



# Office of Police Ombudsman Commission

Agenda  
May 21, 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 April 16, 2019 Meeting Minutes	Commissioner Rose

## Items:

5:36 – 7:15pm	1) Public Forum	Citizens Signed Up to Speak
	2) OPO Monthly Report / Approval	Bart Logue
	3) Guest Speaker	SPD – Use of Force Policy update
	4) Guest Speaker	Bob Scales – Police Strategies Dashboard Program
	5) Public Comment on Presentations	Citizens

## Commission Business:

7:16 – 7:30pm	1) Summer Plans for Community Engagement	Commissioner Rose
	2) July OPOC Meeting update	Commissioner Rose
	3) Commissioner Speak-Out	Commissioners
	4) Other Business	Commissioners

## Adjournment:

The next Ombudsman Commission meeting will be held on July 16, 2019.

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# Office of Police Ombudsman Commission Minutes

April 16, 2019

Meeting Minutes: 1:59

Meeting called to order at 5:31 pm

## Attendance

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

## Items Session

- The Agenda was unanimously approved.
- The March 19th minutes were approved, Commissioner Kelley abstained due to being absent from meeting.

## Public Forum

- Megan Pirie
  - Bail Project and mental health updates – We need to have more treatment options for people getting out of the jail system. 70% of the people in jail were homeless with substance use disorders

## Guest Speaker: Kurtis Harris - NAACP, Spokane Chapter President

- Centennial Celebration took place on April 15<sup>th</sup> in the same location the Spokane chapter originated
- Focused on getting out into the community to find out exactly what is happening
- Next Meeting is on May 20<sup>th</sup> 7pm at the Community Building
- Implicit Bias training and work with De-Escalate Washington
- Prison re-entry, last class did not have any African Americans who went through

## Analyst Brief

- Force Science Advance Specialist Course coming to an end
- IACP law officer spring training – police advisors discuss updates in the law for policing

## OPO Report

- OPO report highlights
  - 100 contacts, 8 complaints, 11 referrals, 8 OPO interviews
  - 11 cases – 6 certified, 5 returned
  - 12 special cases
  - 1 case was mediated

## Commissioners' Business

- Legal Update
  - I-940 – Mandated training updates and changes to the standard for charging officers involved in officer involved shootings from malice to intent or considered in good faith. They are currently looking at reasonable as the standard.
- June Meeting
  - OPOC Chair will be out of town on the scheduled date in June, suggested changing the date.

- OPOC voted unanimously to cancel the June Meeting.
- OPOC will revisit the July Meeting date.
- Retreat Discussion
  - Revisited items that were discussed during the retreat:
    - Engage with the community and inviting more groups to OPOC meetings.
    - Replacement for District 1 Commissioner (Council Member Burke and Fagan responsible for replacement).
    - Possibly invite a representative from the Bail Project. Commissioner Kelley will work on inviting the founders or someone local who would be able to speak about it.
- Summer Community Engagement Plans
  - Create a list of upcoming Community events that the OPOC will be able to attend
  - Unity in the Community, Pride, FBH Client Fair, Native Project – 30 years of Service to Spokane, Rise for Justice, Out Spokane Breakfast, and Gathering at the falls
  - Christina will continue to look for opportunities.
- Annual Report Update
  - Hoping to have out the first draft in May.
- Commissioner Speak Out
  - No additional comments

**Motion Passes or Fails: 3**

**Meeting Adjourned at: 7:30PM**

**Note: Minutes are summarized by staff. A video recording of the meeting is on file -  
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May 21, 2019

**Public Safety & Community Health Committee Report**

Reporting Period: April 1-30, 2019

Snapshot of Activities		Monthly	Year to Date
<b>Community Outreach</b>			
OPO	Total community events and meetings	6	25
OPOC	Community outreach / activities	1	26
<b>Commendations</b>		0	1
<b>Complaints</b>			
	Received complaints	8	28
	Referred complaints	8	33
<b>Contacts</b>		112	444
<b>Case Review</b>			
	Request for further investigation	2	11
	Investigations certified / concurred	10	37
	Declined certifications	0	0
	Special cases reviewed	8	50
<b>Interviews</b>			
	OPO interviews	10	52
	Internal Affairs interviews	9	32
<b>Training</b>		2	8
<b>Critical Incidents</b>		0	2
<b>Mediations</b>			
	Recommended	0	3
	Conducted	1	3
	Declined	0	0
<b>Recommendations</b>		0	0
<b>Other Activities</b>			
SPD Related	Meetings / contacts	43	158
	Review boards	3	3
	Closing meetings	1	2

## 1. Outreach

### a) OPO

- i. Meeting with Walter Kendricks of SCAR (4/1)
- ii. Phil Tyler Campaign kick-off (4/11)
- iii. Leadership Spokane Service Project with the Red Cross and Spokane Fire Department (4/13)
- iv. NAACP Centennial Celebration (4/15)
- v. OPOC Meeting (4/16)
- vi. Leadership Connections at Gonzaga (4/23)

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

- i. OPOC Meeting (4/16)

## 2. Commendations / Complaints

### a) Received Complaints

- i. **OPO 19-11 – Demeanor / Inadequate Response:** Complainant was assaulted at their place of employment. When police arrived, they continued to refer to the complainant with the wrong preferred pronoun, even after being corrected. The police did not view security footage yet continued to say the complainant was in the wrong.
- ii. **OPO 19-23 – Biased Policing:** Complainant was cited during a traffic accident even though the other party admitted they went through the red light. Complainant believes they were cited because of the complainant's race.
- iii. **OPO 19-24 – Inadequate Response / Demeanor:** Complainant's family member was assaulted. The officer had allegedly already made up his mind about who was right and who was wrong and denied their request to view camera footage.
- iv. **OPO 19-25 – Demeanor:** Complainant was told by an officer they had to move from an area in the City Council Chambers, but allowed another person to sit there. When the complainant asked the officer about it, the officer did not give a specific reason.
- v. **OPO 19-26 – Demeanor:** Complainant alleges that they are being targeted by their NRO because of the past nuisance complaint on their property.
- vi. **OPO 19-27 – Demeanor:** Complainant alleged that during a conversation with their NRO, the NRO continuously talked over them and told them they were what was wrong in the neighborhood.
- vii. **OPO 19-28 – Demeanor / Inadequate Response / False Arrest:** Complainant alleges that officers made up charges against their significant other and tried to convince the complainant to say they were being abused in order to file a Domestic Violence charge.
- viii. **OPO 19-29 – Demeanor / Inadequate Response:** When officers arrived at a local shelter to remove the complainant, the complainant alleges they

were not given safe alternatives (ie: warming shelters) and ended up having to spend the night on the street.

**b) Referred Complaints**

- i. **IR 19-26** – Frustrated that their case was not assigned to an investigator; SPD/IA
- ii. **ER 19-27** – Unsatisfied with response regarding an abandoned vehicle; Code Enforcement
- iii. **ER 19-29** – A minority refugee high school student was trespassed from a family member’s elementary school; Center for Justice
- iv. **ER 19-30** – Concerned with the amount of animal feces on local trails; Code Enforcement
- v. **ER 19-31** – Parking violation report; Code Enforcement
- vi. **ER 19-32** – Concerns with Sit and Lie ordinance; City Council
- vii. **IR 19-33** – Unsatisfied with the lack of response from detectives regarding money stolen from their backpack; SPD/IA
- viii. **ER 19-34** – Concerned with citizens being banned from shelters for 30 days or more if they call 911 for assistance; City Council

**3. Case Review**

- i. **C19-010 / OPO 19-12**– Investigation certified
- ii. **C19-004** – Investigation certified
- iii. **C19-018 / OPO 19-16** – Investigation certified
- iv. **C19-004 / OPO 19-04** – Investigation certified
- v. **C19-012 / OPO 19-14** – Investigation certified
- vi. **C19-019 / OPO 19-17** – Request further information / Investigation certified
- vii. **C19-025** – Investigation certified
- viii. **C19-027 / OPO 19-26** – Investigation certified
- ix. **C19-013 / OPO 19-15** – Investigation certified
- x. **C19-002** – Investigation Certified
- xi. **C19-020 / OPO 19-19** – Requested further information

**4. Special Cases Reviewed**

- i. **5** Use of Force
- ii. **1** Pursuit
- iii. **0** Collision
- iv. **2** K9 Deployment

**5. Activities**

- a) OPO staff members participated/engaged in the following other activities:
  - i. NACOLE Strategic Planning Committee (4/2)
  - ii. PSCHC meeting (4/4)
  - iii. SPD Collision / Pursuit Review Board (4/9)
  - iv. SPD Use of Force Review Board (4/9)
  - v. Leadership Spokane Interviews (4/11 & 4/22)
  - vi. Leadership Spokane SCAN Team Meeting (4/22)
  - vii. COPS Shop Board Meeting (4/24)

- viii. SPD Deadly Force Review Board (4/24)
  - ix. Training – NACOLE Webinar, Strategies for conducting compelled interviews with officers (4/17)
  - x. Training – City of Spokane Active Shooter online course (4/25)
  - b) SPD related
    - i. 25 meetings/contacts with IA
    - ii. 18 meetings/contacts with SPD
  - c) OPO met with/had contact with OPO Commissioners/staff:
    - i. Commissioner Rose on (4/11, 4/25)
    - ii. Commissioner Smith on (4/25)
    - iii. Commissioner Wilburn (4/9)
    - iv. Commissioner Kelley (4/16)
  - d) OPO met with/had contact with City Council members/staff:
    - i. Council President Stuckart (4/8)
    - ii. Council Staff Jake Fraley on (4/11)
    - iii. Council Member Stratton (4/15)
    - iv. Council Staff Adam McDaniel (4/24)
    - v. Council Member Fagan (4/25)
- 6. Next Steps**
- a. Annual Reports for OPO and OPOC