



Office of Police Ombudsman Commission

Agenda
August 18, 2020
5:30PM – 7:00PM
WebEx Meeting

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Commission Briefing Session:

5:30 – 5:35pm	1) Welcome to public	Commissioner Rose
	2) Agenda approval	Commissioner Rose
	3) Approval July 21 st minutes	Commissioner Rose

Items:

5:36 – 6:10pm	1) Guest speaker	Council President Beggs
	2) Public forum	Citizens signed up to speak
	3) Monthly Report	Bart Logue

Commission Business:

6:11 – 7:00pm	1) OPOC legal contract update	Commissioner Rose
	2) Commissioner vacancies	Commissioner Rose
	3) Commissioner speak out	Commissioners

Adjournment:

Next Ombudsman Commission meeting will be held September 15, 2020

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Office of Police Ombudsman Commission Minutes

July 21, 2020

Meeting Minutes: 1:20

Meeting called to order at 5:30pm

Attendance

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

Items Session

- Agenda: Approved - Unanimous
- June 11th minutes: Approved - Unanimous
- Clarification of Closing Report Vote from June 11th Meeting
 - Unanimous Vote to approve

Public Forum

- No one signed up to speak

OPO Monthly Report

- Incredibly busy month for the OPO due to the protests / riots & Police Guild Contract
 - 18 Complaints, 5 Commendations, and 14 Referrals to various agencies
 - 24 meetings with SPD, 22 meetings with City Council Members
 - 4 cases certified
 - 34 citizen interviews, 11 IA interviews
 - Police Chief requested the OPO conduct independent review of how the protests / riots were handled by the SPD

Commissioners' Business

- Annual Reports – Commissioners
 - Vote to approve the OPO Annual Report
 - Unanimous Approval
 - Vote to approve the OPOC Annual Report
 - Unanimous Approval
- Commissioner Vacancies / Reappointments
 - Commissioner Holman – has moved out of the City of Spokane and will not continue serving as a commissioner on the OPOC at the end of his term in September.
 - Commissioner Kelley – will be stepping down from the Commission due to personal obligations with her new appointment as President of the Spokane Symphony Board.
- Commissioner Speak Out
 - Commissioner Smith – Wants to celebrate the request of an independent investigation of the Protests / Riots by Chief Meidl. Addressed his sadness and congratulations to Commissioners Kelley and Holman on their next adventures

- Commissioner Rose – Wants to send thanks and appreciation to the OPO for all they have been doing during this season of business. Thank you to all.
- Commissioner Wilburn – Thank you and Congratulations to Commissioner Kelley and the OPO for all they are doing.
- Employee PAR
 - Executive Session began at 6:40pm and ended at 7:00pm

Motion Passes or Fails: 5

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:00pm

**Note: Minutes are summarized by staff. A video recording of the meeting is on file -
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Public Safety & Community Health Committee Report

Reporting Period: July 1-31, 2019

Snapshot of Activities		Monthly	Year to Date
Community Outreach			
OPO	Total community events and meetings	3	43
OPOC	Community outreach / activities	1	26
Contacts		133	783
Commendations		0	6
Complaints			
	Received complaints	6	39
	Referred complaints	12	66
Case Review			
	Request for further investigation	3	13
	Investigations certified / concurred	14	40
	Declined certifications	0	0
	Special cases reviewed	13	105
Interviews			
	OPO interviews	21	85
	Internal Affairs interviews	9	36
Training		11	49
Critical Incidents		0	0
Mediations			
	Recommended	0	1
	Conducted	0	1
	Declined	0	0
Recommendations		0	0
Other Activities			
SPD Related	Meetings / contacts	43	207
	Review boards / D-ARP's	2	12
	Closing meetings	0	0

1. Outreach

a) OPO

- i. Leadership Spokane Alumni Board Pre-Conference (7/13)
- ii. Jonah Project Board Meeting Retreat (7/20)
- iii. OPOC Meeting (7/20)

b) OPOC Actions

- i. OPOC Meeting (7/20)

2. Commendations / Complaints

a) Received Complaints

- i. **OPO 20-40 – Inadequate Response:** Witnessed two motorcycle police officers conduct traffic stops while not wearing masks to protect themselves or the citizen.
- ii. **OPO 20-41 – Demeanor:** Concerns with comments made by an officer on Social Media.
- iii. **OPO 20-42 – Demeanor:** Concerns regarding an officer who came into location for services. Officer allegedly refused to put a mask on and made a scene about it.
- iv. **OPO 20-43 – Inadequate Response:** Concerns regarding an officer failing to conduct an investigation when responding to an incident.
- v. **OPO 20-44 – Improper Tactics / Making a False or Misleading Statement:** Concerns with officer allegedly made a false report on a traffic incident and assaulted the complainant.
- vi. **OPO 20-45 – Inadequate Response:** Concerns with officer not taking threat to complainant seriously.

b) Referrals

- i. **IR 20-55** – Believes that the Chief of Police is using a false identity; SPD/IA
- ii. **IR 20-56** – Concerned with a house in their neighborhood being a drug house. Alleges a lack of assistance; SPD/IA
- iii. **ER 20-57** – Excessive Force used allegedly due to the citizens language; SCSO
- iv. **IR 20-58** – Believes that members of the SPD are involved in criminal activity surrounding their family; SPD/IA
- v. **ER 20-59** – Called Crime Check multiple times regarding fireworks and the police were never dispatched; Crime Check
- vi. **IR 20-60** – Concerned with SPD officers, who Walmart has hired for off duty security, are parking their SPD vehicles near the front and taking handicap spaces and spaces for the elderly; SPD / IA
- vii. **IR 20-61** – Concerned with a lack of response from SPD regarding fireworks over multiple days in their neighborhood; SPD/IA (connected to ER 20-59)
- viii. **IR 20-62** – Concerned with vehicles parked in front of their house for multiple days. Was told that an officer would be in contact with them and no one called; SPD/IA

- ix. **IR 20-63** – Wants to know why SPD is associating with a known racist group on Social Media. They have overall concerns with a video that was posted by the groups FB page; SPD/IA
- x. **ER 20-64** – Concerned that a 911 dispatcher didn't dispatch an officer to the scene of a traffic accident; 911 Dispatch Supervisor
- xi. **ER 20-65** – Concerned with the City Noise Ordinance not being enforced; City Council
- xii. **IR 20-65** – Wanted to get the name of an officer who called them, so that they could write a thank-you letter; SPD/IA

3. Case Review

- i. **C20-050 / OPO 20-32** – Investigation certified
- ii. **C20-043 / OPO 20-24** – Investigation certified
- iii. **C20-037 / OPO 20-16** – Investigation certified
- iv. **C20-031 / OPO 20-11** – Investigation certified
- v. **C20-060 / OPO 20-40** – Investigation certified
- vi. **C20-055** – Request for further investigation
- vii. **C20-036** – Request for further investigation / Investigation certified
- viii. **C20-045 / OPO 20-27** – Investigation certified
- ix. **C20-062** – Investigation certified
- x. **C20-059** – Investigation certified
- xi. **C20-049 / OPO 20-03** – Investigation certified
- xii. **C20-024** – Investigation certified
- xiii. **C20-052 / OPO 20-37** – Investigation certified
- xiv. **C20-054 / OPO 20-36** – Request for further investigation
- xv. **C18-100 / OPO 18-69** – Investigation certified
- xvi. **C20-056** – Investigation certified

4. Special Cases Reviewed

- i. **9** Use of Force
- ii. **2** K9
- iii. **1** Collisions
- iv. **1** Pursuits

5. Activities

a) OPO staff members participated/engaged in the following other activities:

- i. NACOLE Strategic Planning Committee (7/6)
- ii. IA Biweekly Meeting (7/6)
- iii. Training – Leadership 2020 Wilderness Event (7/26)
- iv. Training – Allies with Roberta Wilburn (7/13)
- v. Training – Know Be 4 (7/13)
- vi. Training – NACOLE Conference Webinar Session 1 (7/20)
- vii. Training – NACOLE Conference Webinar Session 2 (7/21)
- viii. Training – NACOLE Conference Webinar Session 3 (7/22)
- ix. Training – NACOLE Conference Webinar Session 4 (7/23)
- x. Training – NACOLE Conference Webinar Session 5 (7/27)
- xi. Training – NACOLE Conference Webinar Session 6 (7/28)

- xii. Training – NACOLE Conference Webinar Session 7 (7/29)
- xiii. Training – NACOLE Conference Webinar Session 8 (7/30)

b) SPD related

- i. 34 meetings/contacts with IA
- ii. 11 meetings/contacts with SPD

c) OPO met with/had contact with OPO Commissioners/staff:

- i. Commissioner Rose on (7/6, 7/13 x2, 7/20)
- ii. Commissioner Holman on (7/2)
- iii. Commissioner Smith on (7/13, 7/20)
- iv. Commissioner Wilburn on (7/15, 7/20)
- v. Commissioner Kelley on (7/20 x2)
- vi. OPOC Legal – Bingaman on (7/20)

d) OPO met with/had contact with City Council:

- i. Council Member Stratton on (7/7)
- ii. Council Staff – Mark Carlos (7/1)
- iii. Council Member Wilkerson (7/6)
- iv. Council Staff – Shae Blackwell (7/6 x2)
- v. Council Member Cathcart (7/6, 7/13)

6. Next Steps

- a. Budget for 2021
- b. SPD protest response review