



# Office of Police Ombudsman Commission

Meeting Agenda  
April 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 Smith
	2) Welcome to New Commissioner Amy McColm	Commissioner Smith
	3) Agenda approval	Commissioner Smith
	4) Approve February meeting minutes	Commissioner Smith

## Items:

5:36 – 6:30pm	1) Public forum	Citizens signed up to speak
	2) Guest Speaker <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Police Guild</li></ul>	Detective Dunkin Sgt. Winters
	3) OPO reports from February and March <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Critical Incident</li></ul>	Bart Logue

## Commission Business:

6:30 – 7:00pm	1) Introductions	Commissioners
	2) Vehicle Pursuit Legislative Update	Commissioners Smith
	3) OPOC Attorney	Commissioner Smith
	4) Commissioner Speak Out	Commissioners

## Adjournment:

The next Ombudsman Commission meeting will be held on May 21, 2024.

### Virtual Meeting Option

#### Meeting Link:

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# Office of Police Ombudsman Commission Minutes

February 20, 2024

Meeting Minutes: 1:47

Meeting called to order at: 5:33PM

## Attendance

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

## Briefing Session

- Agenda – Approved
- January Minutes – Approved

## Items Session

- **Public Forum:**
  - Anwar Peace
    - Spoke on the rash of police shootings (3 in two weeks)
    - Asked the City to bring the Department of justice to conduct a patterns and practices investigation of SPD
  - Debbie Novak
    - HB 1579 – Independent prosecuting attorney legislation
      - Passed Law and Justice Committee
    - Office of Independent Investigation and Independent Prosecuting Attorney would be separate but together out of the AG's office
- **Guest Speaker: Betsy Wilkerson – City Council President**
  - As a community we have lost the sense of urgency around police accountability
  - Legislative Committee – if the Commission or community has issues, they should bring them to Council so that they can be addressed on a State legislative level
  - Community Policing – What is this and what does it look like
  - DT Precinct – Would like to see this be more inviting to the public
  - Building a level of trust between Public Safety and the Community
- **Ombudsman January Monthly Report:**
  - 173 contacts, 10 OPO interviews, 1 Commendation, 5 complaints, 4 referrals, 5 cases certified, 158 special cases reviewed, 7 IA interviews attended
  - Focus for January has been meeting with City Council Members
  - Council Member Dillon mentioned that he would like to see us have a more active role in the PSCHC meetings
  - Staggering of OPOC commissioner appointment terms

## Commission Business

- **Critical Incidents** – 17 officers out on administrative leave for approximately 2 weeks
  - 1/31/24 – 9 officers involved
  - 2/12/24 – 3 officers involved

- 2/12/24 - 2 officers involved
- What is SPD doing right now to help? Checking in with officers' morale in the department. Reinforcing the importance of giving their best to upcoming calls on the next shift
- What can we do?
- What are other Boards and Commissions doing?
  - Human Rights Commission would like to collaborate with the OPOC
- **Budget Letter**
  - Sent to the Mayor and to the City Council
- **OPOC Plan for 2024**
  - Social Media presence – Different groups, Carl Maxey Center
  - Legislators come to a meeting to be a guest speaker
  - Community Outreach at local groups, events – Spokane Alliance
  - Police Advisory Committee quarterly meetings
  - Joint Training with the Human Rights Commission out at the SPD Academy
  - Continuing to fight for ¾ of 1 percent of the SPD budget for OPO budget independence
  - Request City Council change the Ombudsman title to Ombuds to go with the Washington standard.
- **Commissioner Speak Out**
  - Nothing additional

**Motion Passes or Fails: 2**

**Meeting Adjourned at: 7:19pm**

**Note: Minutes are summarized by staff. A video recording of the meeting is on file - Spokane Office of Police Ombudsman Commission**

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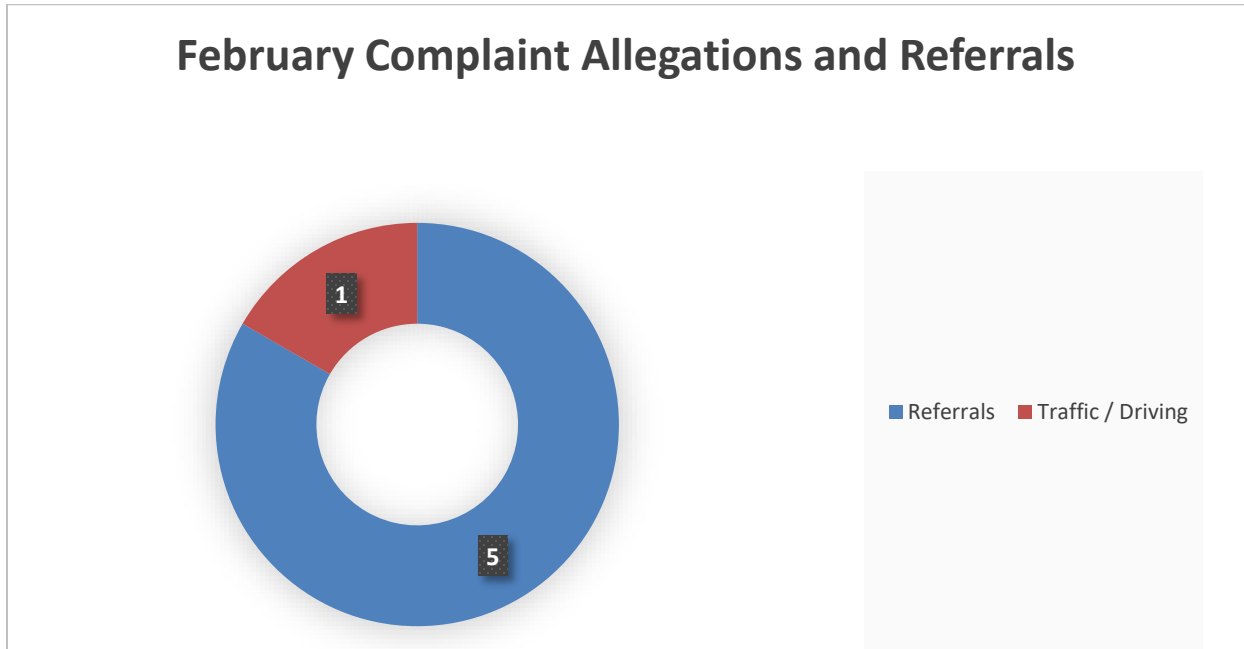


# Office of the Police Ombudsman

## Public Safety & Community Health Committee Report

Reporting Period: February 1 - 29, 2024

### Complaints and Referrals



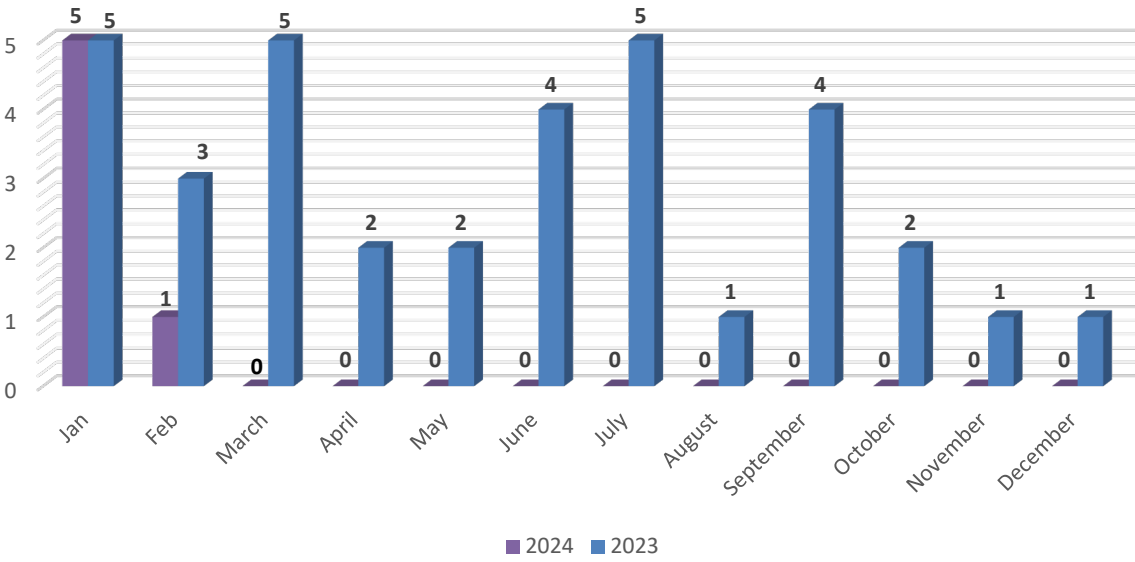
### Highlights:

In February, the Office of the Police Ombudsman (OPO) submitted 1 complaint, 4 referrals to the Spokane Police Department (SPD) Internal Affairs, and 1 referral to Code Enforcement.

Highlights include:

- OPO 24-07: A community member alleged that an officer cut them off by going into their lane without using a signal.
- IR 24-05: A community member was frustrated that they were denied buying a gun due to an alleged error in their background check.
- IR 24-06: A community member was concerned about how officers handled a DV situation while serving a warrant.
- IR 24-07: A community member wanted to press charges on a person who assaulted them.
- ER 24-08: A community member wanted to report an RV parked illegally behind their home; Code Enforcement
- IR 24-09: A community member wanted to make sure that SPD has the correct building information for an apartment complex, due to SPD coming to their apartment instead of the correct building.

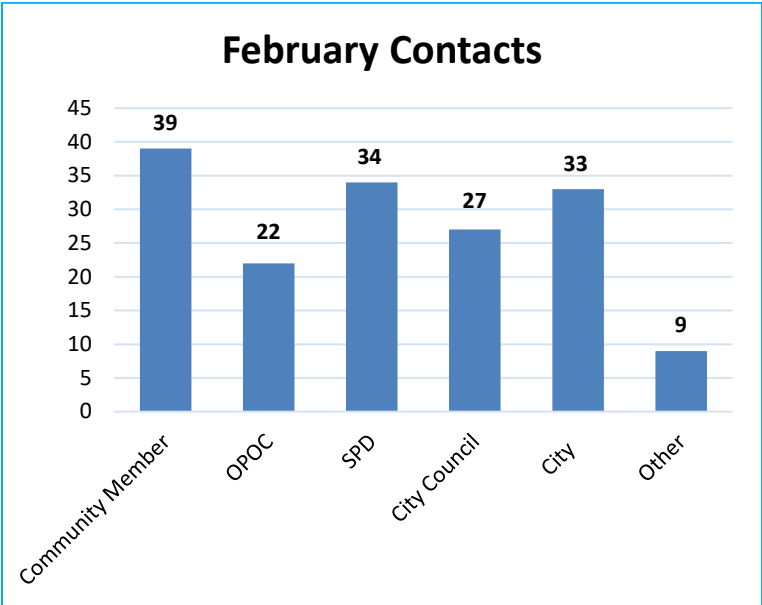
## Complaints 2023 vs. 2024



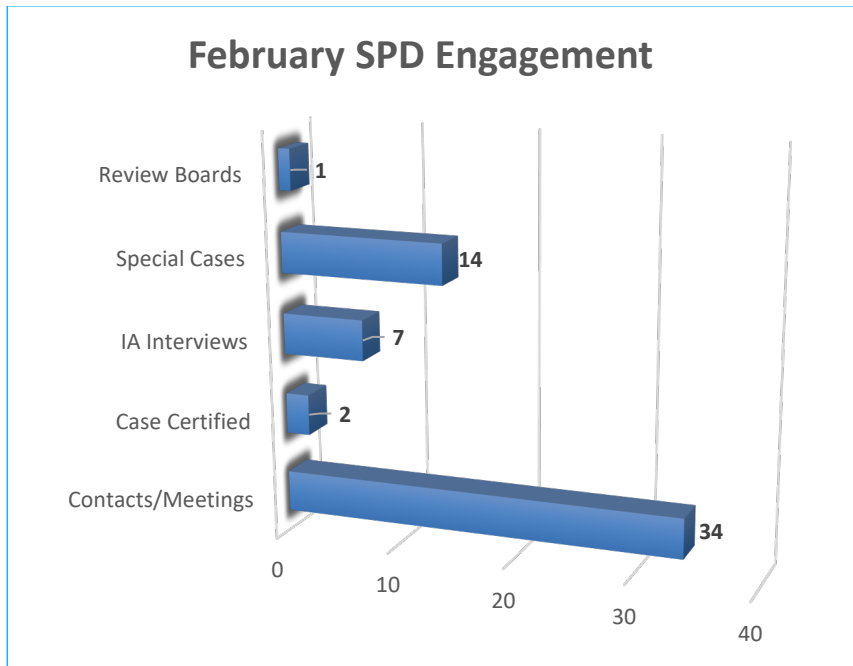
### Contacts / Oversight:

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- 164 total contacts
- 7 OPO interviews were conducted
- 34 total SPD contacts



## Oversight Activities



### Case Work

2 – Cases certified  
7 – IA Interviews

### Review Board Cases

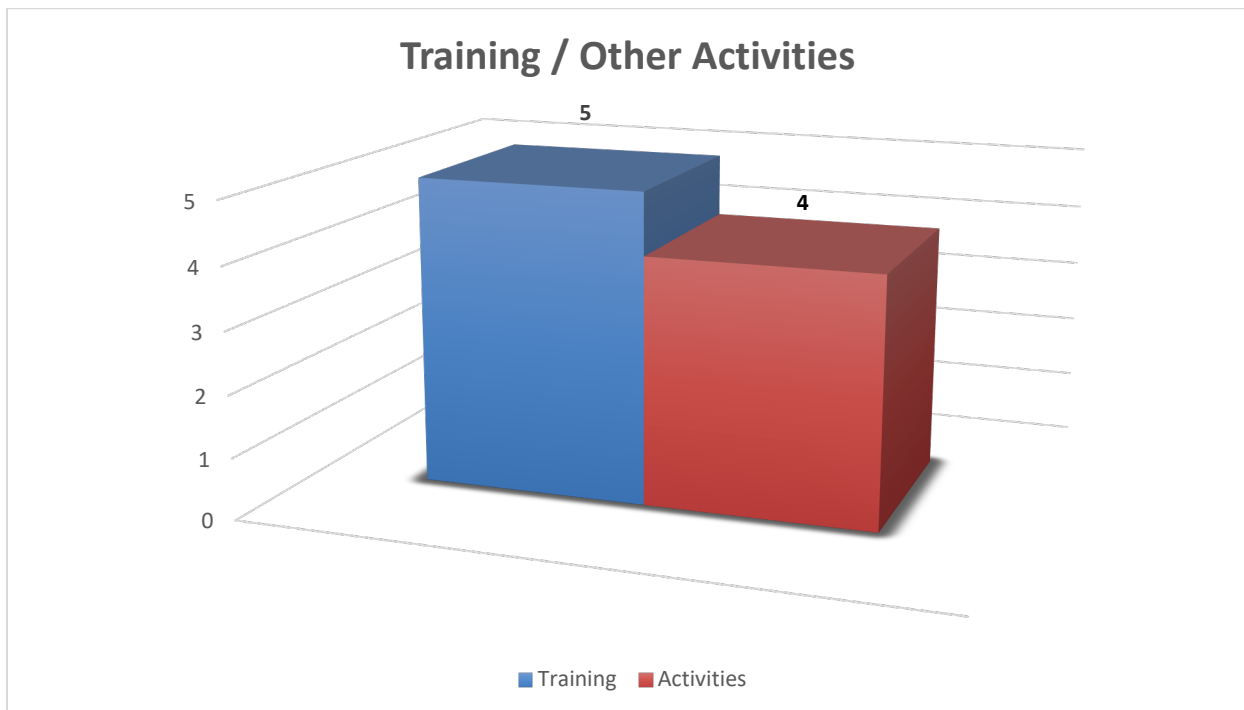
14 – Use Of Force

### Critical Incidents

OIS on 2/12/2024  
On Wellsley Ave

OIS on 2/12/2024  
On Howard St.

## Training / Other Activities



## **Highlights:**

- Community Meetings / Events – Leadership Lights the Way Gala, OPOC Meeting, Journeyman Leadership Meeting, Leadership Spokane Board Meeting (4), Outreach Connections (4), Mayor’s Press Conference, Spokane County Library event for Black History month
- Oversight / Outreach – IA Biweekly meeting, NACOLE board meeting (2), NACOLE Winter Board Meeting, NACOLE Emergency Executive Board Meeting
- Training – NACOLE Webinar, Executive Leadership Coaching Certification Training, CJIS Training, SPD In-Service

## **Upcoming:**

- OPOC Appointments and Reappointments
- WSCJTC Commission Meeting
- NOLA Peer Review report
- OPO / OPOC Annual report

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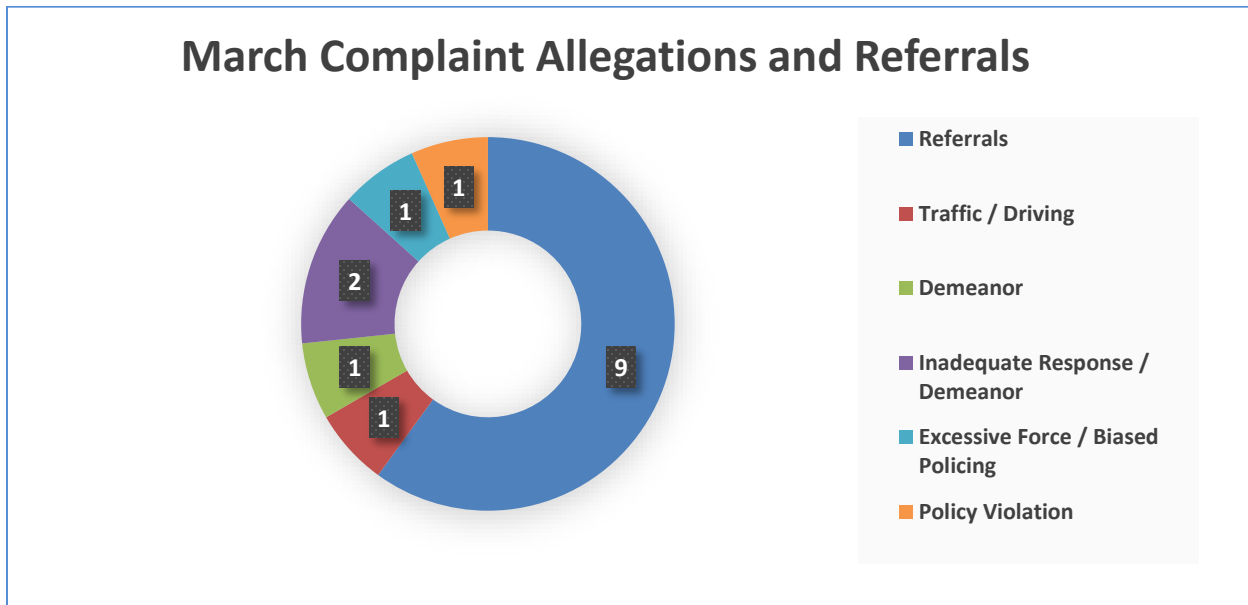


# Office of the Police Ombudsman

## Public Safety & Community Health Committee Report

Reporting Period: March 1-31, 2024

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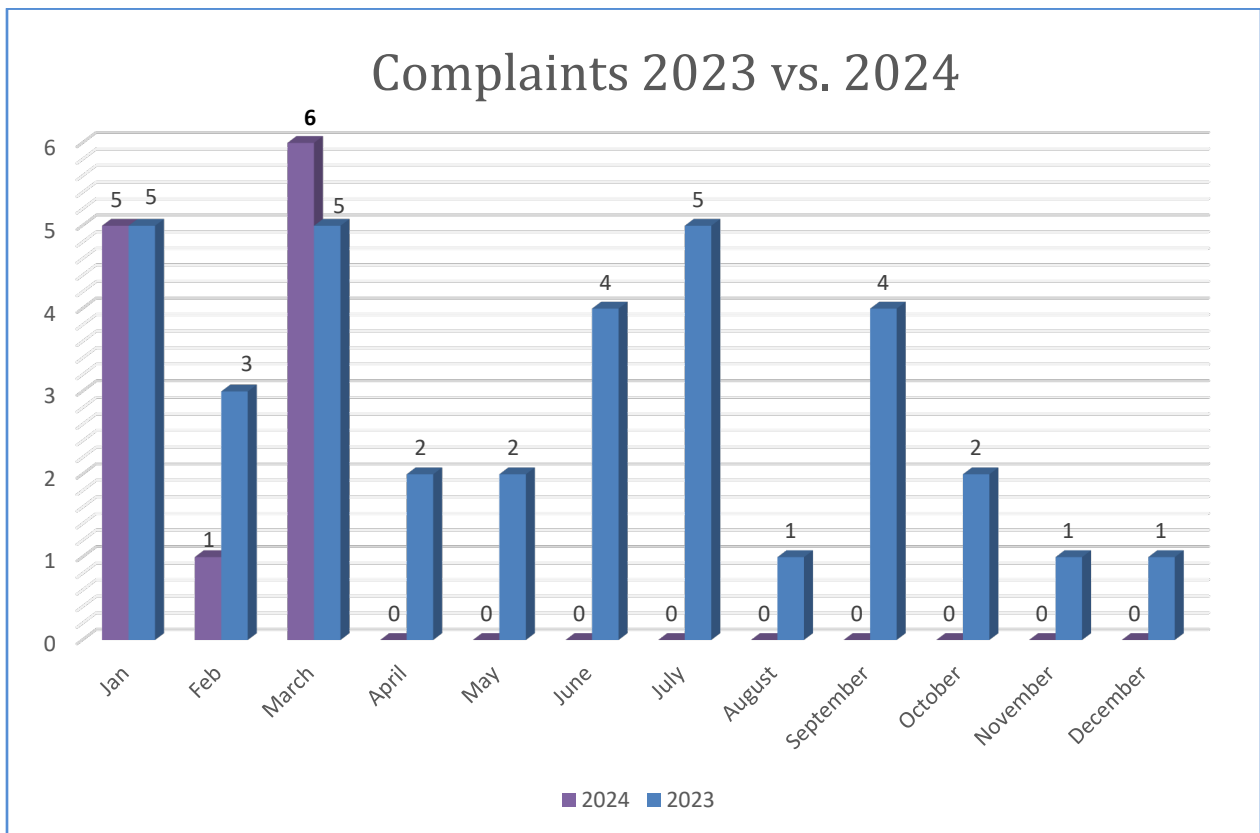


In March, the Office of the Police Ombudsman (OPO) submitted 6 complaints and 5 referrals to the Spokane Police Department (SPD) Internal Affairs. The OPO also submitted 2 referrals to the Spokane County Sheriff Office(SCSO) and 1 referral to Code Enforcement.

- OPO 24-08: A community member was frustrated with SPD's response when they called for assistance in removing a person who passed out in their business parking lot.
- OPO 24-09: A community member was concerned with how officers entered a medical facility to arrest a patient.
- OPO 24-10: A community member stated that they were almost hit by an SPD vehicle while they were getting ready to cross the street downtown.
- OPO 24-11: A community member believes that they only received a traffic ticket as retaliation for giving a disapproving look to the officer.
- OPO 24-12: A community member witnessed officers allegedly using excessive force on people after a vehicle accident. The same person was then pushed by officers while on the scene for recording them.
- OPO 24-13: A community member is concerned that a detective is disseminating information unethically.



- IR 24-10: A community member wanted to follow up on a hit and run to see if a person was caught and held responsible; SPD / IA.
- IR 24-11: A community member is frustrated with the lack of response regarding a suspected drug house they live next to; SPD / IA.
- IR 24-12: A community member is frustrated with responding officers taking the word of other people instead of them; SPD / IA.
- ER 24-13: A community member believes that the person who assaulted them should have been arrested; SCSO.
- ER 24-14: A community member is frustrated that a person who drums in the park is not being held accountable to the noise ordinance; Code Enforcement.
- IR 24-15: A community member has been trying to get an update on a case for 4 weeks; SPD / IA.
- IR 24-16: A community member is concerned that a detective is disseminating information unethically; SPD / IA. Upon review, this was submitted at OPO complaint OPO 24-13
- ER 24-17: A community member is frustrated with how they are being treated like the criminal in a no contact order; SCSO.
- IR 24-18: A community member is frustrated that SPD stated their parents' vehicle being stolen is a civil matter and will not enter the vehicle as stolen; SPD /IA.

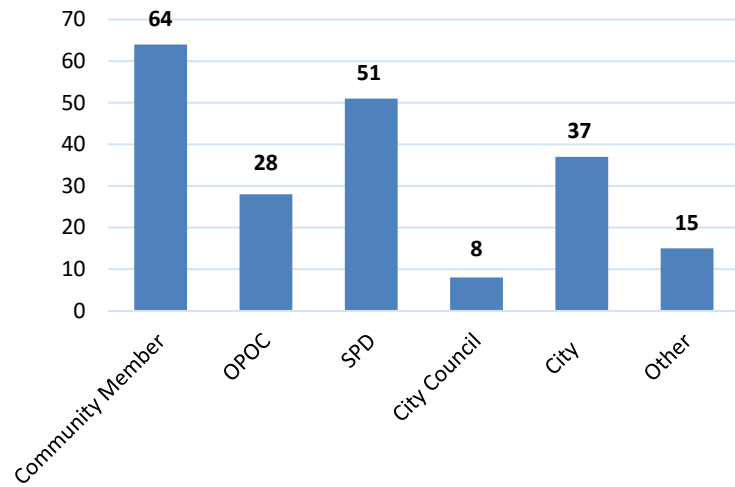


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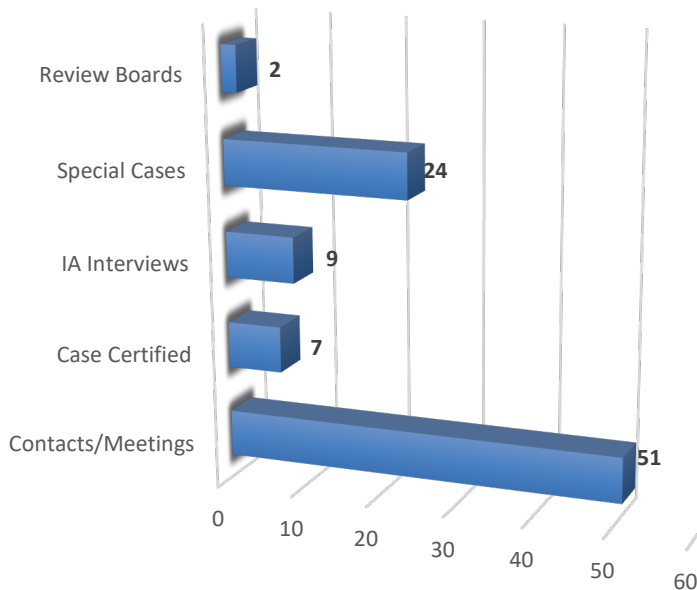
- 203 total contacts
- 20 OPO interviews were conducted
- 51 total SPD contacts

### March Contacts



## Oversight Activities

### March SPD Engagement



### Case Work

7 – Cases certified  
 1 – Case declined  
 9 – IA Interviews

### Review Board

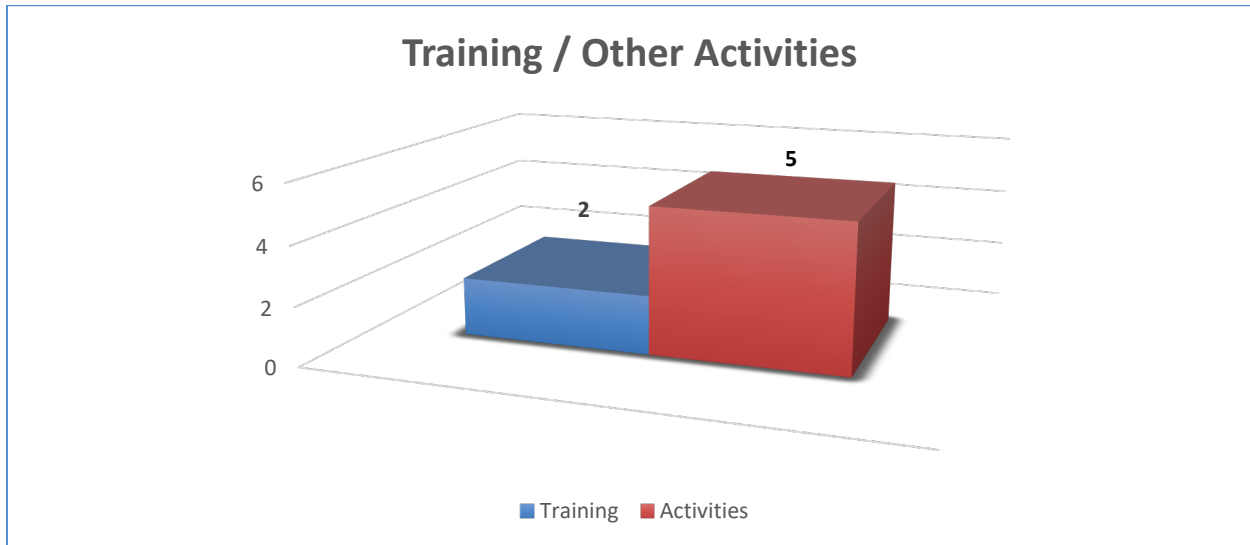
#### Cases

6 – Use Of Force  
 3 – K9  
 14 – Collision  
 1 – Pursuit

### Critical Incidents

OIS on 3/31/2024  
 On Dean Ave

## Training / Other Activities



### Highlights:

- Community Meetings / Events – Spokane Police Annual Employee Awards Ceremony, Fundraiser for Camp Stix, Leadership Spokane Board Meeting (2), Other Meetings (8)
- Oversight / Outreach – IA Biweekly meeting (2), NACOLE board meeting, NACOLE Committee meeting (5), WSCJTC meeting, Police / Fire Chief recruitment kick off
- Training – Journeyman Leadership training (2)
- OPOC Community Meetings – NAACP, Audobon / Downriver Neighborhood Council, Chief Garry Park Neighborhood Council

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