



Office of Police Ombudsman Commission

February 21, 2023
5:30PM – 7:30PM
City Council Chambers

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Commission Briefing Session:

5:30 – 5:35pm	1) Welcome to Public	Commissioner Jasmin
	2) Agenda Approval	Commissioner Jasmin
	3) Approve December Meeting Minutes	Commissioner Jasmin
	4) Consent Agenda for OPO Monthly Report	Commissioner Jasmin

Items:

5:36 – 7:00 pm	1) Police Reform Panel Discussion	Guest Attendees
	2) Public Forum	Community Members

Commission Business:

7:01 – 7:30pm	1) OPOC Retreat	Commissioners
	2) Thank you to Commissioner Wilburn	Commissioners Jasmin
	3) Vice-Chair Elections	Commissioner
	4) Commissioner Speak Out	Commissioners
	5) Executive Session	Commissioners

Adjournment:

Please join us immediately following the OPOC meeting for a reception to honor Commissioner Wilburn's volunteer service.

The next Ombudsman Commission meeting will be held on March 21, 2023.

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Office of Police Ombudsman Commission Minutes

December 13, 2022

Meeting Minutes: 1:22

Meeting called to order at: 5:31 pm

Attendance

- OPOC Commissioners present: Jenny Rose, Ladd Smith, James Wilburn, Lili Navarrete, Luc Jasmin
- Legal Counsel: Tim Szambelan
- OPO staff members present: Bart Logue, Luvimae Omana and Christina Coty

Briefing Session

- Agenda - Approved
- August and September Minutes - Approved

Items Session

- **Guest Speaker: Debbie Novak**
 - Independent Prosecutor Bill – Stonyar supporting the bill
 - Traffic Stops and Pursuits – Most serious of circumstances
 - 2020 – 11 Deaths now only 1 death.
- **Public Forum:**
 - **Anwar Peace**
 - How people in the city have been treating the homeless especially by Camp Hope
 - Disappointed in the SPD for street sweeps at all times but especially during the brutal winters who do not give resources and just tell them to move along.
 - Commissioner Jasmin commented that there has been a restraining order placed on law enforcement.
- **Ombudsman Report**
 - Majority of the past 3 months was spent working on the independent investigation.
 - Luvimae is working with AG Office MMIW. New Alert system launched July 1st 2022. Crime Check said they weren't participating in this program. Luvimae explained to AG that Crime Check is not a city entity and acted as a conduit for communication between AG and SPD
- **Independent Investigation**
 - This is a comprehensive overview of the independent investigation the OPOC directed the OPO to conduct in August of 2022
 - This was brought about because of a leak complaint
 - 5 Recommendations have been created regarding the information found from conducting the investigation

Commission Business

- **Recommendation Vote – Approved unanimously**
- **OPOC Retreat Recap**
 - Need to schedule a follow-up to the November retreat in early 2023
 - Christina will reach out to schedule for January or February

- **Chair and Vice Chair Elections**
 - Nominate Luc Jasmin to take a 2nd term of Chair
 - Unanimous
 - Nominate James Wilburn for a Vice Chair
 - Unanimous
- **Commissioner Speak Out**
 - Jenny Rose – Just wants to wish everyone a Merry Christmas
 - Ladd Smith – Back to what Anwar Peace spoke about. Was disheartened to see the uniformed officers intimidating the homeless community at Camp Hope
- **Executive Session**
 - **Starts – 7:37**
 - **Ends – 8:47**

Motion Passes or Fails: 1

Meeting Adjourned at: 6:57

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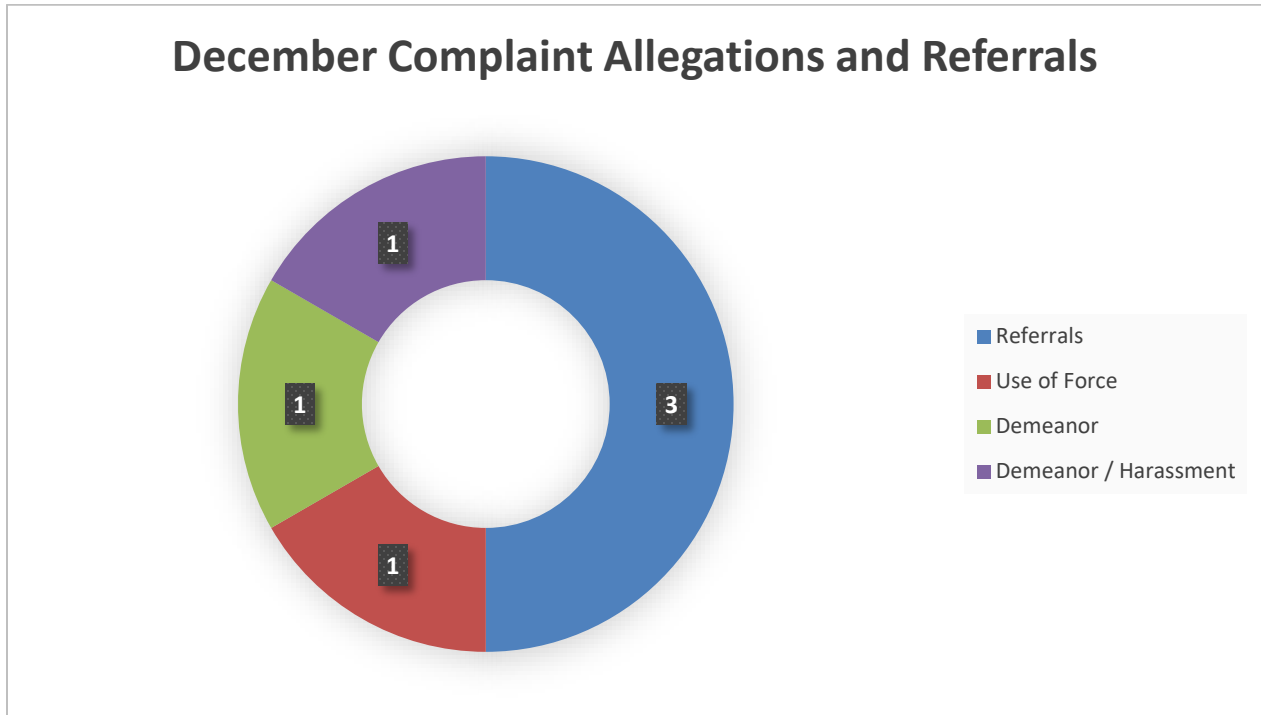


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Public Safety & Community Health Committee Report

Reporting Period: December 1 – 31, 2022

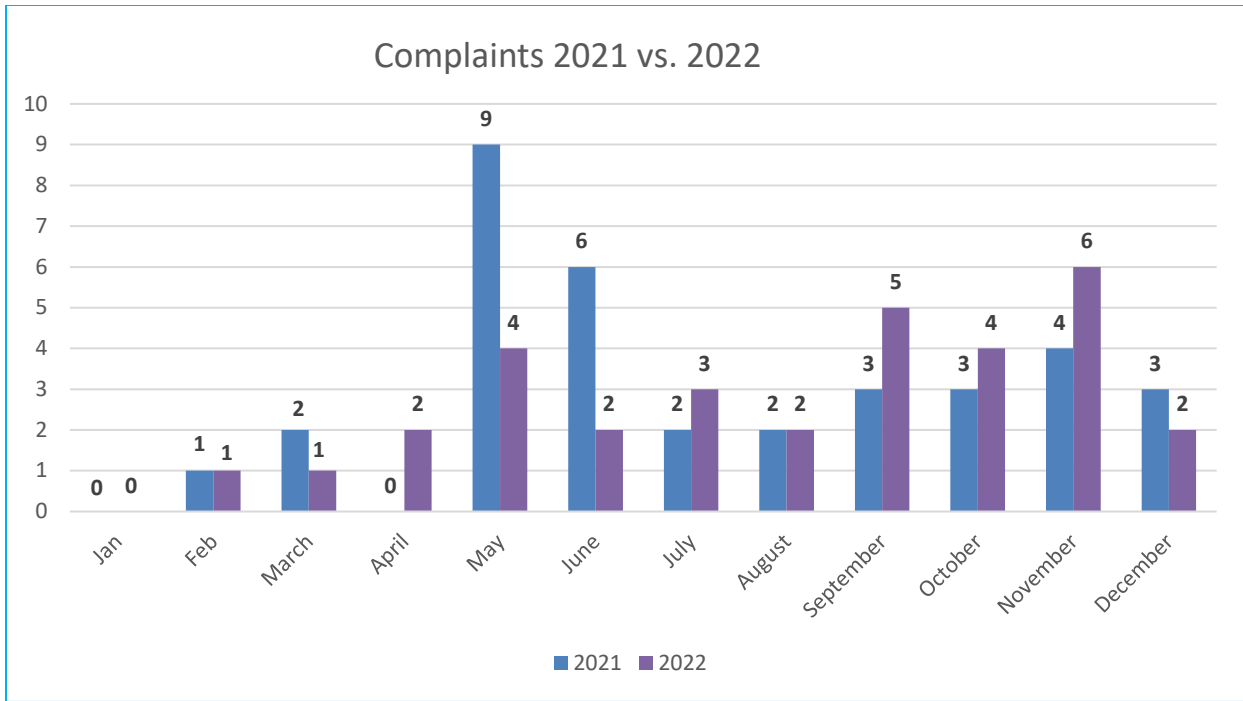
Complaints/Referrals/Contacts



Highlights:

In December, the Office of the Police Ombudsman (OPO) submitted 3 Complaints to Internal Affairs, and 3 Referrals to various agencies. Highlights include:

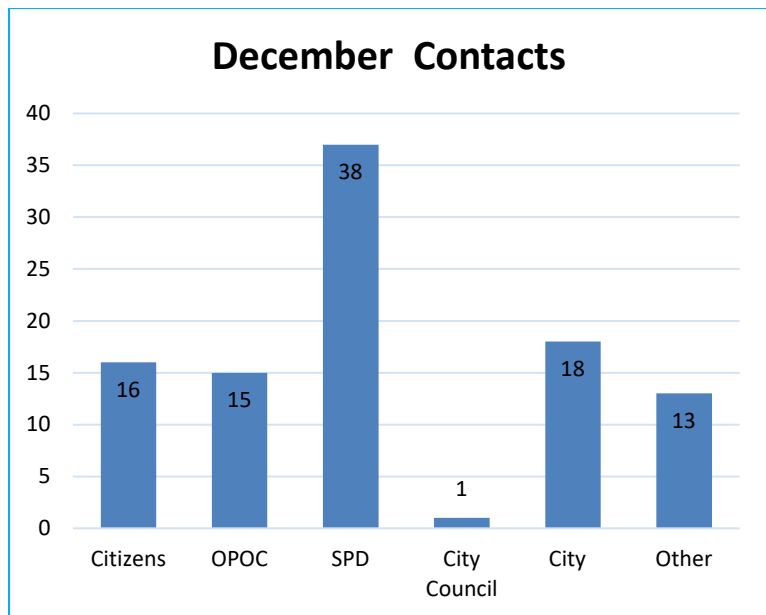
- OPO 22-34: A community member had a concern about how officers responded to the Lewis and Clark High School active shooter hoax. They had questions about officer tactics and if there had been force used against students.
- OPO 22-37: A community member was filming an officer during a traffic stop and was concerned about the officer's response to the community member filming.
- OPO 22-38: A community member was arrested for obstruction and believes there was no reason for the arrest.
- ER22-61: A community member wanted to report an RV dumping their black tank into an alley; Code Enforcement.
- ER 22-63: A community member has concerns about the treatment occurring in the City run homeless shelter; 311.



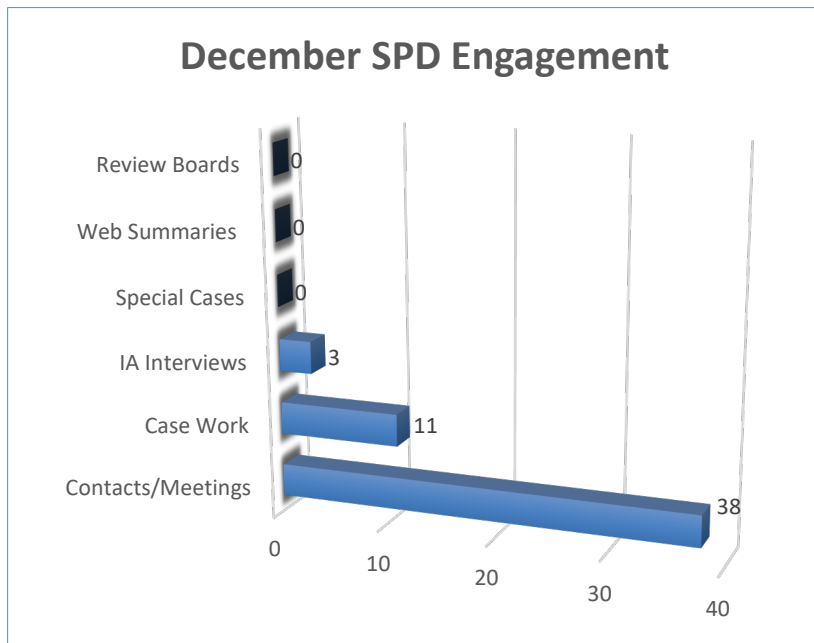
Contacts/Oversight:

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- 100 total contacts
- 5 OPO interviews were conducted
- 38 total SPD contacts
- 3 IA contacts



Oversight Activities



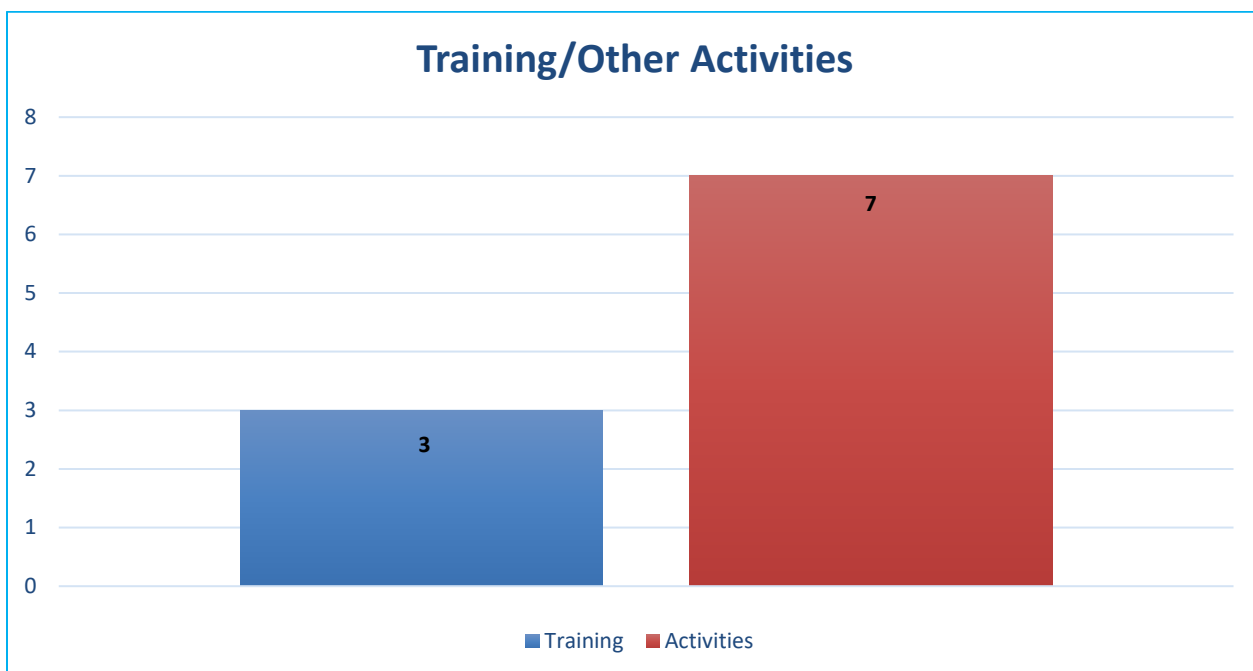
Case Work

7 – Cases certified
3 – Cases returned for further investigation
1 – Declined to certify

Critical Incident

SPD Officer Involved
Shooting – 12.04.22,
Morton and Illinois

Training/Other Activities



Highlights:

- Training – SPD Sgt’s Academy, SPD Ride Alongs (3)
- Other Community Meetings – OPOC December Meeting, Celebrate Recovery, Leadership Spokane Meetings (2), Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting
- Oversight/Outreach – Independent Investigation, NACOLE Board/Staff Meetings (2), Other NACOLE Meetings (2), WSCJTC Meeting

Upcoming:

- OPO / OPOC Annual Report
- Employee Performance Appraisal Review
- WSCJTC Sub-Committee Meeting

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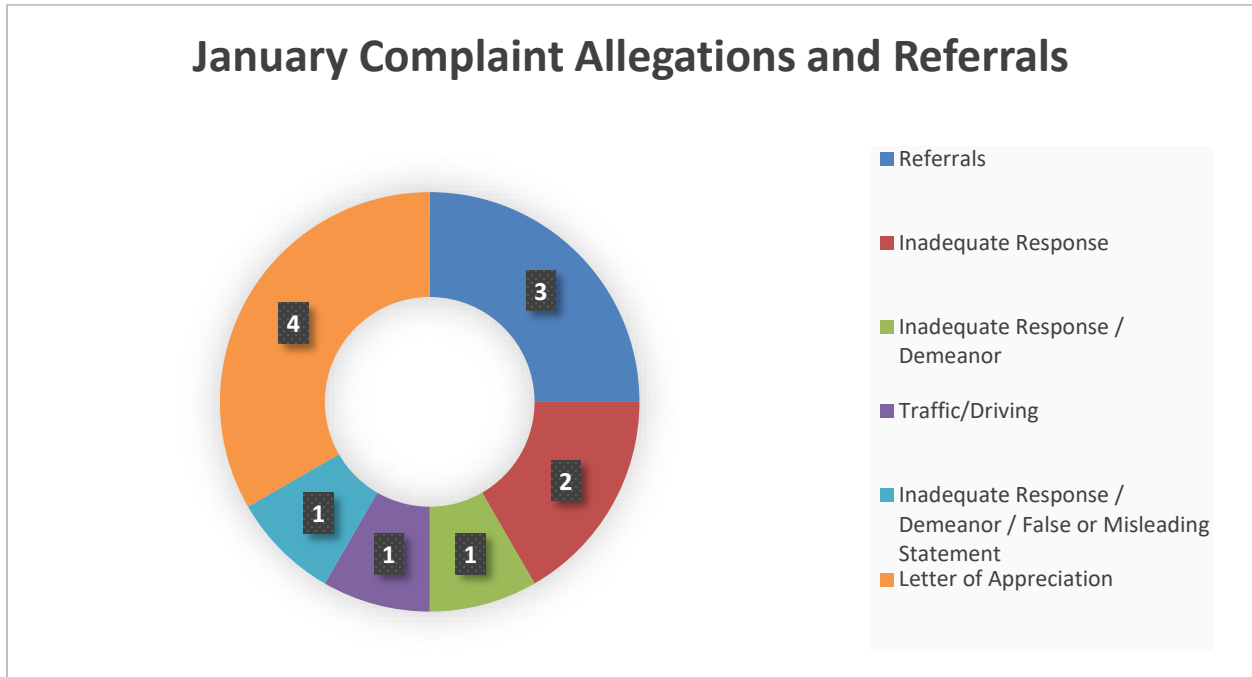


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Public Safety & Community Health Committee Report

Reporting Period: January 1 – 31, 2022

Complaints/Referrals/Contacts

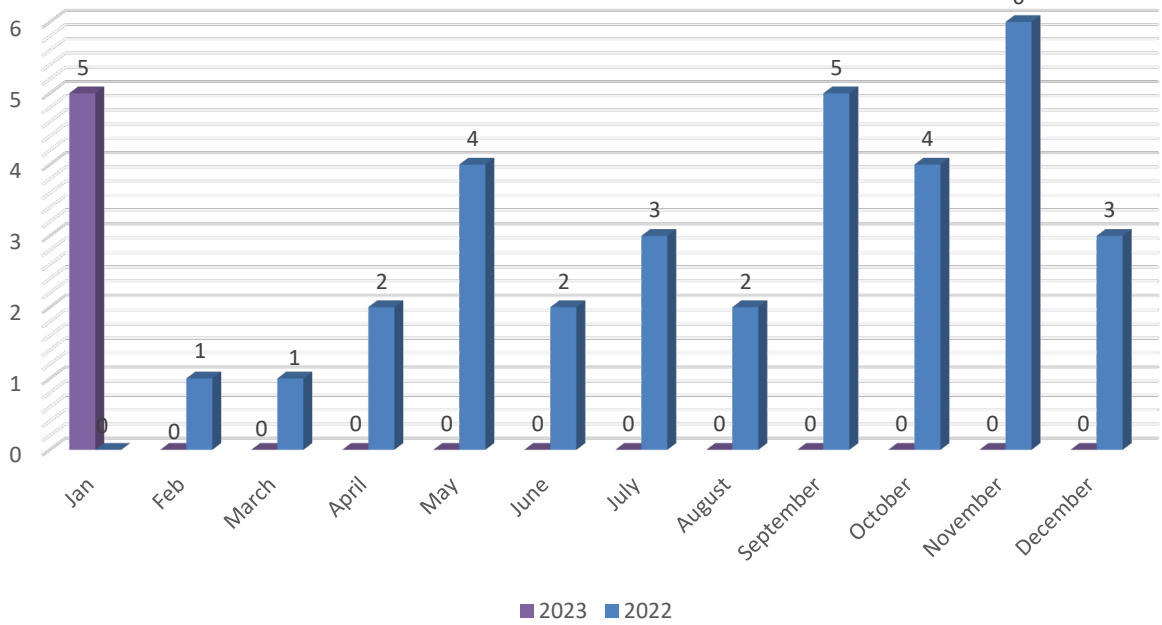


Highlights:

In January, the Office of the Police Ombudsman (OPO) submitted 5 Complaints to Internal Affairs, 3 Referrals to various agencies and 4 Letters of Appreciation / Commendation. Highlights include:

- OPO 23-01: A community member had concerns that when they requested SPD assistance with their minor child, the officers who responded made inappropriate comments and did not provide assistance.
- OPO 23-02: A community member called SPD to report a protection order that was being violated. The community member alleges that the responding officers did not provide adequate assistance.
- OPO 23-03: A community member reported that an SPD officer was driving excessively fast in a construction zone on I-90 in Idaho with no Emergency lights.
- ER 23-01: A community member was concerned with the demeanor of a Deputy who pulled over their vehicle; Spokane County Sheriff's Office
- IR 23-03: A community member requested assistance obtaining stolen vehicle information that was allegedly involved in a hit and run involving their vehicle; SPD IA

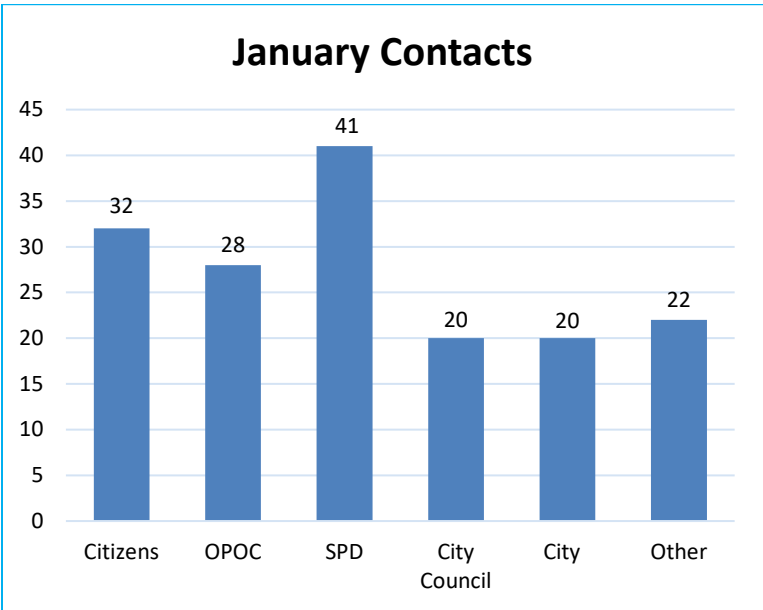
Complaints 2022 vs. 2023



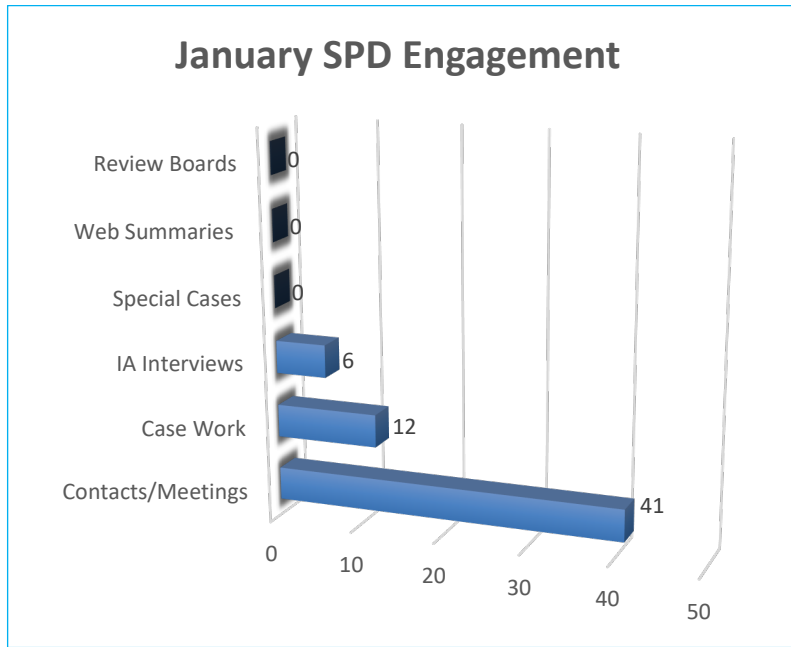
Contacts/Oversight:

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- 161 total contacts
- 6 OPO interviews were conducted
- 26 IA contacts
- 41 total SPD contacts



Oversight Activities



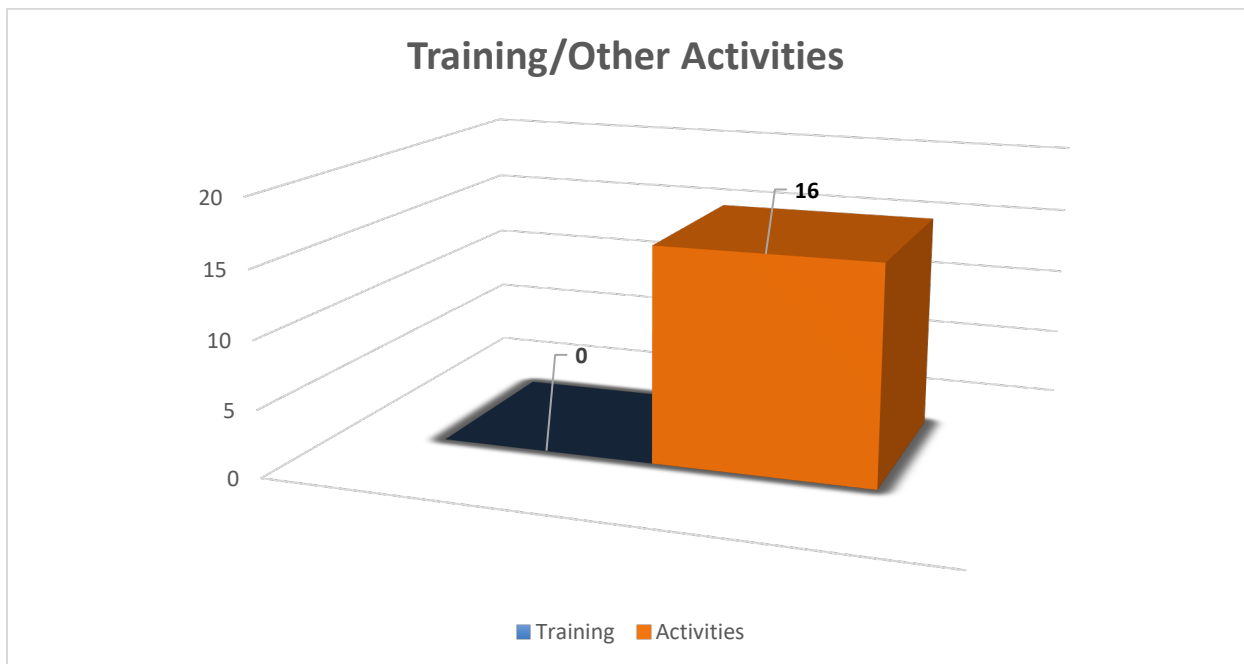
Case Work

3 – Cases certified
9 – Cases returned for further investigation

Of Note

1 Case had over 50 hours of pertinent Body Worn Camera Footage associated with the police response

Training/Other Activities



Highlights:

- Community Meetings / Events – Panel of Community Leaders at the Community School
- Other Community Meetings – Leadership Spokane Meetings (2), Celebrate Recovery (4), Women’s Outreach Event, SCAR Meetings
- Oversight / Outreach – NACOLE Board / Staff Meeting, Other NACOLE Meetings (2), WSCJTC Sub-Committee Meeting, Facilitated Civilian Oversight Marin County, California Focus Group, Pierce County Meeting

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