

Presentation materials for the following items, which appeared on the 12/1/2025 PSCH Committee agenda, are included in this packet:

- Police Chief Report
- Fire Chief Report
- Kratom: A Growing Public Health Concern in Spokane







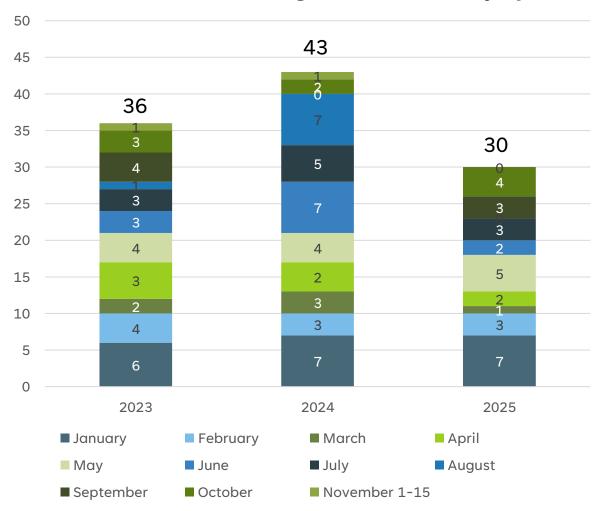
SPOKANE POLICE

December 1, 2025 Public Safety & Community Health Committee

SHOOTING CALLS FOR SERVICE WITH AT LEAST ONE VICTIM INJURY

(INCLUDES DRIVE-BY SHOOTINGS)

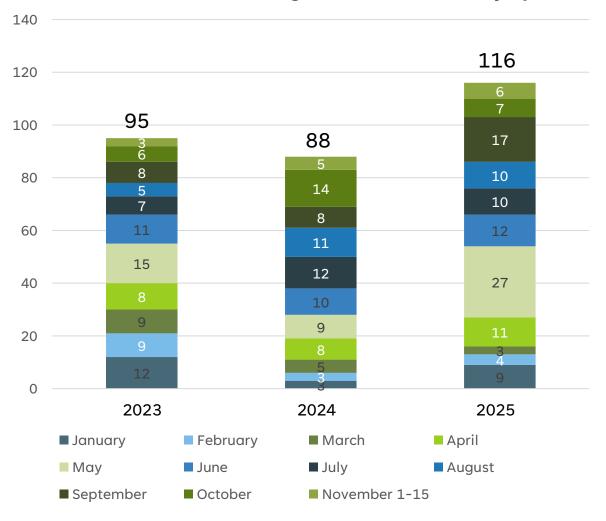
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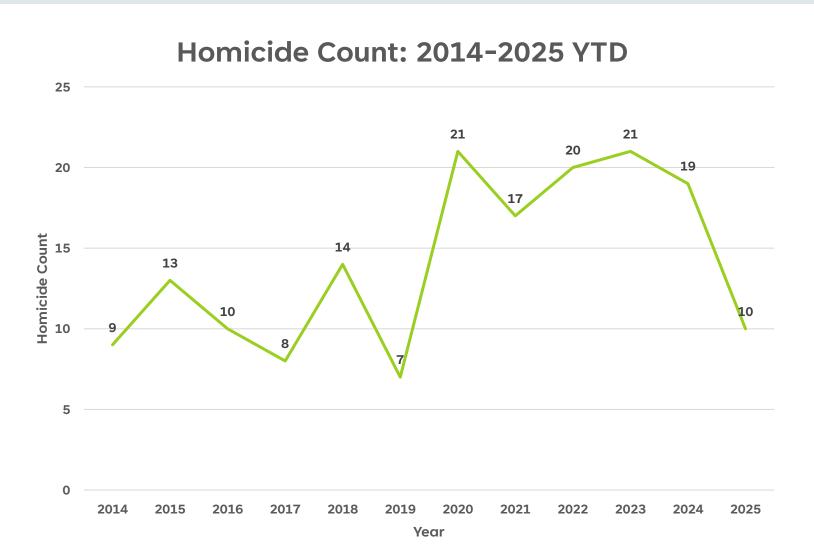
CONFIRMED SHOOTING CALLS FOR SERVICE WITHOUT VICTIM INJURY

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Confirmed Shootings without Victim Injury



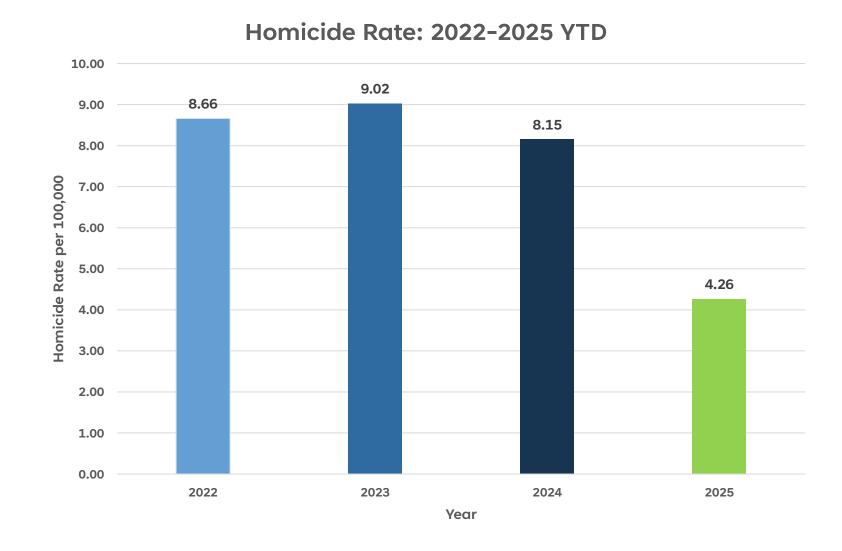
CITY OF SPOKANE HOMICIDE COUNT (2014-2025 YTD)



CITY OF SPOKANE HOMICIDE RATE (2022-2025 YTD)

National 2025 homicide rate estimate: **4.81**

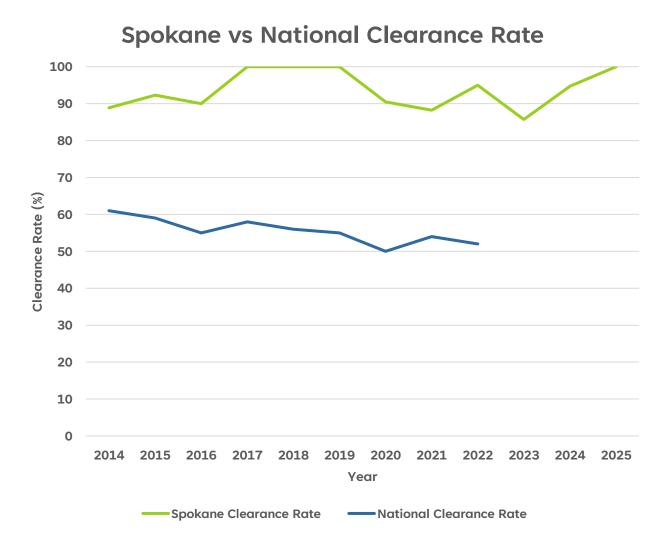
Based on preliminary Jan – Sept 2025 homicide data from agencies participating in the Real Time Crime Index.



CLEARANCE RATES (SPOKANE VS NATIONAL)

Spokane Average Clearance Rate (2014-2025 YTD): 93.8%

National Average Clearance Rate (2014-2022): **55.6**%



2024 SPOKANE HOMICIDES

19 Homicides:

10 with Firearms

5 with edged weapons

2 physical altercation/abuse

1 vehicle

1 toxic effects drugs/physical

1 was completely random:

18 were victim/suspects otherwise known to each other:

7 Homicides were DV relationship:

94.7% cleared

Firearm

3 edged weapon

2 physical

1 Firearm

1 drug/physical

(380 DV recovered firearms)

2025 YTD SPOKANE HOMICIDES

10 Homicides:

100% cleared

8 with Firearms

2 with edged weapons

4 of the homicides were Self Defense- each with a firearm

The 10 Homicides were within 8 incidents; two were double homicides.

1 was completely random**:

1 was unintended victim of a targeted house:

1 was stranger intervening in altercation:

1 was stranger defending himself from knife assailant**:

6 were victim/suspects otherwise known to each other:

0 Homicides were DV relationship

edged weapon

firearm

edged weapon

firearm

all firearm



SPD MAJOR CRIMES UNIT

- 2 MCU Sergeants
- 12 MCU Detectives
- 2 Collision Investigator / Scan technicians
- Cold Case

Homicide, Robbery, Arson, Hate Crimes, Missing Persons*, Violent Crimes against Persons (Shootings, Assaults), Special Investigations.

SCENE

Patrol Response:
Securing the scene,
initial interviews and
canvass, evidence
preservation.

- MCU Response; Coordination with responding officers- scene size and location(s), information debrief, known evidence, known parties, immediate leads, remaining resources.
- MCU On-call supervisor, lead investigator and investigative resource team
 - Community safety
 - Evidence
 - Witnesses and involved individuals- Victim Advocate
 - Location/size: hospital team, residence warrant, vehicle warrant
 - Scene processing, scanning and Forensics teams
 - Victim processing

SCENE



- SPD crime scene scanning
- Area Canvass; witness, video, evidence
- Forensic evidence- SCSO Forensics, and WSP CSRT
- Spokane County Medical Examiner
- Spokane County Prosecutor
- Digital Forensics with SPD TARU

MCU HAS 2 CRIME
SCENE SCAN
TECHNICIANS
ASSIGNED TO MCU

THE LEICA 360
SCANNER IS USED TO
SCAN THE CRIME
SCENE AND
SIGNIFICANT INJURY
OR DEATH INVOLVED
COLLISION SCENES.

Crime Scene Scanning







INVESTIGATION

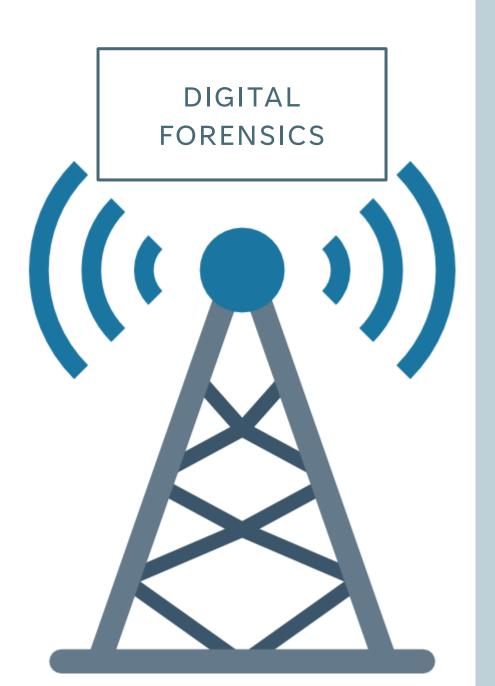
- "First 48" meeting and assignments
 - Autopsy
 - Victimology
 - Surveillance Video, area re-canvass
 - Evidence processing
 - Crime Analysis Information Packet
 - LE available database and programs:
- Case load management
- MCU Supervisor review
- Prosecutor's Office

WARRANTS

- Scene / Residence warrant
- Evidence location warrants
- Suspect warrants Location, property, DNA,
 Arrest
- Surveillance video warrants
- Financial warrants
- Vehicle Information warrants
- Digital evidence warrants ***
 - Cell Tower, Carrier, App preservation
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 (Each Number, Each Device, Each app.)

LAB EXAMINATIONS

- Firearm testing; functionality, ballistic evidence
- Fired shell casings Nat. Integrated Ballistic Info.
 Network (NIBIN)
- SPD NIBIN scheduled to come online in early 2026
- Fingerprints, shoe prints, impressions
- Trace evidence examination- fiber, paint, hair,
- Bloodstain pattern analysis WSP
- Drug/substance testing
- DNA: Rapid, DNA comparison, CODIS
 (Combined DNA index System)
 - Specialty labs-genealogy, fired shell casings



EVIDENCE PRESERVATION- DATA AND DEVICE STORAGE, REPAIR

DEVICES, COMPUTERS, ROUTER, SURVEILLANCE

- COMMUNICATION ON THE DEVICE
- COMMUNICATION IN THE CLOUD
- THIRD PARTY APPS:

COMMUNICATION

GEOLOCATION DATA FOR APPS, DEVICES- GAMING APP

CELL SITE ANALYSIS –

1 SUSPECT FOR 1 MONTH OF DATA > 100,000 DATA POINTS AND 80-150 WRITTEN PAGES FOR FINDINGS





TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

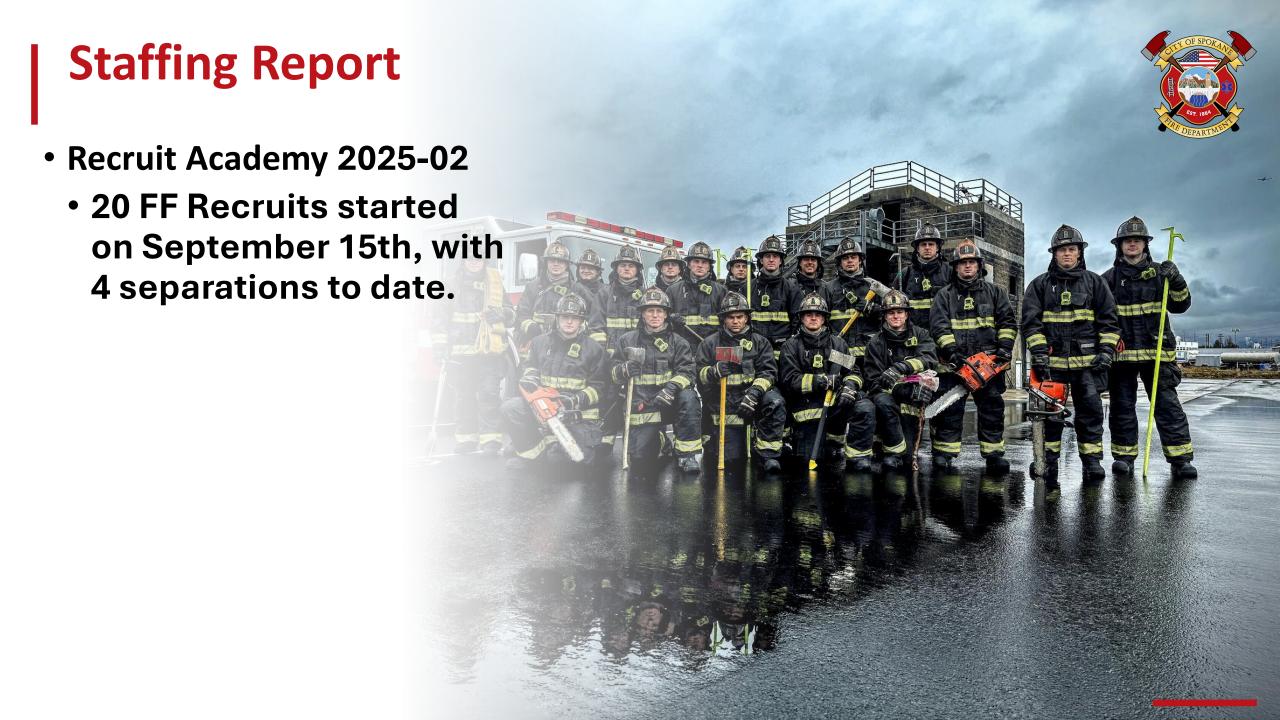
- Basic Homicide Investigation
- Interview Techniques
- On-going specialized training:
 - WAHIA, CHIA, SEHIA Case reviews
 - Mass Casualty investigations
 - Child and Infant death investigations
 - Forensic Interview techniques
 - Cold Case / No-Body Homicides
- Department In-service updates: scene handling
- WA CJTC requirements for Officer Involved use of deadly force Lead Investigators - SIIR Team investigations

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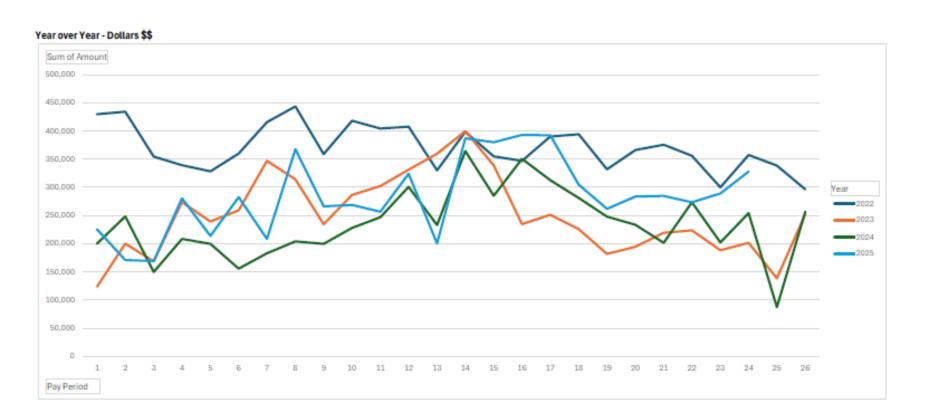




Overtime \$ Status

Pay Period 24, ending 11/22/25 — Second half of the FLSA period Uniform Overtime dollars - slight increase to 18% higher than the same period last year.

92% of the way through the year and 93.4% of net budget spent.



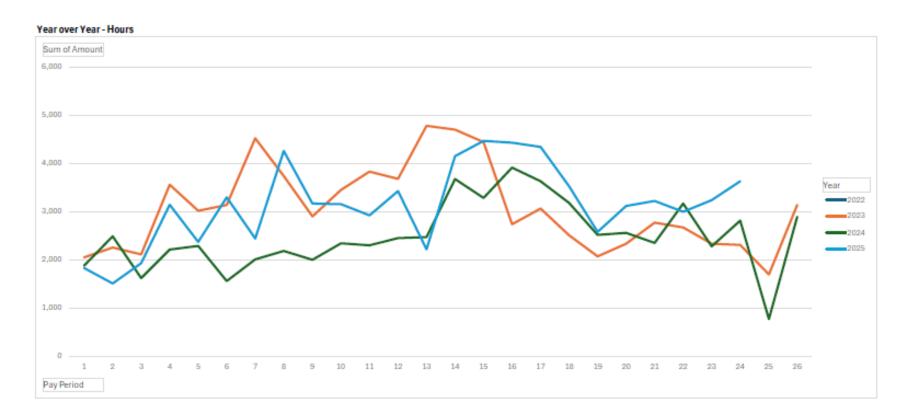


Overtime Hours Status



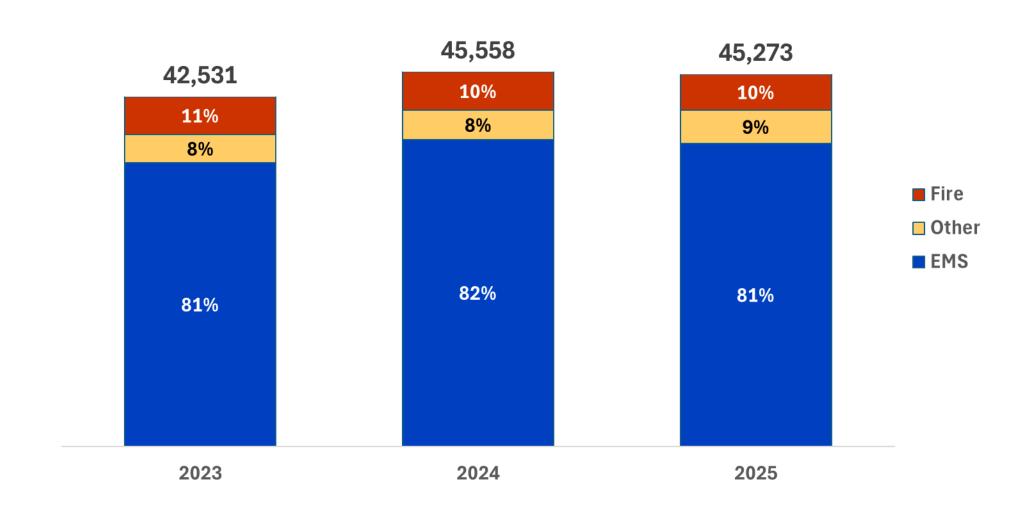
Overtime hours remain steady at 23% higher than the same period last year. There was a slight increase to Extra Hours vs OT, favoring OT, at a 24/76 split. 8.8% savings compared to no FLSA rules.

2023 averaged 284 FTE's, 2024 averaged 302 FTE's, 2025 at 296 FTE's



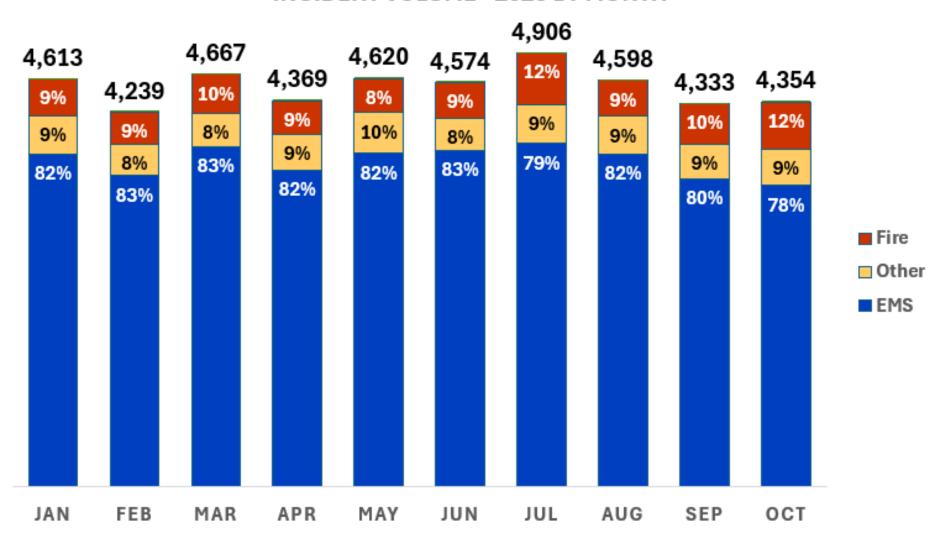


INCIDENT VOLUME - BY YEAR (Jan - Oct)



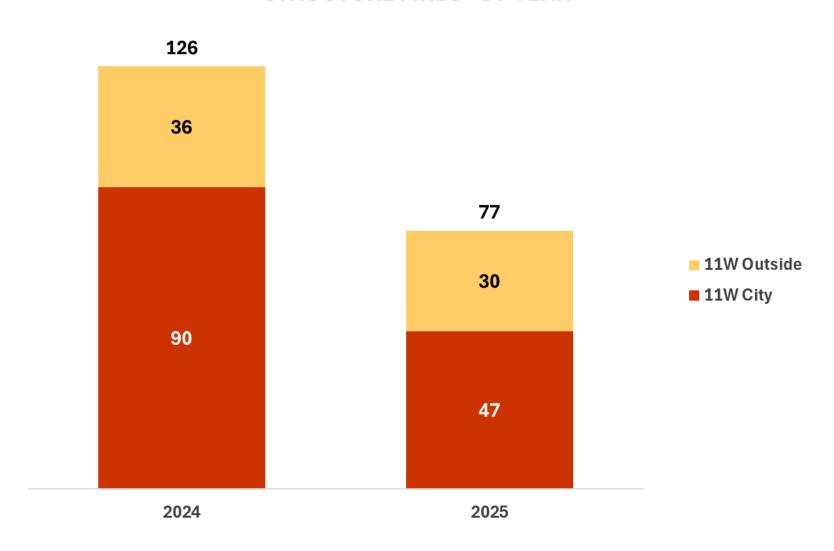


INCIDENT VOLUME - 2025 BY MONTH



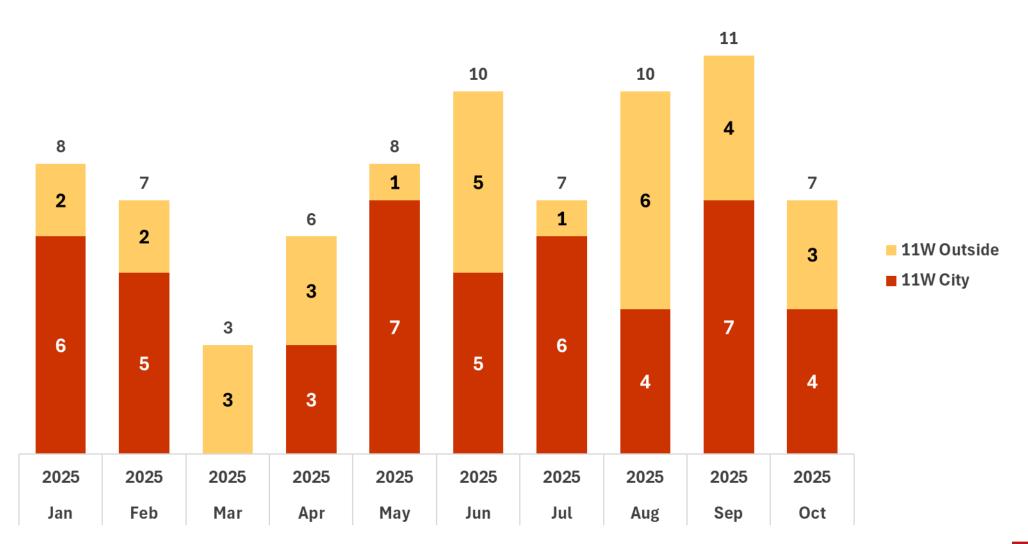


STRUCTURE FIRES - BY YEAR



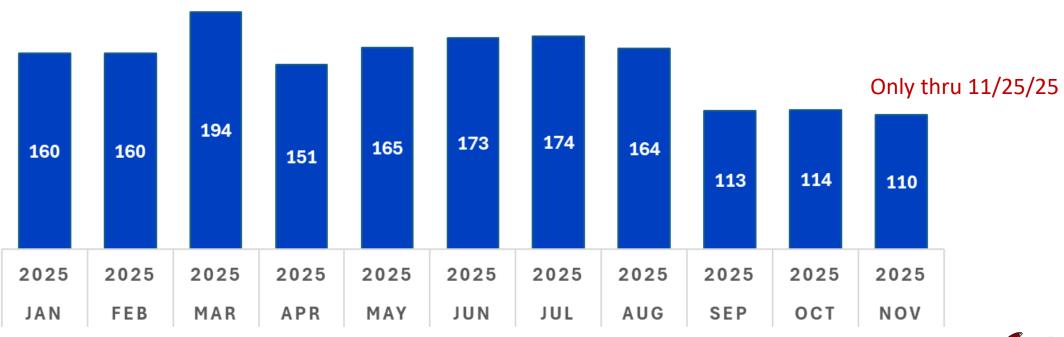


STRUCTURE FIRES



| Overdose Data

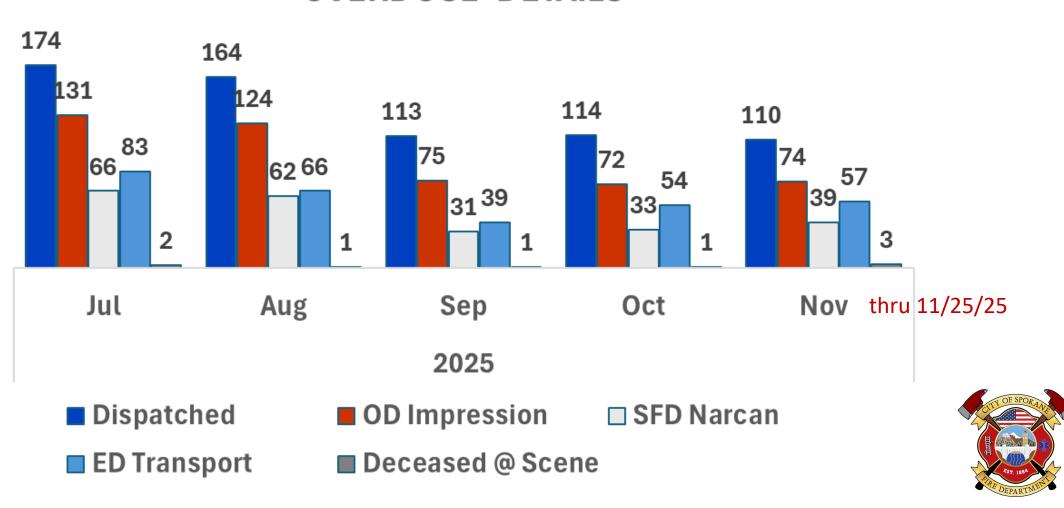
OVERDOSE DISPATCHES





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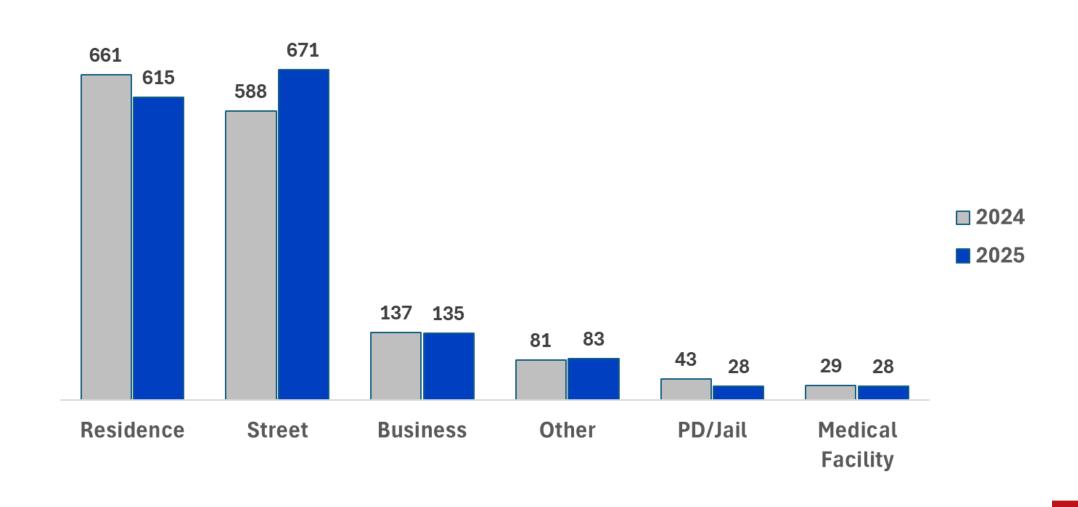
OVERDOSE-DETAILS



| Overdose Data



OVERDOSE COUNT - BY LOCATION - YTD





KRATOM: A GROWING PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERN IN SPOKANE

Why prohibiting kratom is essential for community health & safety

Presented by:

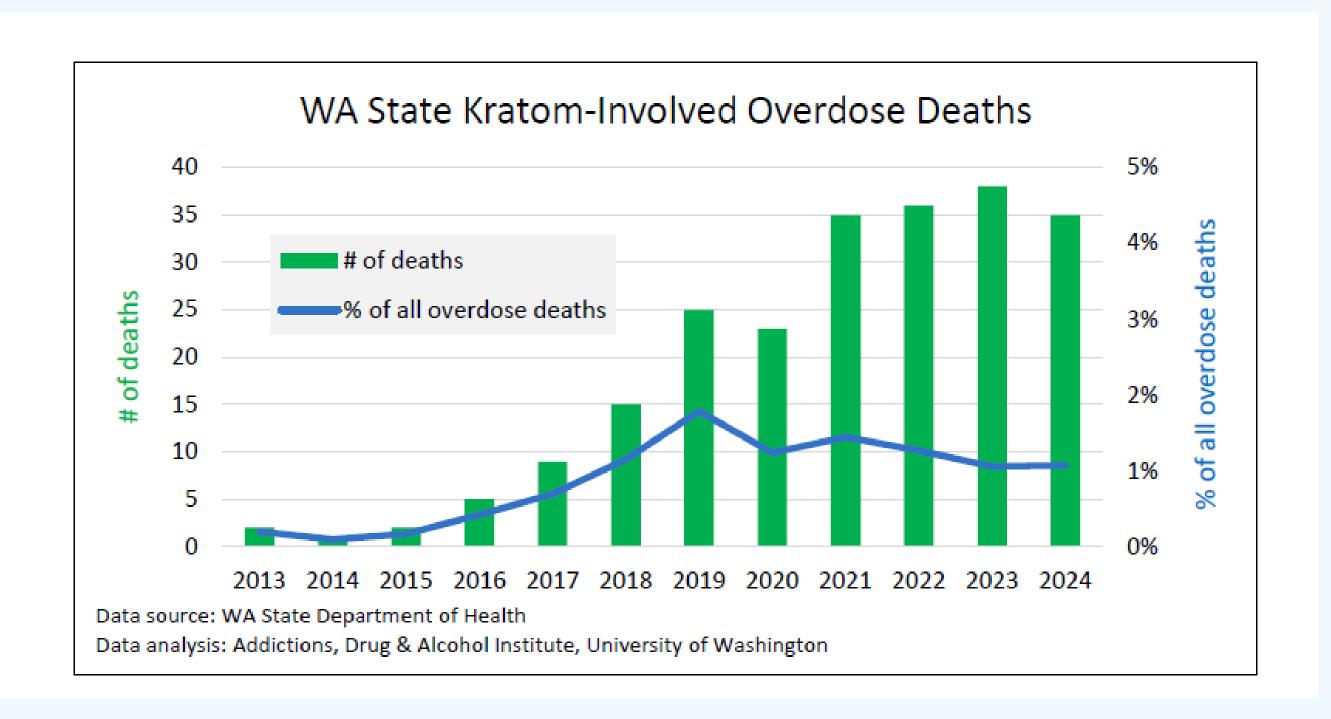
Bob Lutz, Mike Thomas, and Sarah McNew

PAST-YEAR KRATOM USE IN THE U.S: ESTIMATE FROM A NATIONALLY REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE

- Prevalence of past year use 0.7% adults (0.3% of adolescents, est. 68,000)
- Demographics non-Hispanic males ages 18-49
- Concurrent drug use with/without use disorder common, esp. cannabis, stimulants, opioids, alcohol
- Self-management of mood disorders

Reference - https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC8319032/

EVIDENCE OF HARM



WHAT IS KRATOM

- Kratom (*Mitragyna speciosa*): Tropical tree from Southeast Asia; leaves consumed as powder, tea, capsules, or extracts.
- Alkaloids: Primary active compounds are mitragynine and 7-hydroxymitragynine.
- 7-Hydroxymitragynine: Potent opioid-like effects, binds to mu-opioid receptors, similar to morphine.
- U.S. Status: Federally unregulated, widely available in many states.



EVIDENCE OF HARM

- Poison Center Data
 - Limited use before mid-2010s; few poison center cases (2011–2014).
 - Exposures rose from 330 (2015) to 1,400/year (2018–Mar 2025).
 - Sharp increase in Apr-Aug 2025 to 1,800 exposures.
- Salmonella (multi-state 2018) 199 illnesses, 54 hospitalizations, 0 deaths
- Heavy metal exposure and poisoning
- Wrongful deaths and liability lawsuits to cities and states
 - A wrongful death lawsuit in WA: A Cowlitz County jury awarded \$2.5 million to the family of a man who died after using a kratom product. Cause of death was "toxic effects of mitragynine (kratom)."

Reference - https://www.wapc.org/data/data-blogs/kratom-and-7-hydroxymitragynine-poisoning/

Reference - https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/wa-family-awarded-millions-over-death-blamed-on-supplement-kratom/

WHY IS KRATOM A PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE

- Psychological Effects: Anxiety, depression, agitation, psychosis
- Screening Challenges
 - Often undetected by providers
 - Youth may not disclose use
- Vulnerable Youth: Pre-existing conditions (depression, trauma, ADHD) may worsen
- Severe Reactions: Withdrawal or high doses: hallucinations, panic, mood instability, respiratory depression
- Use Disorder Risk: Self-medicating for pain or mental health
- Other Concerns
 - Easily accessible vape/smoke shops, stores, etc.
 - Misleading marketing
 - Undermines local substance prevention efforts
 - Naloxone may be ineffective due to multi-receptor binding





TYPICAL PRODUCTS AND THEIR MARKETING









"Find your calm with ON7 Relax Tablets by Occurs Naturally."

Formulated with mitragynine pseudoindoxyl, a rearrangement product of 70H, an active metabolite known for its relaxing effects.

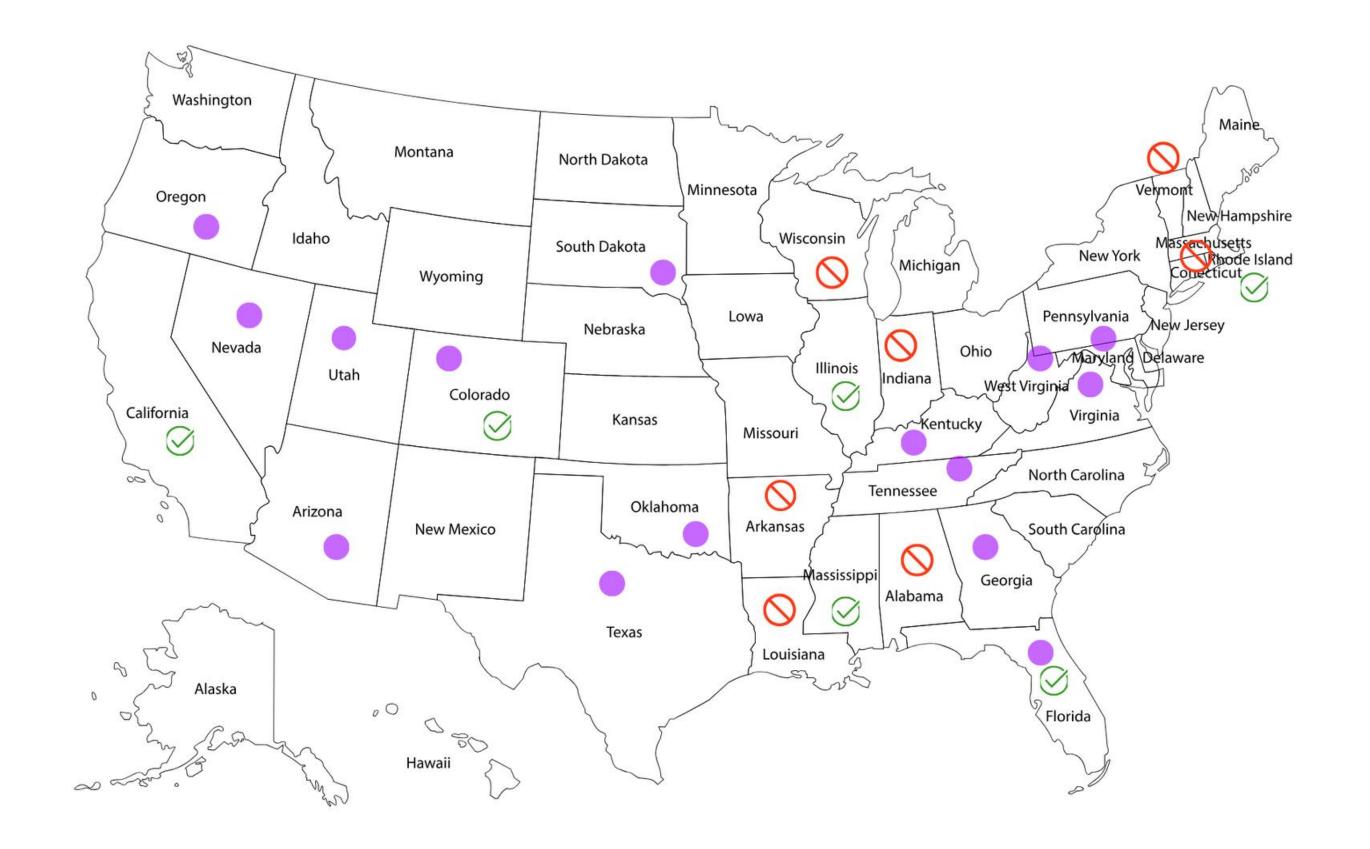
Designed to help you unwind after a long day, reduce stress, and promote tranquility.

Key Points:

Stress Relief: May help ease feelings of stress and anxiety.

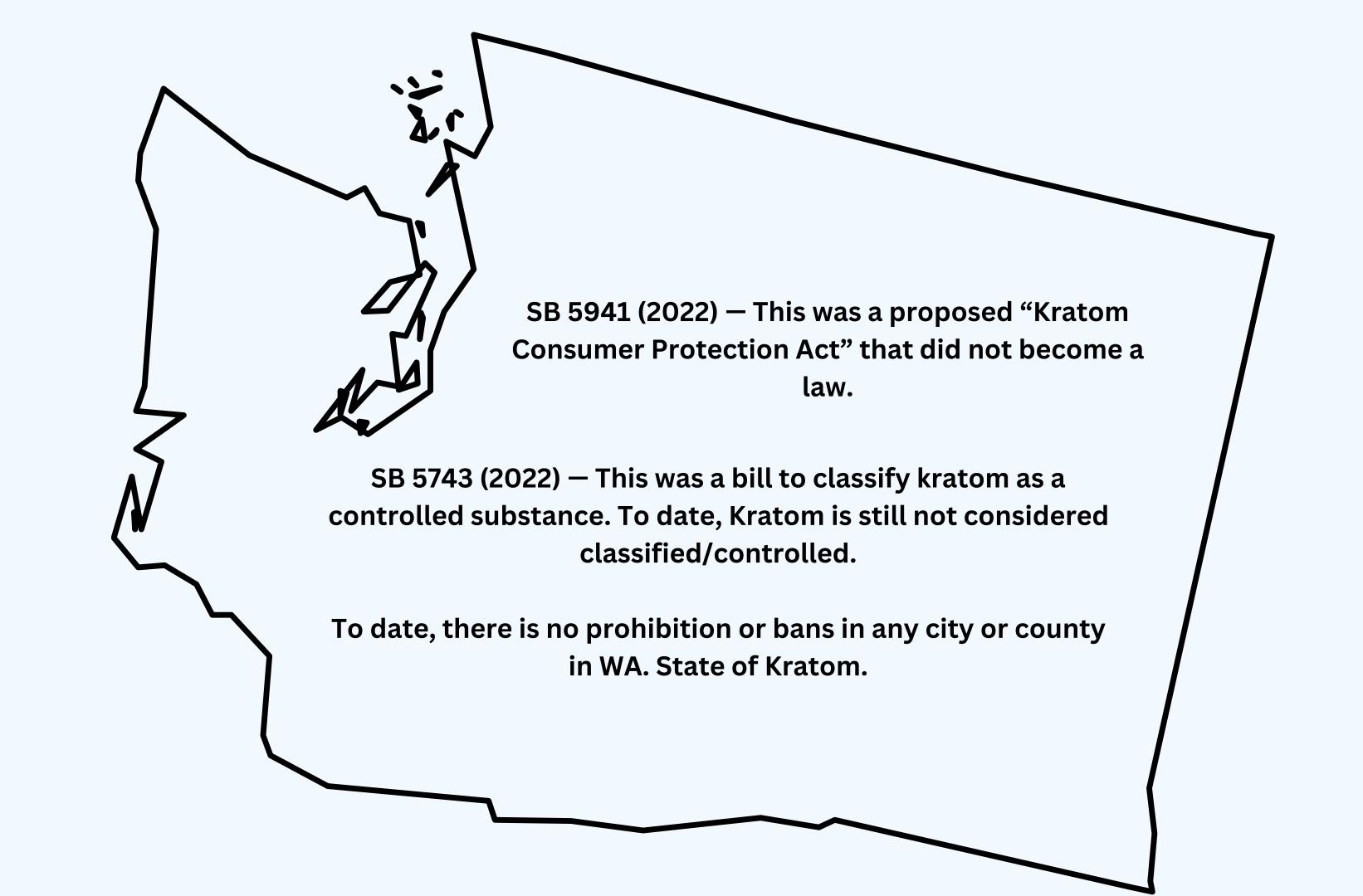
Relaxation Support: Encourages a calm, peaceful state of mind.

Convenient & Portable: Easy-to-take tablets for relaxation anytime, anywhere.



Red - banned completely

Purple – KCPA State w/regulations (7-OH &/or age restrictions 18+/21+)
Green - Cities/Counties: Full ban or age-restricted to 21/18 and younger



LOCAL POLICY & CALL TO ACTION

We urge the City of Spokane to prohibit the sale of kratom

to protect public health & prevent youth exposure

- Action: Ban sale & distribution of all kratom products via a new chapter 10.83 to the Spokane Municipal Code
- Penalties: Civil fines, escalating for repeat violations
- Business Impact: Licenses can be denied or revoked



Thankyou

