

**Public Safety Committee Meeting  
April 19, 2010  
Office of the Police Ombudsman  
Monthly Report  
for  
March 15, 2010 through April 18, 2010**

**CONTACTS**

- **Complaints Received/Initialized: 5**
  - \* Harassment (2)
  - \* Demeanor (1)
  - \* Inadequate Response (2)
  
- **Inquiries Received: 1**
  
- **Certified Investigations: 6** (Investigations deemed as timely, thorough and objective by the Office of Police Ombudsman)
  
- **Cases Resolved Through Mediation: 0**
  - \* Pending: 2
  
- **Referrals Made: 2**
  - \* Spokane Fire Department (1)
  - \* Spokane County Sheriff's Department (1)
  
- **Internal Affairs, Officer Interviews: 4**
- **Internal Affairs, Witness Interviews: 0**
  
- **Critical Incident Responses: 1**

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- 2009 Annual Report Completed and Presented to Council on Monday, April 12, 2010
- Relocation to "Old City Hall" Building at 221 N Wall Street Suite 238.

- Hiring of Assistant to the Police Ombudsman
- Attended the Writing Documents in Plain Talk training by the City of Spokane Thursday, March 25, 2010

## **IN PROCESS**

- Launching of Web Site
- Internal review of SPD Taser Use in 2009

## **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

- Saturday, April 17, 2010, Native American Youth Leadership Camp, Medical Lake (10a-5p)
- Friday, April 16, 2010, NATIVE Project, Satellite Office (1p-4p)
- Friday, April 16, 2010, SPD Riot Training Observation
- Thursday, April 15, 2010, Greater Morgan Acres Neighborhood Association – Guest Speaker
- Thursday, April 15, 2010, SPD Leadership Training and Guest Speaker (8a-1p)
- Wednesday, April 14, 2010, Emmerson Garfield Neighborhood Council Meeting (630p-9p)
- Wednesday, April 14, 2010, COPS Board of Directors Meeting Guest Speaker
- Tuesday, April 13, 2010, PJALS Meeting (530p-830p)
- Tuesday, April 13, 2010, SPD Leadership Training and Guest Speaker (8a-1p)
- Monday, April 12, 2010, City Council Presentation, 2009 Annual Report
- Monday, April 12, 2010, Engineers Forum of Spokane, Guest Speaker (1130a-2p)
- Saturday, April 10, 2010, SPD Situational training for the Media (8a-12p)
- Friday, April 9, 2010, SPD In Service Training, Legal Update and Search Warrants (1p-3p)

- Thursday, April 8, 2010, Northeast Community Center Awards Presentation (630p-9p)
- Tuesday, March 30, 2010, Spokane Regional Tourism Ambassador Training Update (3p-5p)
- Wednesday, March 24, 2010, Riverside Neighborhood Council Meeting (5p-6p)
- Wednesday, March 24, 2010, The NATIVE Project, Year After Progress Report (630p-830p)
- Friday, March 20, 2010, Walability Audit Training (9a-12p)
- Thursday, March 19, 2010, The NATIVE Project, Satellite Office Hours (1p-4p)
- Wednesday, March 18, 2010, Northwest Neighborhood Council Meeting (7p-9p)
- Wednesday, March 18, 2010, Police Advisory Committee Meeting (530p-645p)
- Wednesday, March 17, 2010, Hillyard Neighborhood Council Meeting (630p-830p)
- Tuesday, March 16, 2010, Logan Neighborhood Council Meeting (630p-8p)

## **NEXT STEPS**

- Creation of Ad Hoc Committee for the Police Ombudsman

## **2010 OVERVIEW**

### **Complaints Received/ Initialized**

Since January 18, 2010, 8 complaints have been initialized, 4 complaints were referred to the Spokane County Sheriff's Office and 1 complaint has been referred to the Department of Corrections for investigation. The complaints involve:

- 2 Inadequate Response
- 0 Harassment
- 4 Demeanor
- 0 Policy/Procedure
- 0 Excessive Force

- 0 Ethics, Unlawful Arrest and Improper Search
- 2 Racial/Bias Policing
- 0 Inquiry
- 5 Complaints were referred to the Spokane County Sheriff's Office
- 1 Complaint was referred to The Department of Corrections
- 1 Complaint was referred to the Spokane Fire Department

### **Contacts**

Since January 1, 2010, 70 Contacts have been received. The Contacts received have involved:

- Inadequate Police Response: 3
- Harassment: 9
- Procedural Questions: 17
- Racial Bias: 0
- Adult Protective Service Questions: 0
- Child Protective Service Questions: 1
- Department of Corrections Questions: 1
- The Court System Questions: 0
- Misc Info.: 29
- Unknown: 10
- Commendations: 1