



Office of Police Ombudsman Commission

Agenda
March 19, 2019
5:30PM – 7:00PM
Council Chambers
Lower Level, City Hall

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Commission Briefing Session:

5:30 – 5:35pm	1) Welcome to Public	Commissioner Rose
	2) Agenda Approval	Commissioner Rose
	3) Approve February 19, 2019 Meeting Minutes	Commissioner Rose

Items:

5:36 – 6:15pm	1) Public Forum	Citizens Signed Up to Speak
	2) Guest Speaker	Kurtis Robinson – NAACP
	3) Administrative Specialist Brief	Christina Coty
	4) OPO Report	Bart Logue

Commission Business:

6:16 – 7:00pm	1) Facilities Support of OPO	Commissioner Rose
	2) Use of Force Dashboard Update	Commissioner Rose
	3) NACOLE Resource	Commissioner Rose
	4) Other Business	Commissioner Rose
	5) Commissioner Speak-Out	Commissioners
	6) Executive Session	Commissioners

Adjournment:

The next Ombudsman Commission meeting will be held on April 16, 2019.

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Office of Police Ombudsman Commission Minutes

February 19, 2019

Meeting Minutes: 1:13
Meeting called to order at 5:32 pm

Attendance

- OPOC Commissioners present: Ladd Smith, Jenny Rose, James Wilburn and Elizabeth Kelley
- Legal Counsel present: Dennis Hession
- OPO staff members present: Bart Logue, Luvimae Omana and Christina Coty

Items Session

- The Agenda was unanimously approved
- The January 22nd minutes were unanimously approved

Public Forum

- No public speakers

Administrative Specialist Update

- Upcoming Community events and potential trainings
 - A Night of Courageous Conversations 2/23/19 – Commissioner Wilburn, Commissioner Smith and OPO staff will attend.
 - Why Race Matters Workshop 3/2/19 – Commissioner Rose will attend
 - NACOLE Webinar Best Practices When Working with the Media 3/21/19

OPO Report

- OPO report highlights
 - 131 contacts, 9 complaints, 10 Referrals, 17 OPO Interviews, and 9 IA Interviews
 - 19 cases reviewed and certified
 - 53 meetings with SPD – including the biweekly IA/OPO meetings
 - 2 critical incidents: January 7th and January 23rd, both were fatalities
 - Mr. Logue discussed his concerns regarding an invitation to Commissioner Wilburn from SPD to come to Internal Affairs (IA) to view the requested Body Worn Camera (BWC) videos.

Commissioners' Business

- Legal update
 - Meeting scheduled (2/20) regarding the complaint filed by the OPOC on Chief Meidl with Commissioner Rose, Commissioner Smith, City Legal and City HR.
 - The meeting will cover Commissioner Wilburn's denied access to un-redacted BWC footage and denied IA Pro access for Christina Coty.
 - With the recent development of Commissioner Wilburn being able to view the BWC videos at IA, a portion of the complaint looks to be resolved.
- Letter to Chief Meidl
 - Regarding IA viewing of use of force BWC videos with Commissioner Wilburn.
 - OPOC Legal Counsel encouraged the OPOC to respect the Ombudsman's position. Also recommended holding off on sending the letter until after the meeting regarding the complaint.

- Commissioners agreed on waiting to send the letter.
- Update on Ordinance Change
 - Was unanimously approved by City Council on 1/28/19.
- Commissioner Speak Out
 - Commissioner Rose attended the NAACP meeting on 2/18. NAACP President Kurtis Robinson conducted an Implicit Bias training.
 - Commissioner Smith had no additional talking points.
 - Commissioner Wilburn discussed the upcoming Night of Courageous Conversations and the psychological effects of slavery.
 - Commissioner Kelley had no additional talking points.
- 2019 Potential guest speakers
 - Kurtis Robinson – NAACP, Sandy Williams – Black Lens
 - Possibly someone from the educational system (Shawn Jordan?)

Motion Passes or Fails: 2

Meeting Adjourned at: 6:43PM

**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/>



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Public Safety & Community Health Committee Report

Reporting Period: February 1-28, 2019

Snapshot of Activities		Monthly	Year to Date
Community Outreach			
OPO	Total community events and meetings	5	10
OPOC	Community outreach / activities	10	15
Commendations		0	0
Complaints			
	Received complaints	4	13
	Referred complaints	4	14
Contacts		101	232
Case Review			
	Request for further investigation	1	6
	Investigations certified / concurred	2	21
	Declined certifications	0	0
	Special cases reviewed	21	30
Interviews			
	OPO interviews	17	34
	Internal Affairs interviews	6	15
Training		1	2
Critical Incidents		0	2
Mediations			
	Recommended	1	1
	Conducted	0	0
	Declined	0	0
Recommendations		0	0
Other Activities			
SPD Related	Meetings / contacts	35	88
	Review boards	0	0
	Closing meetings	1	1

1. Outreach

a) OPO

- i. Meeting with the Police Guild (2/7)
- ii. OPOC meeting (2/19)
- iii. HBPA Viva, Vino and Brew (2/23)
- iv. A Night of Courageous Conversations (2/23)
- v. Center for Justice Executive Director, Dainen Penta – Meet and greet (2/27)

b) OPOC Actions – Commissioners attended the following events, some events were attended by multiple Commissioners:

- i. Black History Presentation North Wall Elementary (2/1)
- ii. Black History Presentation Spokane International Academy (2/5)
- iii. Gonzaga Presentation (2/8)
- iv. OPOC Meeting (2/19)
- v. NAACP meeting (2/18)
- vi. Complaint follow-up meeting (2/20)
- vii. Ferris High School Presentation (2/20)
- viii. A Night of Courageous Conversations (2/23)
- ix. Rogers High School Presentation (2/25)
- x. Center for Justice meeting with Dainen Penta (2/25)

2. Commendations / Complaints

a) Received Complaints

- i. **OPO 19-12 – Inadequate Response:** Complainant said officer would not listen to their side of the story when they called for assistance. Instead they were arrested.
- ii. **OPO 19-13 – Inadequate Response:** Complainant stated responding officer inaccurately described the incident in his report regarding an assault.
- iii. **OPO 19-14 – Inadequate Response / Demeanor:** Officer who responded allegedly accused the citizen of making up the injury, was rude and made mocking comments.
- iv. **OPO 19-15 – Inadequate Response:** Due to medical reasons. Complainant was unable to do a field sobriety test. Complainant explained this and was arrested. When blood work was done it came back negative, results were never included in officer's report.

b) Referred Complaints

- i. **ER 19-11 – Alleges assault by officer during jail booking; SCSO**
- ii. **ER 19-12 – Alleged excessive force in jail; SCSO**
- iii. **ER 19-13 – Theft allegation; SCSO**
- iv. **ER 19-14 – Alleged that jail continued to charge fees as though they were incarcerated; SCSO**

3. Case Review

- i. **C18-096 / OPO 18-61 – Investigation certified**
- ii. **C18-088 / OPO 18-56 – Requested further investigation**

iii. **C19-009 / OPO 19-07** – Investigation certified

4. Special Cases Reviewed

- i. 7 Use of Force
- ii. 3 Pursuit
- iii. 5 Collision
- iv. 6 K9 Deployment

5. Activities

- a) OPO staff members participated/engaged in the following other activities:
 - i. PSCHC meeting (2/4)
 - ii. NACOLE Strategic Planning Committee (2/5)
 - iii. Leadership Spokane Gala after auction (2/7)
 - iv. Mayors Division/Department Head Quarterly Meeting (2/7)
 - v. Leadership Spokane Scan team meeting (2/8)
 - vi. Quarterly Meeting with Chief Meidl (2/11)
 - vii. Training – Forensic Video Solutions Investigating Course (2/20-2/21)
 - viii. COPS board meeting (2/27)
- b) SPD related
 - i. 13 meetings/contacts with IA
 - ii. 22 meetings/contacts with SPD
- c) OPO met with/had contact with OPO Commissioners/staff:
 - i. Commissioner Rose on (2/6, 2/11, 2/20, 2/25, 2/27)
 - ii. Commissioner Smith on (2/20)
 - iii. Commissioner Wilburn (2/4)
 - iv. Commissioner Kelley on (2/5)
- d) OPO met with/had contact with City Council members/staff:
 - i. Council Member Stratton on (2/19)
 - ii. Kyle Overbust (2/19)

6. Next Steps

- a. Annual Reports for OPO and OPOC



Spokane Police Spring In-Service 2019

TIME	TOPIC	PRESENTER
0700 – 1100	D.T.	Jensen
0700 – 1100	Firearms	Potter
1100 – 1130	Update	Chief Meidl
1130 – 1230	LUNCH	
1230 – 1700	EVOC PIT	Potter
1230 – 1700	Investigations Topics	Storment

**** For the Command Review on 3/20/19, In Service will be 10:30 to 17:00 Hours**

SCHEDULE	TEAMS	APPROX. #	DAY	DATE	Notes
Instructor Review	Instructors	28	Wednesday	03-13-19	
Command Review	Lieutenants and above	26	Wednesday	03-20-19	*Start Time Adjusted
Patrol	Teams 2, 6, 10, 14	32	Friday	03-22-19	PIT
Dix/Specialty	CIU/SIU	18	Wednesday	03-27-19	Investigations
Patrol	Teams 3, 7, 11, 15, Power	38	Friday	03-29-19	PIT
Dix/Specialty	MCU/SVU	21	Wednesday	04-03-19	Investigations
Patrol	Teams 4, 8, 12, 16	38	Friday	04-05-19	PIT
Dix/Specialty	CEU/TCU	42	Wednesday	04-10-19	PIT and Investigations
Patrol	Teams 1, 5, 9, 13, Swing	40	Friday	04-12-19	PIT
Dix/Specialty	TRAFFIC/SSTF/DV	40	Wednesday	04-17-19	PIT and Investigations

Scheduling:

- If your team is not listed please contact Alaina Gump @ agump@spokanepolice.org, 509-742-8100 to get scheduled

Training Expectations:

- You are expected to participate in all blocks of training. If on modified/light duty please alert the instructor staff at each training site that contains training beyond your clearances.
- Dress for DT and to be outside in the afternoon
- Bring duty belt, handgun, rifle, shotgun for qualification
- Bring Flashlight and ballistic vest

PIT:

- PACT
- DV – officers
- SSTF – officers
- Traffic

Coty, Christina

From: Armstrong, Kathy
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2019 10:02 AM
To: Logue, Bart; Omana, Luvimae; Coty, Christina
Cc: McNab, Michael; Gump, Alaina
Subject: Citizens Academy

Good morning, All,

The Citizens Academy will be Saturday, June 1, 9 am-4:30 pm and Sunday, June 2, 9 am-5 pm at the SPD Academy. Christina, will you share with the OPO Commissioners? They can contact the Spokane Police Academy at 509.742.8100 or spdregistration@spokanepolice.org.

Thanks,
Kathy

Kathy Armstrong | Program Professional | Spokane Police Department
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Coty, Christina

From: Armstrong, Kathy
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2019 10:21 AM
To: Logue, Bart; Omana, Luvimae; Coty, Christina
Subject: Enhancing the Survival Mindset classes

Hi! Here's my last email on training opportunities that you and the OPOC might be interested in. Christina, can you share with the Commissioners? Thanks.

Enhancing the Survival Mindset—Level 1

Date and Time: Wednesday, May 15, 6-10 pm

Location: SPD Academy

Register online: <https://static.spokanecity.org/documents/police/training/civilian-course-application-level1-fillable-2016-02-10.pdf>

Call 509.742.8100 or email spdregistration@spokanepolice.org.

Course Description: The Enhancing the Survival Mindset Level 1 course offers women participants the opportunity to learn the basics of self-defense. The course consists of a classroom portion where participants will receive information on crime statistics, situational awareness, and survival mindset. Hands-on training introduces participants to defensive tactic techniques and places participants into realistic threat scenarios. A participant's survival mindset will determine the outcome of these scenarios. Attendees must be at least middle school aged accompanied by an adult to participate. The charge for this class is \$25.

Enhancing the Survival Mindset—Level 2

Date and Time: Wednesday, May 29, 6-10 pm

Location: SPD Academy

Registration form not available yet. However, I think you could contact Alaina Gump at the Academy to sign up.

Course Description: This is the next step in the reinforcement and development of the survival mindset. Women participants are exposed to approximately six new threat scenarios that will enhance your schemas for real life survival. Attendees must be at least middle school aged accompanied by an adult and must have completed Level 1 of Enhancing the Survival Mindset to participate. The charge for this class is \$25.

Have a great day,
Kathy

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March 19, 2018

Mr. Tom Kendall
Asset Management
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Spokane, Washington 99201

RE: Thank you

Dear Mr. Kendall,

We would like to express our sincere appreciation for how seriously you treated the potential security issue with the Office of the Police Ombudsman (OPO). It became very clear to us that you place the safety of City employees in extremely high regard.

On February 26, 2019, the OPO experienced a security concern from a citizen. This concern was exacerbated by the fact that the same individual had previously threatened to use deadly force to an OPO staff member. On this occasion, the citizen engaged the OPO staff and Security, left the building, and then returned multiple times, each time escalating his hostility toward the OPO staff. The incident exposed a security concern over the OPO office space configuration, as it was apparent that there was no way for our staff members to leave the hostile environment without going directly through the area where the individual was.

You made yourself immediately available to the Police Ombudsman and his staff to discuss this issue and then creatively came up with a low cost solution. Your willingness to move a partial wall of the OPO space about 4 feet has enabled the office to have unimpeded access out of the office through Conference Room 1A should a concern like this occur again. You also provided due care of the OPO's mission and have worked with the office to ensure appropriate information security was maintained, and also helped provide a direct line from the OPO to the City's security personnel.

As a volunteer board that oversees the OPO, we depend upon the City to provide any support required by the office. We could not appreciate your prompt attention and due care more!

Sincerely,

Jenny Rose, Chair

Elizabeth Kelley, Commissioner

Ladd Smith, Vice Chair

James Wilburn, Jr., Commissioner

**cc: Mayor Condon
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