



Office of Police Ombudsman Commission

Meeting Agenda
January 16, 2024
5:30PM – 7:30PM
City Council Chambers

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Commission Briefing Session:

5:30 – 5:35pm	1) Welcome to the public	Commissioner Jasmin
	2) Agenda approval	Commissioner Jasmin
	3) Approve November meeting minutes	Commissioner Jasmin

Items:

5:36 – 6:15pm	1) Public forum	Citizens signed up to speak
	2) Guest Speaker	Lisa Gardner
	• NAACP President	
	3) OPO reports from November and December	Bart Logue

Commission Business:

6:16 – 7:00pm	1) OPO / OPOC Budget Concerns	Commissioner Jasmin
	2) OPOC Plan for 2024	Commissioner Jasmin
	3) OPOC Annual Report Subcommittee	Commissioners
	4) Commissioner Speak Out	Commissioners
	5) Executive Session – Annual Performance Assessment Review	Commissioners

Adjournment:

The next Ombudsman Commission meeting will be held on February 20, 2024.

Virtual Meeting Option

Meeting Link:

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Office of Police Ombudsman Commission Minutes

November 21, 2023

Meeting Minutes: 1:32

Meeting called to order at: 5:32pm

Attendance

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

Briefing Session

- Agenda – Motion to approve once making the amendment to item 4: Approved
- September Minutes – Approved

Items Session

- **Guest Speaker: Detective Dave Dunkin – SPD Police Guild President**
 - NACOLE Panel pertaining to Collective Bargaining and how it interferes with Oversight. Felt like the panel went well and was very honored to be asked to present.
 - Opened a great dialog between many different entities.
 - I don't know where else in the nation there is an oversight agency and Police Guild that have the type of positive working relationship that we have here in Spokane
 - There are items in the CBA that we aren't that far apart from and during the contract negotiations how can we get in on the process earlier than the 3 years?
- **Public Forum:**
 - There were no community members signed up to speak
- **Ombudsman September and October Monthly Reports:**
 - 1560 contacts YTD, 84 OPO interviews YTD, 15 Commendations YTD, 33 complaint YTD, 56 referrals YTD, 5 cases returned for further investigation YTD, 8 Web Case summaries YTD, 158 special cases reviewed, 75 IA interviews attended
- **OPO Closing Report: F22-064**
 - **R23-09** – The OPO recommends SPD implement a formal tracking system that alerts the UOFRB, training academy or appropriate persons when a recommendation for training is made during a chain of command review. This will ensure that when a need for a training opportunity is identified, the recommendation can be tracked through implementation.
 - **R23-10** – The OPO recommends SPD update its use of force policy, 301.14.3, language from “misconduct” to “policy violation” when making referrals to Internal Affairs, “If upon review of an application of force by an officer(s), the supervisor believes that the application of force could rise to the level of a policy violation, or the supervisor sees conduct that could rise to the level of a policy violation, the supervisor shall initiate an Internal Affairs complaint in BlueTeam.”
 - **R23-11** – The OPO recommends SPD update its policy manual to ensure proper determinations in reviews. The chain of command reviews should be limited to determinations of “in policy” or “out of policy.” If any supervisor during a review

believes an officer's conduct is potentially out of policy, then they must send the case to Internal Affairs for investigation.

- **OPO Closing Report: F23-035**
 - **R23-12** – The OPO recommends SPD clearly define the limits of a training failure. When SPD identifies a series of training failures, then it must take the appropriate steps to ensure it is investing the time to properly train its officers. Alternatively, if it is the individual officer struggling, SPD must identify what steps are required to help an officer understand and implement the training.
 - **R23-13** – I recommend that SPD create metrics to ensure that supervisory and review board evaluations and determinations are tracked and evaluated per reviewer to ensure supervisors and reviewers are upholding policy and high standards in their review of police conduct.

Commission Business

- **Closing report recommendation approval**
 - R23-09 through R23-13 are Approved
- **Chair and Vice Chair Elections**
 - Chair – Nomination for Luc Jasmin: Approved
 - Vice Chair – Nomination for Ladd Smith: Approved
- **NACOLE Annual Conference Recap**
 - Metrics for a “good” police department. We should have high standards in policing, We should be checking them, that is not a bad thing
 - Changing police culture – Police with our community not police in our community
 - One of the more interesting NACOLE Conference in a while
 - How impactful UOF's are on communities as a whole for years to come
- **December Meeting**
 - Cancelled
- **Executive Session – Annual Performance Assessment Review**
 - Start – 6:53
 - End – 7:03

Motion Passes or Fails: 6

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:04

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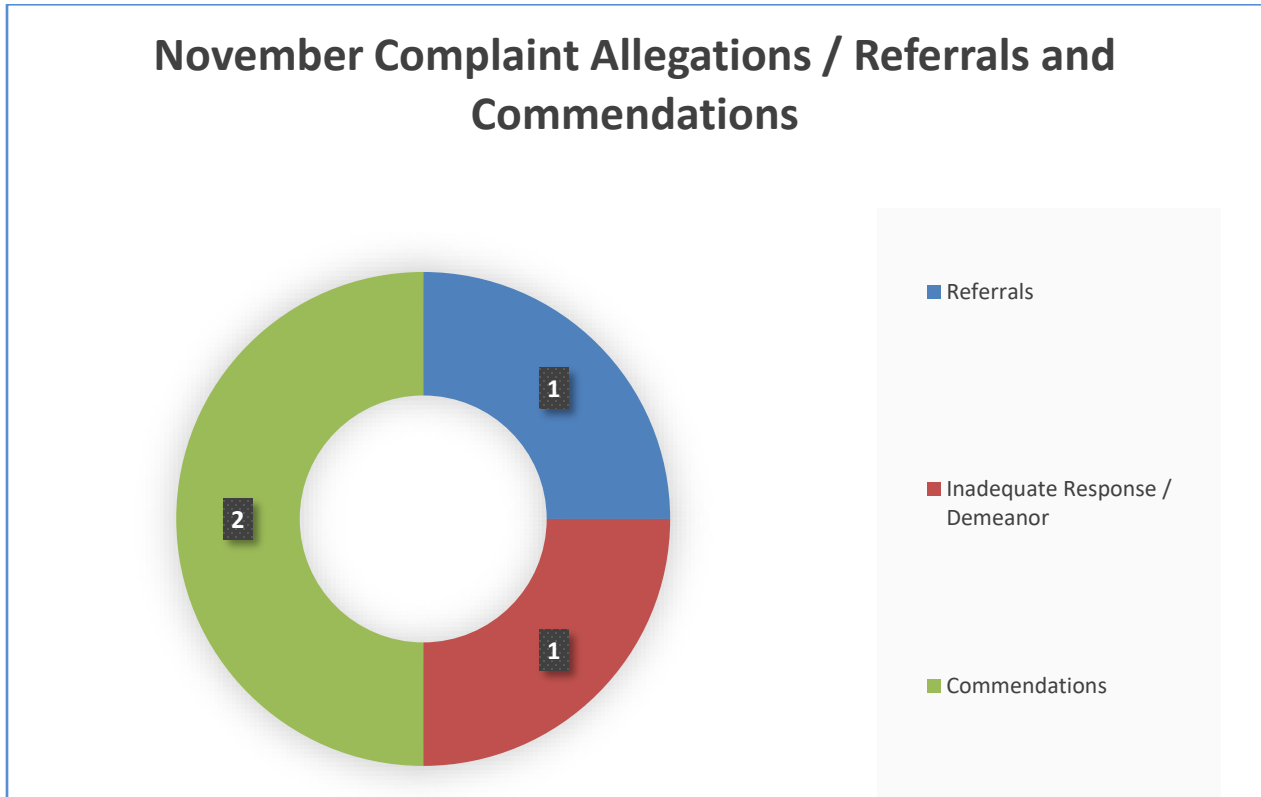


Office of the Police Ombudsman

Public Safety & Community Health Committee Report

Reporting Period: November 1 - 30, 2023

Complaints / Referrals / Commendations

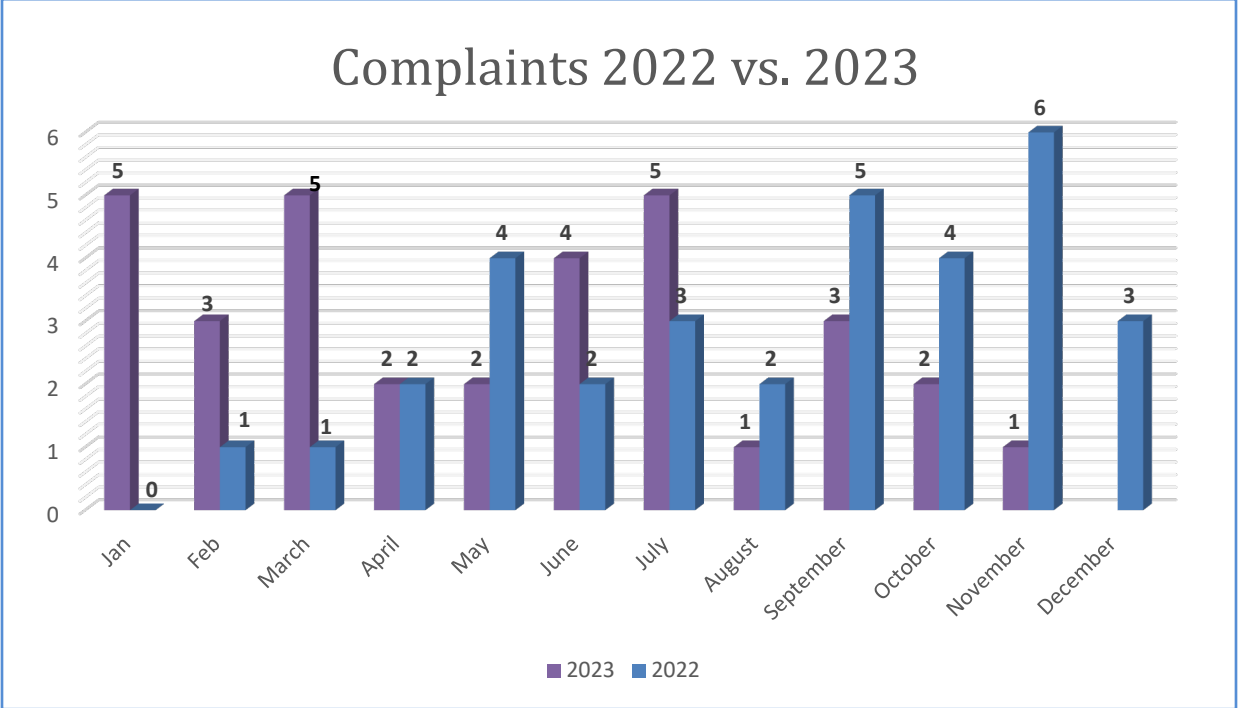


Highlights:

In November, the Office of the Police Ombudsman (OPO) submitted 1 complaint to Internal Affairs, 2 commendations, and 1 referral to various agencies.

Highlights include:

- OPO 23-51: A community member was frustrated with the retrieval of their stolen property.
- IR 23-57: A community member was frustrated with the lack of communication and follow up following the death of their family member.
- OPO 23-49: A community member was pleased with responding officers' clear communication, calm demeanor, and practicality in securing the scene after a vehicle crashed into their family member's home.
- OPO 23-50: A community member was pleased with officers who responded to a situation at their home, stating that the officers were quick, professional, and courteous.

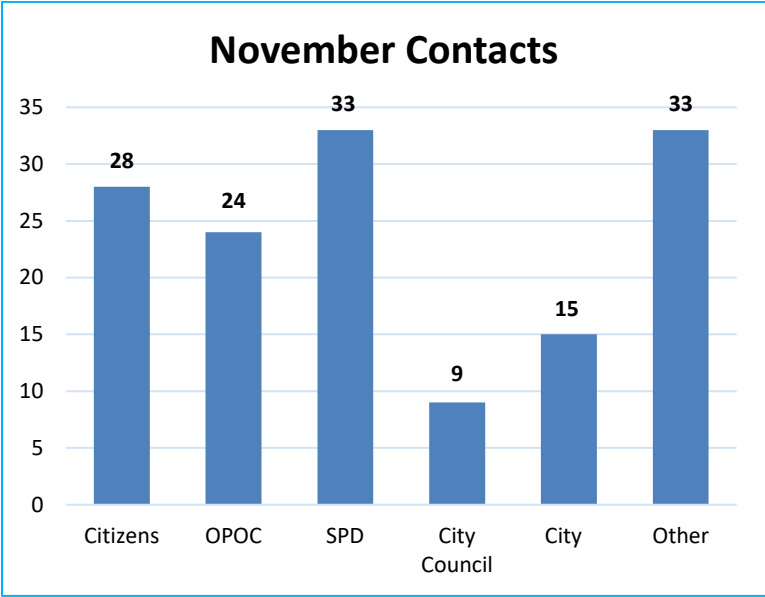


- The OPO submitted 17 commendations to SPD in 2023
- Note: Complaint numbers for September adjusted from 4 to 3 due to administrative adjustment

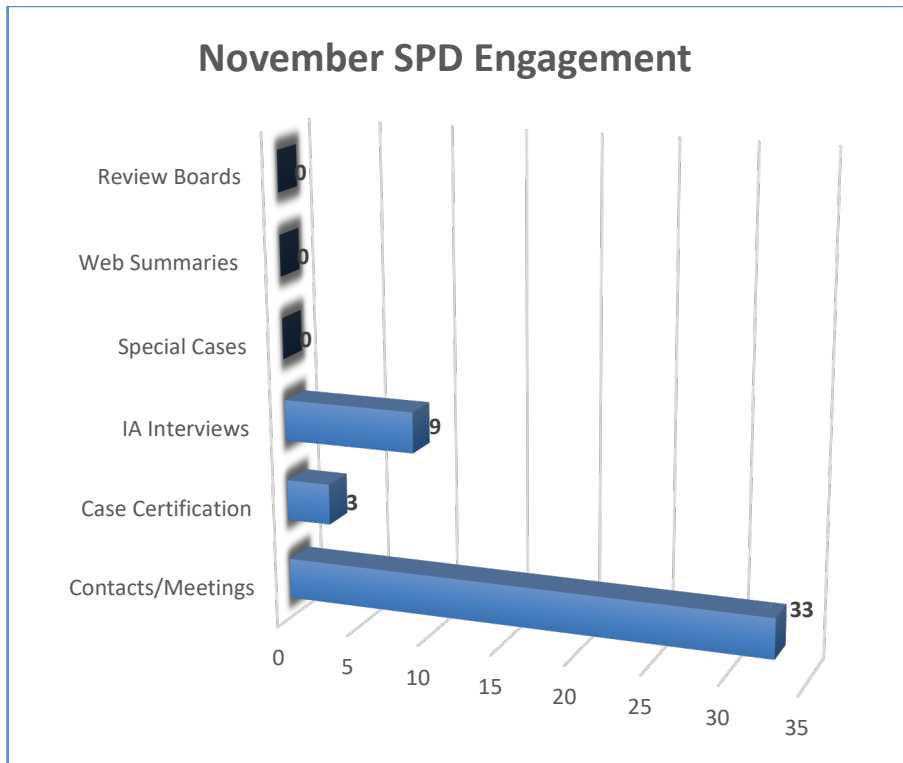
Contacts / Oversight:

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- 142 total contacts
- 4 OPO interviews were conducted
- 16 IA contacts
- 33 total SPD contacts



Oversight Activities



Case Work
3 – Cases certified
9 – IA Interviews conducted

Critical Incident
OIS on 12/3/23
Walmart on Colton Ave

Training / Other Activities



Highlights:

- Community Meetings / Events – OPOC Meeting, Women Outreach Meetings, Celebrate Recovery
- Oversight / Outreach – IA Biweekly Meeting, NACOLE Board Meeting, 4 Peer Review meetings for NOLA
- Training – OPO and OPOC attended NACOLE Annual Conference, NACOLE Webinar: Social Media and the World of Online Investigation
- Reappointment letters were submitted to the City Council for Commissioners Luc Jasmin – District 1, Lili Navarrete – District 2, and Jenny Rose – District 3

Upcoming:

- WSCJTC Committee Meeting
- NOLA Peer Review in NOLA
- OPO / OPOC Annual Report

Office of the Police Ombudsman Commission Meeting:

Held virtually, the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 5:30pm

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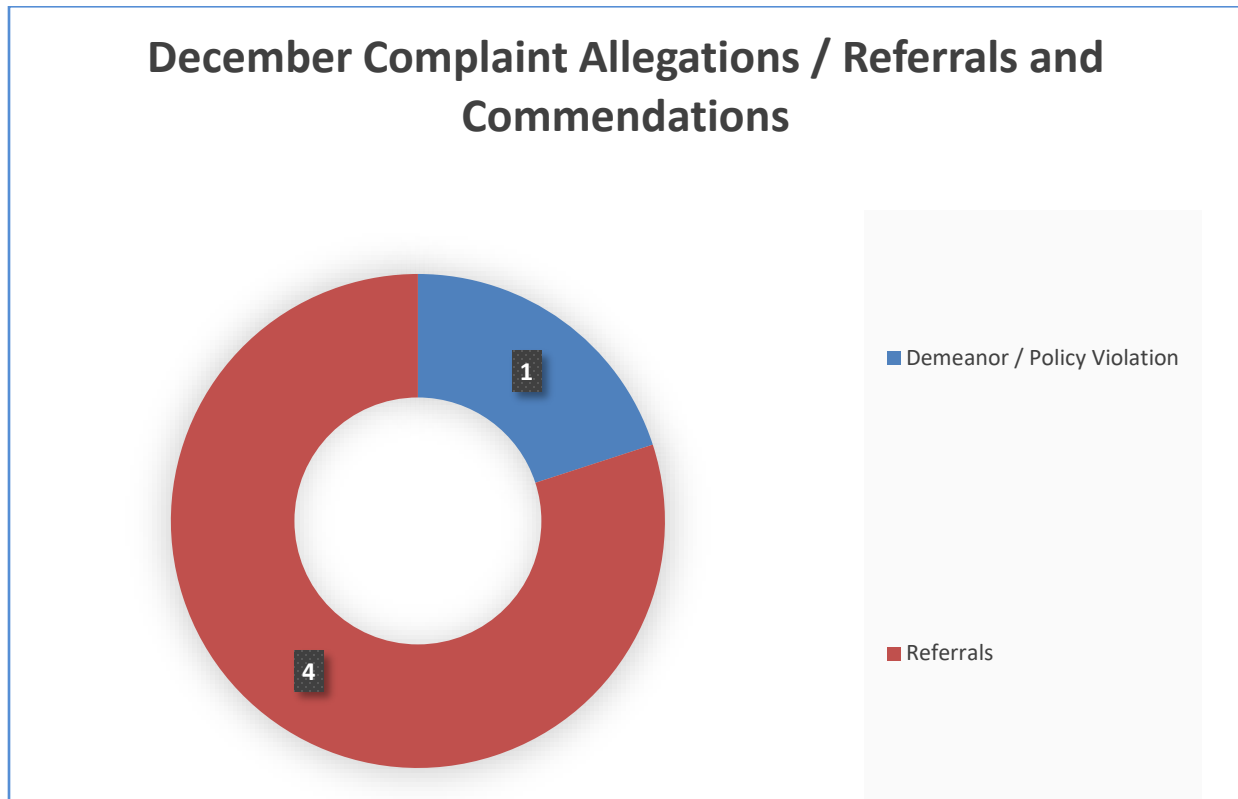


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Complaints / Referrals / Commendations



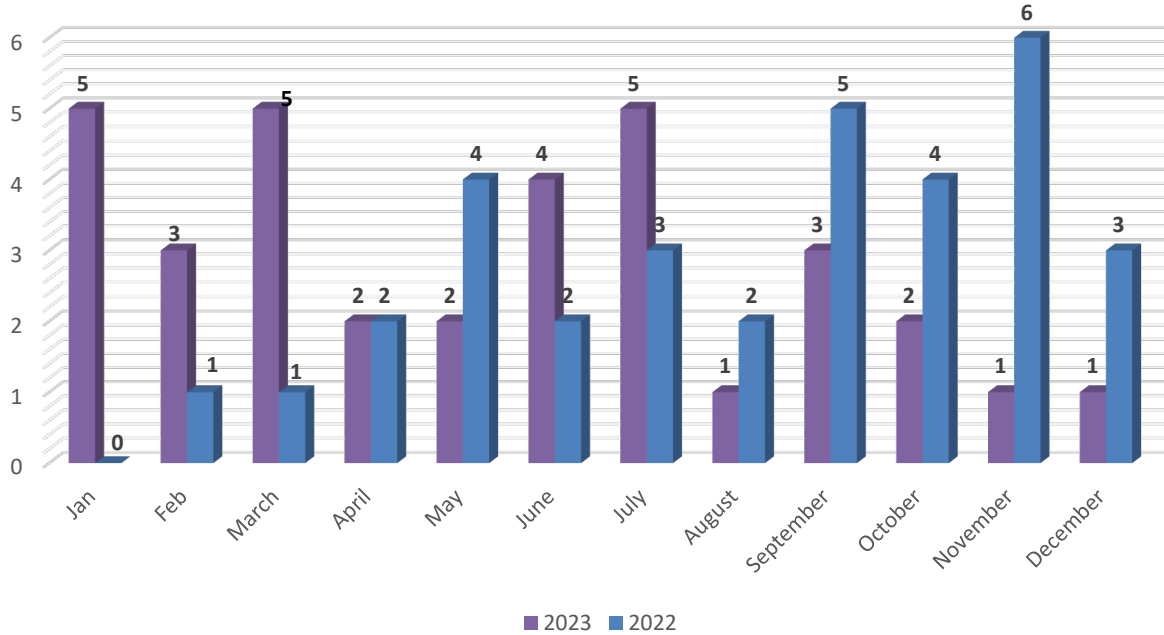
Highlights:

In December, the Office of the Police Ombudsman (OPO) submitted 1 complaint to Internal Affairs, and 4 referrals to SPD Internal Affairs and various agencies.

Highlights include:

- OPO 23-52: A community member witnessed an officer use aggressive behavior and language with a person who was being arrested.
- ER 23-58: A community member was frustrated that their neighborhood does not receive leaf clean up; Streets Department
- IR 23-59: A community member was frustrated with how their stolen vehicle was handled; SPD/IA
- ER 23-60: A community member was frustrated with responding deputies for accusing them of being on drugs during a domestic violence call; SCSO

Complaints 2022 vs. 2023



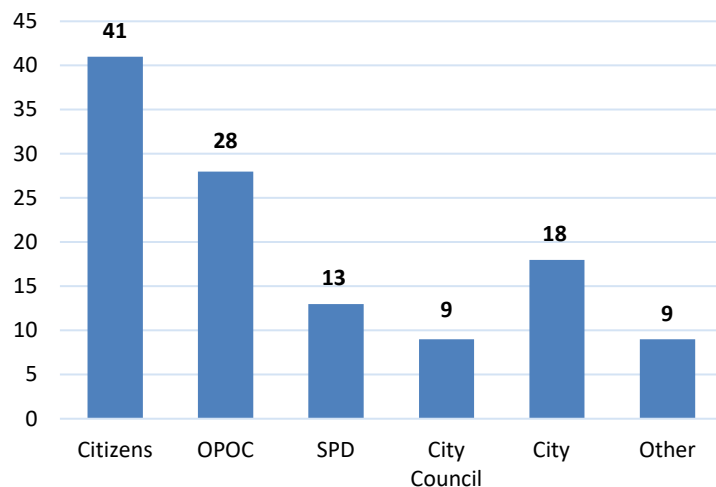
- The OPO submitted 17 commendations to SPD in 2023
- 2023 YTD numbers: Complaints – 34, Referrals – 61, Commendations – 17
 - 2022 YTD numbers: Complaints – 33, Referrals – 63, Commendations – 11

Contacts / Oversight:

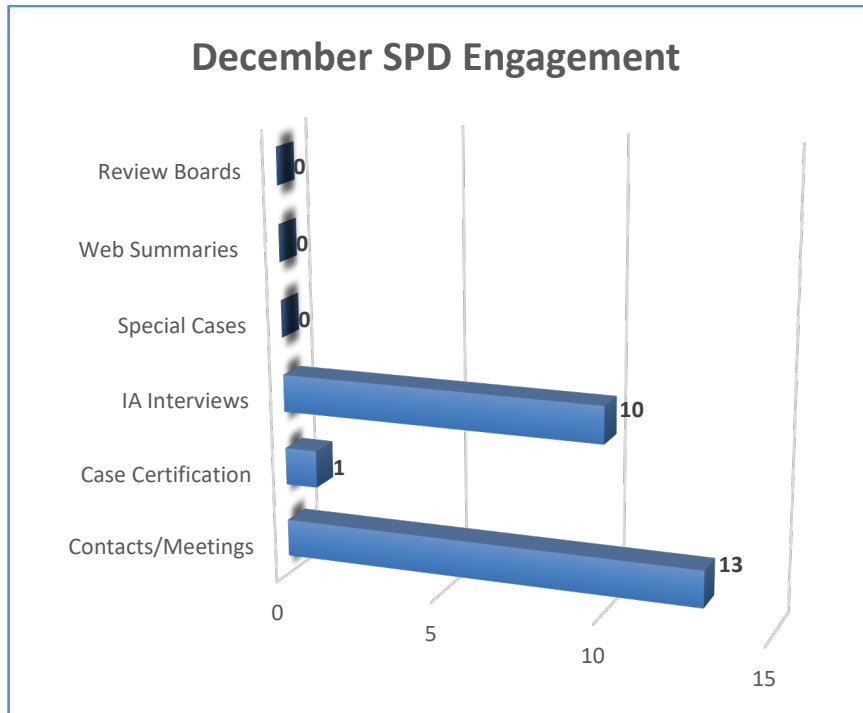
Contacts / Oversight

- 118 total contacts
 - 1820 for 2023
- 5 OPO interviews were conducted
- 9 IA contacts
- 13 total SPD contacts

December Contacts



Oversight Activities



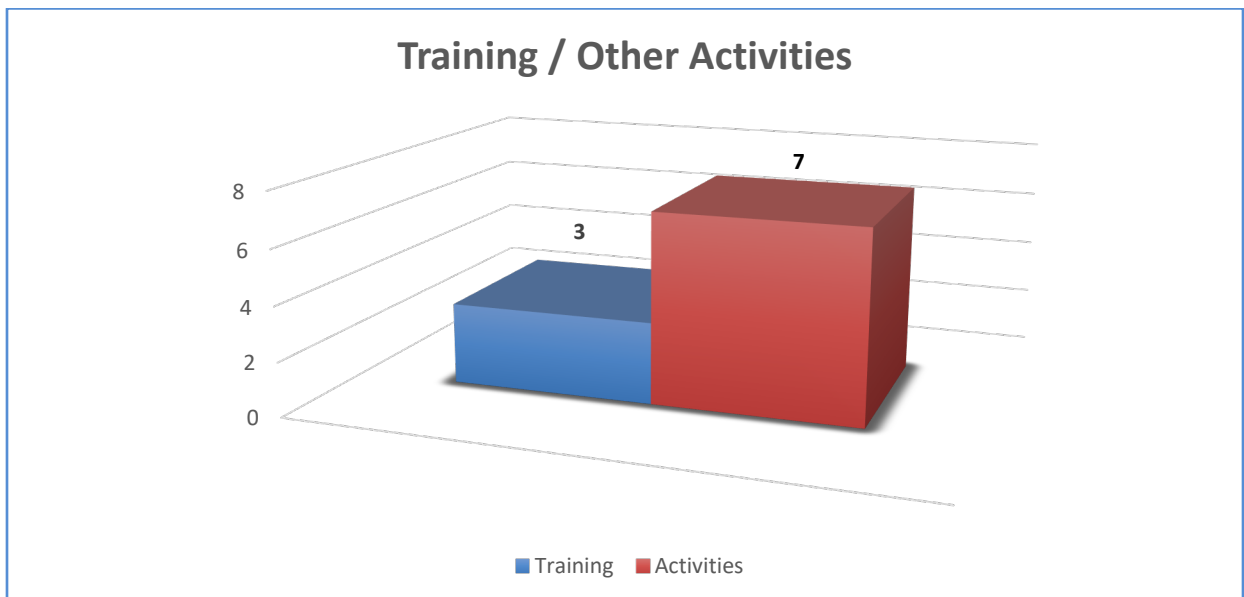
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Highlights:

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- Oversight / Outreach – NACOLE board meeting (2), Peer Review meetings in NOLA, WSCJTC meeting, NOLA Committee meeting, NOLA Peer Review team meeting
- Training – NACOLE Annual Conference Online, DEI Training, Tech training for public meetings

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