (see referral ER 19-16). When they arrived at the jail, complainant alleges that SPD also used excessive force.
- vii. **OPO 19-20 – Demeanor / Inadequate Response:** Requested to make a report, officer allegedly told by the officer they had a record, and were not a good citizen and that was probably the reason they were experiencing these issues.
- viii. **OPO 19-21 – Commendation:** Thanked officer for continuing to help their initiative.
- ix. **OPO 19-22 – Harassment:** Multiple business owners allege they are being targeted by receiving continuous tickets on their businesses.

b) Referred Complaints

- i. **ER 19-15** – Neighbor dispute but landlord will not do anything; Center for Justice
- ii. **ER 19-16** – Alleged excessive force by arresting deputy; SCSO
- iii. **ER 19-17** – Alleged excessive force in jail; Detention Services
- iv. **IR 19-18** – Conduct of an officer during a federal court testimony; SPD/IA
- v. **ER 19-19** – Alleged harassment; SCSO
- vi. **ER 19-20** – Alleged harassment; CAB (duplicate referral of ER 19-19 per citizen request)
- vii. **IR 19-21** – Classification of relatives death; SPD/IA
- viii. **IR 19-22** – Alleged stalking; SPD/IA
- ix. **IR 19-23** – Traffic incident with an SPD volunteer; SPD/IA
- x. **ER 19-24** – Alleged stalking; SCSO
- xi. **IR 19-25** – Alleged stalking; SPD/IA

3. Case Review

- i. **C18-098** – Requested further information / Investigation certified
- ii. **C18-103 / OPO 18-65** – Investigation certified
- iii. **C18-088 / OPO 18-56** – Investigation certified
- iv. **C18-093 / OPO 18-46** – Requested further information / Investigation certified
- v. **C19-011** – Requested further information / Investigation certified
- vi. **C19-004 / OPO 19-04** – Request further information
- vii. **C19-017 / OPO 19-18** – Cursory review for possible mediation, mediation requested
- viii. **C19-008** – Investigation certified
- ix. **C18-040** – Requested further information

4. Special Cases Reviewed

- i. **4** Use of Force
- ii. **2** Pursuit
- iii. **5** Collision
- iv. **1** K9 Deployment

5. Activities

- a) OPO staff members participated/engaged in the following other activities:
 - i. PSCHC meeting (3/4)
 - ii. NACOLE Strategic Planning Committee (3/5)
 - iii. Community Assembly (3/7)
 - iv. Training – SPD In Service (3/20)
 - v. Annual Report Meeting with the OPOC (3/21)
 - vi. Leadership Spokane Interviews (3/27)
 - vii. Training – Understanding affinity groups as a strategy to advance race equity webinar (3/27)
 - viii. Training – IACP Law Officer Training (3/25-3/29)
- b) SPD related
 - i. 21 meetings/contacts with IA
 - ii. 6 meetings/contacts with SPD
- c) OPO met with/had contact with OPO Commissioners/staff:
 - i. Commissioner Rose on (3/2, 3/5, 3/11, 3/13, 3/19, 3/21)
 - ii. Commissioner Smith on (3/16, 3/21, 3/24, 3/26)
 - iii. Commissioner Kelley on (3/1)
 - iv. Commissioner Wilburn (3/19)
- d) OPO met with/had contact with City Council members/staff:
 - i. Council Member Fagan on (3/6)
 - ii. Council Beggs (3/11)

6. Next Steps

- a. Annual Reports for OPO and OPOC

OPOC Retreat Discussion

- Safe/better community
- Independent voice
- When impeded in assisting, assert authority
- Assist
 - Education
 - Outreach
 - Proactive / Reactive
- Support efforts of the OPO
- Influence and convene
- Expose passion
- Stay relevant
- Invite groups / engage with the community