



MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, September 24, 2024
5:30 PM - 7 PM
City Council Chambers

Attendees:

Luc Jasmin III	Bart Logue
Amy McColm	Luvimae Omana
Jenny Rose	Christina Coty
Ladd Smith	Tim Szambelan
Phillip Wetzel	

Introduction - *Commissioner Jasmin*

1. Welcome
2. Agenda and minutes approval
3. Public forum

Guest Speaker - *Chief Kevin Hall*

1. Q& A with the OPOC

OPO Reports - *Bart Logue*

1. August Monthly Reports

Commission Business - *Commissioner Jasmin*

1. Outside legal counsel interviews
2. Community Safety Proposal
3. October Meeting
4. Commissioners speak out
5. Adjournment

The next OPOC meeting will be held on October 15, 2024

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Office of Police Ombudsman Commission Minutes

August 27, 2024

Meeting Minutes:

Meeting called to order at: 5:30pm

Attendance

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

Briefing Session

- Agenda – **Approved**
- May Minutes – **Approved**

Items Session

- **Public Forum:** No public speakers
- **Ombudsman May, June and July Monthly Reports:**
 - 603 contacts, 42 OPO interviews, 14 complaints, 14 referrals, 24 cases certified, 28 IA interviews attended, 7 review boards, 63 special cases reviewed, and 145 meetings / contacts with SPD
- **OPO Closing Report: A23-047**
 - **Recommendation 24-5** SPD should adopt a critical decision-making model or something similar regarding pursuits. The use of a decision-making model can assist officers and supervisors in deciding whether to initiate a pursuit, gathering and evaluating information during the pursuit, and deciding when to discontinue. SPD should also develop specialized training for other personnel (e.g., supervisors, communications personnel, incident commanders) who may play a role in a pursuit or pursuit review.
 - **Recommendation 24-6:** In-service training on the vehicle pursuit policy should occur at least once per year and could include both in-service and roll call components.
 - **Recommendation 24-7:** SPD should consider purchasing, sharing, or leasing a driver simulator that can incorporate scenario-based and decision-making training to provide practical refresher training.
 - **Recommendation 24-8:** SPD should use this incident to provide departmentwide scenario-based training in pursuits, specifically reminding officers to maintain hyperawareness of their surroundings and in radio discipline during pursuits.
 - **Recommendation 24-9:** SPD should ensure all supervisors who authorize pursuits write a report detailing their justification for the pursuit pursuant to SPD Policy 314.2.2.



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- **OPO Closing Report: C23-070**
 - **Recommendation 24-1:** SPD should move the duty to intervene out of the use of force policy to remove confusion on its application and make it a standalone policy.
 - **Recommendation 24-2:** The OPO recommends IA investigators include the IA Checklist in every case and require other members of IA to fill out a conflict-of-interest form if they participate in any interviews.
 - **Recommendation 24-3:** The OPO recommends IA update its Standard Operating Procedures and Conflict of Interest Form to include whether an assigned investigator has knowledge or material information that would cause a conflict of interest.
 - **Recommendation 24-4:** There appears to be a discrepancy between the ARP's interpretation of what it means to keep personnel investigations confidential due to what item 8 in the R&R form says. IA should update the form to remove the conflicting statements so that the form complies with SPD Policy 1020.8.1's confidentiality requirements.

Commission Business

- **OPOC Recommendations**
 - OPOC approve of all 7 recommendations associated with Closing Reports A23-047 and C23-070.
- **Outside Legal Counsel Subcommittee**
 - Commissioner Wetzel and Commissioner Rose have volunteered to take on the subcommittee.
 - OPOC approve Commissioner Wetzel and Commissioner Rose to serve as the outside legal counsel subcommittee.
- **Commissioner Speak Out**
 - **Rose** – Loves attending National Night Out and unfortunately wrote it down for the wrong date. She happily welcomes the new commissioners! It has been far too long since there has been a full OPOC.
 - **McColm** – 3 ride a longs, Commissioner McColm firmly believes that for her to have a strong grasp on how the SPD police operate with the public, doing consistent ride a longs is very important.
 - **Smith** – Shout out to Christina for unity in the community coverage, and the OPO for the new logo and materials. The new look is great and really makes a difference.



Office of Police Ombudsman Commission Minutes

- Executive Session
 - Employee Performance Appraisal Review
 - Start: 6:36
 - End: 6:48

Motion Passes or Fails:

Meeting Adjourned at: 6:48pm

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

<https://my.spokanecity.org/bcc/commissions/ombudsman-commission/>

2024/08

Public Safety & Community Health Committee

MONTHLY REPORT



OFFICE OF THE
POLICE OMBUDS
INDEPENDENT CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES

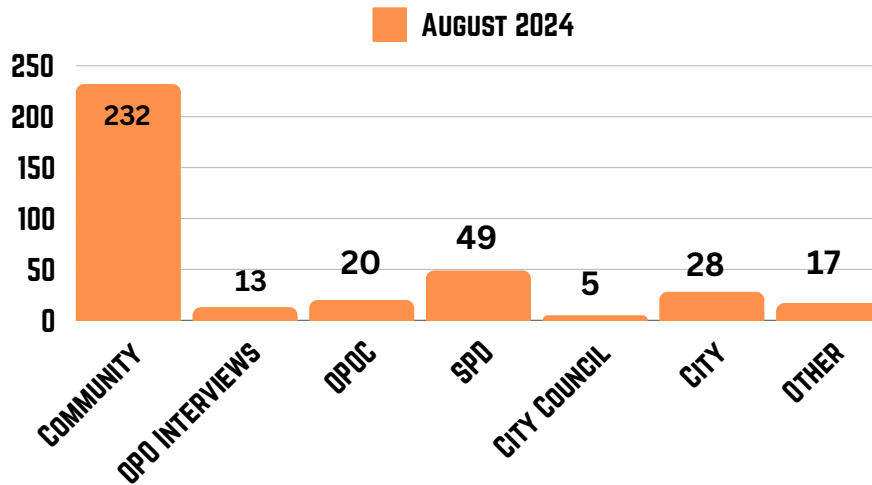
Current	YTD	Contacts, Complaints, and Referrals
364	1691	Community contacts
13	107	OPO interviews
2	7	Letters of officer appreciation / commendation
4	37	OPO generated complaints
4	43	Referrals to other agencies / departments
0	0	Cases offered to SPD for mediation
0	0	Mediation completed

Current	YTD	IA Investigation Oversight
5	51	Cases certified
0	0	Cases returned for further investigation
0	1	Cases declined to certify
0	0	Web cases reviewed
9	70	Oversight of IA interviews

Current	YTD	Other Oversight Activities
0	130	Special cases reviewed*
0	13	SPD review boards
49	356	Meetings with SPD
7	68	Oversight meetings
7	56	Community meetings
7	38	Training
0	5	Critical incidents

*Use of Force, K9, Collisions, and Pursuits

CONTACTS



364

Total Contacts

Community meetings

- National Night Out parties
- Unity in the Community
- OPOC Meeting
- Chief Hall swearing in

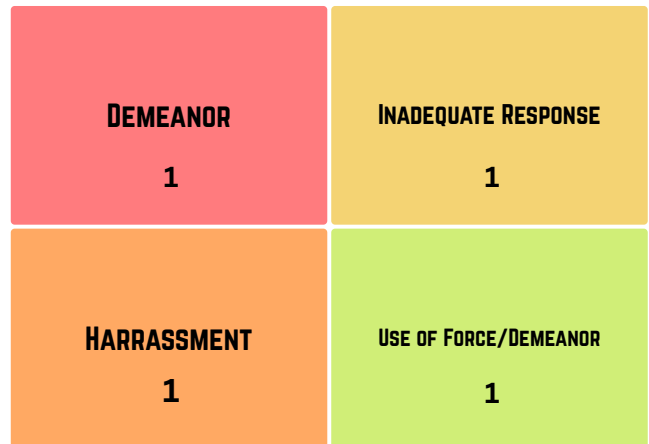
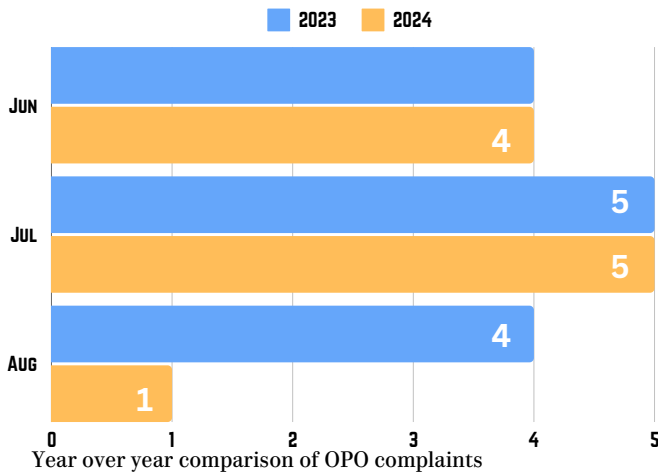
OPOC community meetings

- OPOC Meeting
- Spokane Alliance
- NAACP monthly meeting
- Neighborhood Council

Oversight / Outreach

- NACOLE Executive Board / Committee meetings (4)
- WSCJTC Commission special meeting
- WSCJTC de-certification panel hearing (2)

COMPLAINTS



Type of allegation made

Summary of complaints

OPO 24-40	A community member is concerned that their reports for assistance regarding harassment and stalking have not been adequately responded to.
OPO 24-41	A community member was frustrated that officers seemed to not take their concerns about an alleged potential kidnapping situation seriously.
OPO 24-42	A community member stated that an officer used excessive force on them during an arrest that led to the officers having to take them to the hospital.
OPO 24-43	A community member was frustrated that an officer approached them and asked what they were doing. They felt like they were being harassed by the officer.

REFERRALS

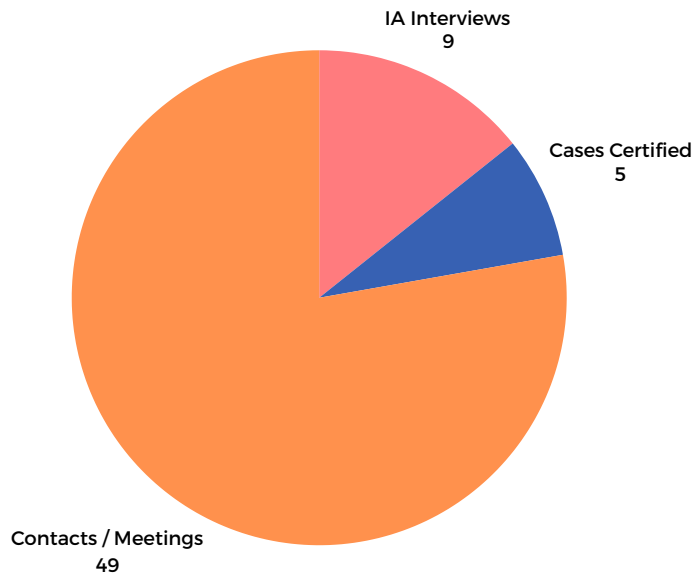
Type of Referral	#
Internal	3
External	1



Summary of referrals

IR 24-40	A community member wanted to speak with the officer who gave them a ticket. SPD/IA
IR 24-41	A community member wanted to know the best way to report public drug use. SPD/IA
IR 24-42	A business owner was frustrated that the SPD did not contact them when a traffic accident involved their building. SPD/IA
ER 24-43	A community member was frustrated that after calling 911 and crime check for their child being in a vehicle accident with an intoxicated person there were no officers dispatched to the scene; SREC

OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES



Other Activities

- Public Health and Safety Meeting
- Mayors Quarterly Meeting

Training

- Labor and Law Arbitration Conference
- Daigle Law Group Technology Summit
- Training meeting at VRL (2)
- SPD supervisor's training
- WSBA CLE: Cultivating a thriving profession: Insights from our membership demographic study
- PRA University - Legal update

Upcoming

- Office of the Independent Police Monitor peer review
- OPO Ordinance / Budget / Office Space requests
- NACOLE Annual Conference
- USOA Annual Conference
- IACP Annual Conference

OPOC Meetings - In person: Every 3rd Tuesday @ 5:30pm in City Hall | Virtual: available
 For more information visit: <https://my.spokanecity.org/opoc>



CITY OF SPOKANE COMMUNITY SAFETY PROPOSAL



LEARN MORE!

INVESTING IN COMMUNITY SAFETY

The City of Spokane is proposing a community safety sales tax to fund new investments for Spokane Fire, Spokane Police, the Office of the Police Ombuds, and Spokane Municipal Court. If approved, this sales tax would generate an estimated \$6.5 million for the City of Spokane.

HOW MUCH WOULD IT COST?

The proposal is expected to cost \$1 for every \$1,000 residents and visitors spend in the City, with several necessities like food, prescription drugs, and rent exempted.

KEY FUNDING INVESTMENTS



SPOKANE FIRE

- Replacing the department's already **outdated fleet**
- Fire station **improvements**
- Updating **equipment**
- Reinstating the **Fire Academy**



SPOKANE POLICE

- Relaunching the **Neighborhood Resource Officer program** to deepen relationships, assist with chronic nuisances, and collaboratively address community safety challenges
- Reconstituting a robust **Traffic Unit**



OFFICE OF THE POLICE OMBUDS

- **Increasing staffing** to manage increased complaints, contacts, and referrals
- Increasing visibility and accessibility through **community outreach and education**



MUNICIPAL COURT

- Sustaining **evidence-based therapeutic courts**
- Sustaining **electronic monitoring and pre-trial case management**

These investments will reduce strain on the jail, time to disposition, failure to appear rates, re-arrest, and pre-trial detention rates.