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July Public Safety Committee Report

Reporting Period: July 1, 2013 through July 31, 2013

2013 OVERVIEW

Complaints Received: Since January 1, 2013, 76 complaints have been received by the Office of Police Ombudsman and forwarded to Internal Affairs. The complaints were for:

- 1 Selective Enforcement
- 1 Unlawful Entry
- 1 Gratuity
- 1 Unlawful Search
- 3 Harassment
- 1 Driving
- 1 False Arrest
- 1 Conspiracy
- 1 Perjury
- 6 Procedural
- 15 Demeanor
- 7 Excessive Force
- 37 Inadequate Response

To view a four-year snapshot graph of OPO complaints received by month, see Attachment 1.

Complaints Referred: Since January 1, 2013, 21 complaints have been referred to the following agencies:

- 16 complaints have been referred to the Spokane County Sheriff's Office
- 1 complaint has been referred to the Public Safety Building security office
- 1 complaint has been referred to the Stevens County Prosecutor's Office
- 1 complaint has been referred to the Washington State patrol for follow up
- 1 complaint has been referred to the Spokane Transit Authority
- 1 complaint has been referred to the Spokane Streets Department

CONTACTS

Between July 1, 2013 and July 31, 2013 the Office of Police Ombudsman was contacted 144 times.

Since January 1, 2013 there have been 732 contacts received by the Office of Police Ombudsman.

COMPLAINTS

To assist in identifying where complaints are occurring, the Office of Police Ombudsman has divided the City into four quadrants. The north-south borderline is Sprague Avenue and the east-west borderline is Division Street.

Complaint outcomes are updated regularly and can be viewed at the Office of Police Ombudsman website at www.spdombudsman.org under the headings "Documents and Reports" and "2013 Received Complaints."

Between July 1, 2013 and July 31, 2013, **8** complaints were received.

1. Tuesday, July 30, 2013: An **Inadequate Response** complaint was received by the Office of Police Ombudsman. The complainant advised that officers unintentionally broke their child's arm while handcuffing their child as the child was being arrested. The child's arm was still healing from a previous break. The complainant advised that the officers declined to provide medical aid. (N/E), (OPO # 13-76)
2. Monday, July 29, 2013: An **Inadequate Response** complaint was received by the Office of Police Ombudsman website. The complainant advised that they witnessed a fight in front of their residence and called the police. The complainant advised that police did not respond to their call. (N/W), (OPO # 13-75)
3. Wednesday, July 24, 2013: A **Demeanor** complaint was received by the Office of Police Ombudsman. The complainant was stopped by an officer for a traffic violation. When the complainant refused to provide the officer with their phone number, the complainant alleged that the officer wrote the citation for a different violation with a higher fine. The complainant advised that ten days later they were stopped by the same officer for a different violation and believes that they were stopped because of the previous encounter they had with the officer. (N/W), (OPO # 13-74)
4. Monday, July 15, 2013: A **Harassment** complaint was received by the Office of Police Ombudsman. The complainant advised that their former spouse is a candidate for employment with the Police Department. The complainant advised that they were contacted for a background interview and the complainant made negative comments about their former spouse. The complainant's supervisor was then contacted by an officer who told the complainant's supervisor that the complainant was using their position to influence the hiring process. (N/A), (OPO # 13-73)
5. Friday, July 12, 2013: An **Inadequate Response** complaint was received by the Office of Police Ombudsman. The complainant advised that a former employee took property from the complainant's business alleging that the complainant owed the employee for wages. The complainant advised that officers failed to collect the complainant's property from the employee and return it to the Complainant. (N/W), (OPO # 13-72)
6. Thursday, July 11, 2013: A **Demeanor** complaint was received by the Office of Police Ombudsman. The complainant called the police regarding two neighbors who were

fighting. The complainant was concerned that it took officers 55 minutes to respond and one of the officers made the complainant feel like they wasted the officer's time by calling the police (N/E), (OPO # 13-71)

7. Wednesday, July 10, 2013 J An **Unlawful Search** complaint was received by the Office of Police Ombudsman. The complainant advised that officers searched their hotel room before the officers had obtained a warrant. The complainant advised that officers damaged items in the room during the search and accidentally killed one of the complainant's puppies. (N/W), (OPO # 13-70)
8. Wednesday, July 10, 2013: A **Demeanor** complaint was received by the Office of Police Ombudsman. The complainant advised that an officer refused to put the complainant in contact with a sergeant after the complainant disagreed with the officer's decision. (N/A), (OPO # 13-69)

Between July 1, 2013 and July 31, 2013 1 complaint was referred.

1. Friday, July 19, 2013: A complaint involving the Spokane Valley Police was referred to the Spokane County Sheriff's Office for follow up.

INVESTIGATIONS CERTIFIED

Between July 1, 2013 and July 31, 2013 8 completed investigations were certified as timely, thorough and objective:

1. Tuesday, July 30, 2013: An **Improper Driving** complaint was received by the Office of Police Ombudsman on June 17, 2013. The complainant advised that a motorcycle officer was parked on the sidewalk while working radar enforcement. The Ombudsman confirms that the complaint was investigated through a timely, thorough and objective process. (SPD IA # 13-068), (OPO # 13-63)
2. Tuesday, July 30, 2013: A **Demeanor and Failure to Identify** complaint was received by the Office of Police Ombudsman on May 8, 2013. The complainant alleged that officers used profane language while arresting an individual. The complainant advised that the officers refused to identify themselves when the complainant requested the officer's names. The Ombudsman confirms that the complaint was investigated through a timely, thorough and objective process. (SPD IA # 13-046), (OPO # 13-40)
3. Wednesday, July 24, 2013: **An Inadequate Response/ Improper Touching During Search** complaint was received by the Police Department on March 8, 2013. The complainant alleged that an officer of the opposite sex inappropriately touched the complainant during the complainant's arrest. The Ombudsman confirms that the complaint was investigated through a timely, thorough and objective process. (SPD IA # 13-018), (OPO # N/A)

4. Wednesday, July 24, 2013: A **Demeanor** complaint was received by the Office of Police Ombudsman on May 2, 2013. The complainant alleged that an officer threatened to kick the complainant's door in when the complainant refused to open their door after officers responded to a suicide threat. The Ombudsman confirms that the complaint was investigated through a timely, thorough and objective process.
(SPD IA # 13-041), (OPO # 13-37)
5. Friday, July 19, 2013: An **Excessive Force** complaint was received by the Internal Affairs Unit on April 12, 2013. The complainant alleged that after an officer arrested the complainant, the officer pushed the complainant to the ground and kicked the complainant in the side. The Ombudsman confirms that the complaint was investigated through a timely, thorough and objective process. (SPD IA # 13-026), (OPO # N/A)
6. Tuesday, July 16, 2013: A **Demeanor** complaint was received by the Internal Affairs Unit on May 16, 2013. The complainant alleged that an officer was rude when the complainant attempted to find out the status of an investigation regarding car prowling they had been the victim of. The Ombudsman confirms that the complaint was investigated through a timely, thorough and objective process.
(SPD IA # 13-043), (OPO # N/A)
7. Monday, July 15, 2013: An **Unlawful Arrest and Demeanor** complaint was received by the Internal Affairs Unit on March 21, 2013: The complainant alleged that probable cause did not exist to arrest the complainant for obstructing and resisting arrest. The complainant advised that the officer also used profanity when speaking to the complainant. The Ombudsman confirms that the complaint was investigated through a timely, thorough and objective process. (SPD IA # 13-020), (OPO # N/A)
8. Thursday, July 11, 2013: A **Demeanor** complaint was received by the Internal Affairs Unit on April 19, 2013. The complainant advised that an officer used offensive language after stopping their adult child for a traffic offense. The Ombudsman confirms that the complaint was investigated through a timely, thorough and objective process.
(SPD IA # 13-029), (OPO # N/A)

DECLINED CERTIFICATIONS and APPEALS

There were no declined or appealed certifications during the reporting period

INTERVIEWS

- Internal Affairs, Officer Interviews: 30
- Internal Affairs, Complainant Interviews: 1
- Internal Affairs, Witness Interviews: 5
- Office of Police Ombudsman Complainant Interviews 8
- Office of Police Ombudsman Witness Interviews: 2
- Closing (Complaint Closure) Interviews: 4

OTHER DUTIES

Critical Incident Response: No Critical Incidents occurred during the reporting period.

Cases Resolved Through Mediation: No complaints were resolved through mediation during the reporting period.

Recommendations: There were no recommendations made during the reporting period.

NEXT STEPS

- Recruitment of Student Interns
- Report on School Resource Officers Program

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Wednesday, July 31, 2013: Joint Community Assembly City Council meeting (330p-5p)
- Wednesday, July 31, 2013: Crosswalk Teen Shelter Outreach (OPO Assistant 12n-1230p)
- Monday, July 29, 2013: Spokane City Council meeting (6p-630p)
- Wednesday, July 24, 2013: Community Café meeting at the East Central Community Center (6p-8p)
- Wednesday, July 24, 2013: Crosswalk Teen Shelter Outreach (OPO Assistant 12n-1245p)
- Tuesday, July 23, 2013: Manito Cannon Neighborhood Council meeting (7p-730p)
- Tuesday, July 23, 2013: Human Right Commission meeting (530p-615p)
- Monday, July 22, 2013: Spokane City Council meeting (6p-630p)
- Friday, July 19, 2013: House of Charity (830a-930a)
- Wednesday, July 17, 2013: Hillyard Neighborhood Council meeting (630p-830p)
- Wednesday, July 17, 2013: Whitman Neighborhood Council meeting (6p-630p)
- Wednesday, July 17, 2013: Crosswalk Teen Shelter Outreach (OPO Assistant (12n-1245p)
- Tuesday, July 16, 2013: East Central Neighborhood Council meeting (OPO Assistant 630p-745p)
- Tuesday, July 16, 2013: Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council meeting, OPO presentation of the Annual Report (7p-8130p)
- Monday, July 15, 2013: NAACP monthly meeting (7p-815p)
- Monday, July 15, 2013: Spokane City Council meeting, OPO Presentation (6p-630p)
- Friday, July 12, 2013: Community Assembly meeting (4p-6p)
- Wednesday, July 10, 2013: West Central Neighborhood Council meeting (630p-730p)
- Tuesday, July 9, 2013: West Hills Neighborhood Council meeting, OPO presentation of the 2012 Annual Report (630p-715p)
- Monday, July 8, 2013: Spokane City Council meeting (OPO Assistant 6p-645p)

23 of 27 Neighborhood Councils have received a presentation of the 2012 Office of Police Ombudsman Annual Report

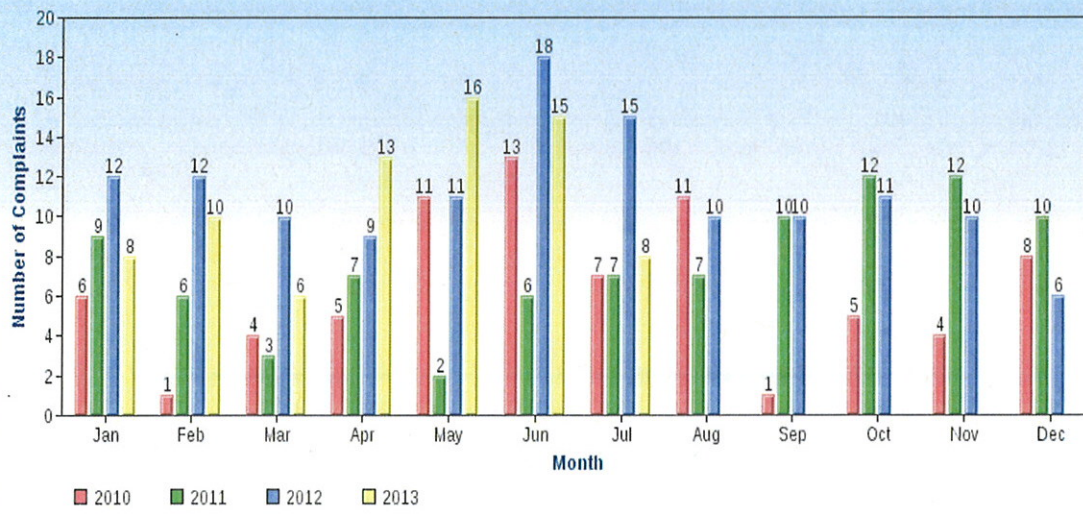
OTHER

- Monday, July 29, 2013: Spokane's homeless conversation with Pastor Ian Robertson of the Central United Methodist Church, 518 W Third Ave. (1145a-130p)
- Friday, July 26, 2013: The NATIVE Project Summer Camp Graduation, information booth (1030a-130p)
- Thursday, July 25, 2013: Communications Leadership training (1p-5p)
- Saturday, July 20, 2013: While at the Garland Street Fair the OPO received an **officer commendation** from a resident. The resident advised that on July 4, 2013 they were at Riverfront Park when they had a severe asthma reaction that required medical attention. The person advised that four SPD officers carried them from the park to Spokane Falls Blvd where they met paramedics. The resident wanted to express their gratitude to the Officers and the Police Department. They said that had the officers not been there to help, they doubt that they would be here today. The commendation has been referred to the Office of the Chief.
- Saturday, July 20, 2013: Perry Street Fair (11a-1230p)
- Saturday, July 20, 2013: Garland Street Fair, Informational Booth (9a-530p)
- Thursday, July 18, 2013: KTRW Radio, "The Right Spokane Perspective" with Council Member Fagan and George McGrath (10a-1115a)
- Saturday, July 13, 2013: SPD ride along (6a-4p)
- Wednesday, July 10, 2013: INBA Lunch at the Lincoln Center (OPO Assistant 1130a-115p)

ATTACHMENTS

- 4 year snapshot graph of OPO complaints received by month
- Report on OPO quarterly performance measures
- OPO website use statistics
- August utilities bill with OPO message
- Taser information for January – June 2013
- 2013 OPO Mid-Year Report

Office of Police Ombudsman Complaints
by month



Office of Police Ombudsman

Assist in citizen dispute resolution regarding police services in Spokane.

Performance measure:

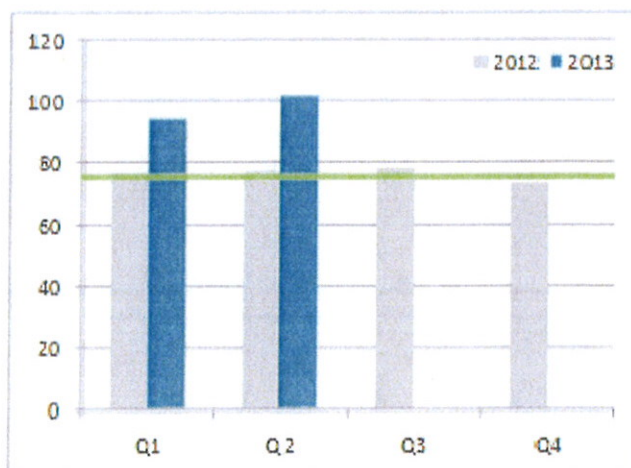
Average number of monthly contacts.

Significance:

The OPO strives to be as accessible as possible.

Notes:

Averages:	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2013:	94	102		
2012:	76	77	78	73



Performance measure:

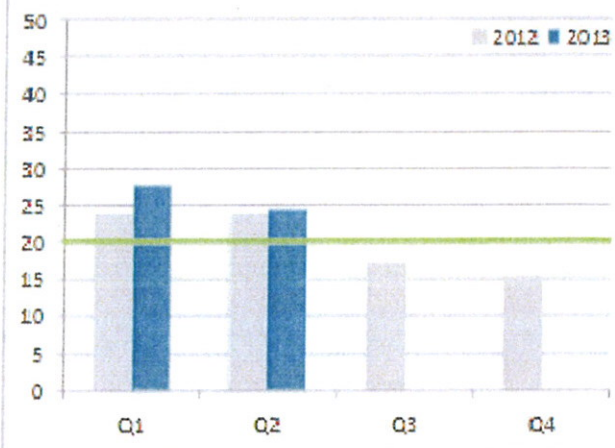
Average number of monthly outreach events.

Significance:

Outreach events help make the OPO more accessible to the public.

Notes:

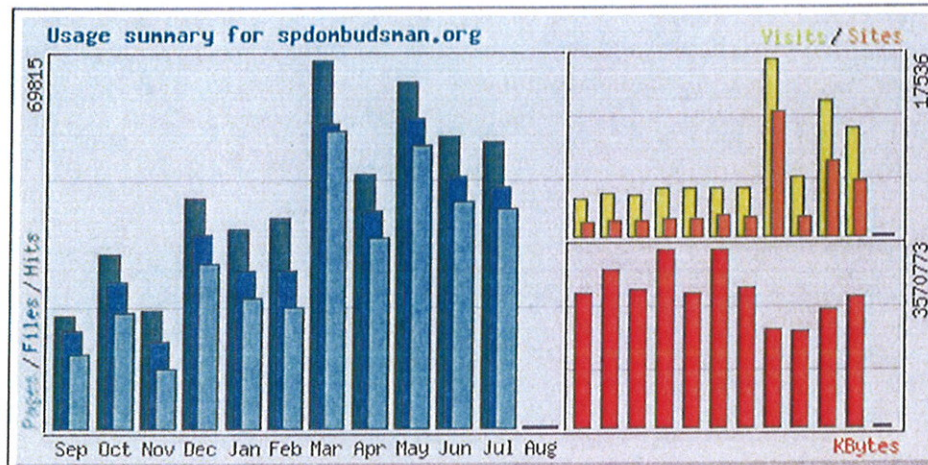
Averages:	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2013:	28	24		
2012:	24	24	17	15



Usage Statistics for spdombudsman.org

Summary by Month

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Summary by Month										
Month	Daily Avg				Monthly Totals					
	Hits	Files	Pages	Visits	Sites	KBytes	Visits	Pages	Files	Hits
Aug 2013	6	5	2	2	4	993	2	2	5	6
Jul 2013	1749	1472	1336	342	5531	2604838	10626	41435	45652	54246
Jun 2013	1841	1592	1425	446	7452	2339331	13396	42758	47786	55248
May 2013	2112	1892	1719	185	1933	1909760	5752	53313	58670	65502
Apr 2013	1600	1373	1195	584	12253	1945812	17536	35853	41209	48021
Mar 2013	2252	1863	1810	155	1902	2771387	4831	56120	57777	69815
Feb 2013	1418	1062	820	171	2033	3570773	4800	22964	29756	39717
Jan 2013	1220	956	789	155	1766	2676793	4805	24488	29647	37828
Dec 2012	1398	1182	1005	153	1672	3553972	4762	31159	36656	43346
Nov 2012	741	543	374	132	1556	2758178	3986	11229	16315	22248
Oct 2012	1054	888	706	134	1545	3136945	4176	21892	27530	32684
Sep 2012	710	613	468	123	1371	2695654	3710	14049	18395	21308
Totals						29964438	78382	355262	409398	489969

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Hits represent the total number of requests made to the server during the given time period (month, day, hour etc..). Each file/element on a page that is requested is counted as a hit. For example your home page may be a single .html page with 5 images on it. The number of hits recorded will be 6, as your .html page is one file and each image is also counted as a file. Therefore looking at how many hits that your website has received is not a very good statistical indicator. **Hits are not accurate to gauge how many people visit your website.**

Files represent the total number of hits (requests) that actually resulted in something being sent back to the user. Not all hits will send data, such as 404-Not Found requests and requests for pages that are already in the browsers cache.

Tip: By looking at the difference between hits and files, you can get a rough indication of repeat visitors, as the greater the difference between the two, the more people are requesting pages they already have cached (have viewed already).

Sites is the number of unique IP addresses/hostnames that made requests to the server. Care should be taken when using this metric for anything other than that. Many users can appear to come from a single site, and they can also appear to come from many IP addresses so it should be used simply as a rough gauge as to the number of visitors to your server.

Visits occur when some remote site makes a request for a *page* on your server for the first time. As long as the same site keeps making requests within a given timeout period, they will all be considered part of the same **Visit**. If the site makes a request to your server, and the length of time since the last request is greater than the specified timeout period (*default is 30 minutes*), a new **Visit** is started and counted, and the sequence repeats. Since only *pages* will trigger a visit, remotes sites that link to graphic and other non- page URLs will not be counted in the visit totals, reducing the number of *false* visits.

Pages are those URLs that would be considered the actual page being requested, and not all of the individual items that make it up (such as graphics and audio clips). Some people call this metric *page views* or *page impressions*, and defaults to any URL that has an extension of **.htm**, **.html** or **.cgi**.

WHEN PAYING IN PERSON PRESENT BOTH PARTS AND RETAIN THIS PART FOR YOUR RECORDS

Acct No: 80000 Deposits: 0.00

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Previous Bill: 46414.46CR

Payments: 05/24 500.00CR

06/28 205.16CR

Beginning Balance: 48252.61CR

Adjustments: 807.94

Current Charges: 0.00

Total Due: 47444.67CR

Bill Date: Jul 26, 2013

Previous Bill Date: Jun 26, 2013

CURRENT BILL SUMMARY:

Refuse 0.00

Sewer 0.00

Water 0.00

Utility 0.00

Total: 0.00



DETAIL	Date	Qty	Charge Description	Amount
	06/27		PAYMENT	602.32CR
	07/08		REFUND PD ON ACCT	386.26
	07/11		REFUND PD ON ACCT	148.35
	07/12		REFUND PD ON ACCT	182.29
	07/16		REFUND PD ON ACCT	162.00
	07/17		REFUND PD ON ACCT	219.36
	07/17		REFUND PD ON ACCT	312.00

The City of Spokane Office of Police Ombudsman exists to promote public confidence in the professionalism and accountability of the Spokane Police Department. If you have questions or concerns regarding an interaction you've had with police, visit www.spdombudsman.org or call (509) 625-6742.

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Utilities Billing office, waste & recycling facilities will be closed on Labor Day, Monday, September 2nd, and will reopen the following day. No garbage pickup on Labor Day - garbage pickup will be a day later than usual for the remainder of the week.

WATER CONSUMPTION

Meter Number	Read Date	Reads Days	Usage Current Previous	Units	Gallons	Method
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Total Use All Meters SERVICE CHARGES ONLY ** WATER OFF **

Charge Detail	Units	Gallons	Rate	Charge
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CITY OF SPOKANE

UTILITIES BILLING DIVISION
STREET LEVEL-CITY HALL
808 W. SPOKANE FALLS BLVD
SPOKANE, WA 99201-3333

Acct No: 80000
1 N ADDRESS UNKNOWN S
Bill Date Jul 26, 2013
DO NOT REMIT
Credit Balance

Bill Amount \$ 4 7 4 4 4 6 7 CR

UHELP \$

Urban Forest \$

Total Enclosed \$

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SUSPENSE ACCOUNT
SUSAN HARDIE
UTILITIES BILLING OFC
SPOKANE, WA 99201



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SPOKANE, WA 99256-0001

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2013 Taser Reports (Jan –June) – 14 applications in 11 incidents

<u>#</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>M/F</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u># of app*</u>
002	Jan	M	W	27	Assaulted officer, mentally unstable, transfer to E. State Hosp	1
003	Jan	M	W	40	Threatened to harm others, history of murder, mentally unstable	3
007	Feb	M	B	16	Assaulted officers, intoxicated, gang posturing	1
010	Feb	M	W	29	Drug consumption, off psych meds, assaulted officers	1
012	Feb	M	W	20	Assaulted officers, mentally unstable, DV assault	1
016	Mar	M	W	32	Meth consumption, threatened to harm others	1
019	Mar	M	NA	33	Assaulted officers, inviting suicide, prior suicide attempts	2
020	Mar	M	W	36	Intoxicated, assaulted officers	1
026	Jan	F	W	31	Intoxicated, depressed, attempted suicide	1
036	May	M	W	33	Meth consumption, DUI, assaulted officers and citizens	1
049	June	F	W	20	Assaulted officers	1



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Office of Police Ombudsman 2013 Mid-Year Report

Reporting Period: January 1 – June 30, 2013

The Office of Police Ombudsman's mid-year report provides information about Spokane Police Department misconduct complaints. The report presents information on the number and classification of complaints filed. **Figures from January 1 through June 30, 2012 are added in red for comparison.**

PERSPECTIVE

In the first six months of 2013, officers from the Spokane Police Department made a minimum of **66,150 contacts** with individuals in the community **(64,103)**. These contacts resulted in:

- 2,033 Arrests **(2,106)**
- 1,735 Warrants Being Served **(1,229)**
- 5,978 Citations Being Issued **(6,371)**

These numbers are intended to provide a perspective on the number of public contacts made by members of the Spokane Police Department during the reporting period. These numbers **are not intended** to minimize the significance of complaints made against officers and received by the Office of Police Ombudsman or the Spokane Police Department's Internal Affairs Unit.

OMBUDSMAN FINDINGS

In the first six months of 2013, pursuant to Spokane Municipal Code Section 04.32.030, the Office of Police Ombudsman certified 29 Internal Affairs Unit investigations as timely, thorough and objective **(29)**.

This total includes 13 investigations that were initiated in 2012 and closed in 2013.

There was one declined certification issued in the first six months of 2013.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATIONS

In the first six months of 2013, the Spokane Police Department Internal Affairs Unit received 142 complaints **(121)**. Pursuant to Spokane Municipal Code Section 4.32.030 (E), 54 of those complaints were classified by Police Lieutenant Alan Arnzen as Investigative Inquiries **(58)**. 13 of those complaints were classified as Citizen Inquiries **(17)**. The remaining 75 were classified as formal complaints and were investigated, mediated or are in the process of being investigated **(46)**.

INTERNAL COMPLAINTS

In the first six months of 2013, 15 of the 75 complaints assigned for formal investigation were internally generated (3 of 46).

One internally generated complaint was administratively suspended and two complaints were sustained. Twelve internally generated complaint investigations remain open as of June 30, 2013.

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS (including OMBUDSMAN RECEIVED COMPLAINTS)

Sixty of the 75 complaints assigned for formal investigation in the first six months of 2013 were generated by **citizens** (43). Twenty-three of the 60 citizen generated complaints or 38% originated through the Office of Police Ombudsman (46.5%).

The 60 citizen complaint investigations initiated during the first six months of 2013 involved 85 employees of various ranks (60). These ranks are: 56 officers, ten sergeants, six lieutenants, five detectives, five corporals, one captain, one reserve officer and one citizen employee. Eight officers were the subject of two citizen complaint investigations during the first six months of 2013.

CITIZEN COMPLAINT RESOLUTION

In the first six months of 2013, the 60 citizen complaints assigned for formal investigations resulted in the following findings:

- 8 complaints were Administratively Suspended
- 4 complaints were Exonerated
- 3 complaints were Unfounded
- 1 complaint was Not Sustained
- 1 complaint was changed to an Investigative Inquiry
- 2 complaints were Sustained
- 1 complaint (containing multiple allegations) was determined to have one allegation that was Exonerated and one allegation that was Sustained

Forty citizen complaint investigations remain open as of June 30, 2013. In 2013 the assigned Internal Affairs Unit staff was promoted and reassigned which created some temporary transitional delays.

OMBUDSMAN-RECEIVED COMPLAINTS

During the first six months of 2013, the Office of Police Ombudsman was contacted 588 times for a variety of reasons (459). In addition to the 588 contacts, 68 complaints were forwarded to the Internal Affairs Unit for classification and assignment (73). 44 of those complaints were classified as Investigative Inquiries (53), 23 complaints were sent forward for formal investigation (20) and one complaint was referred to the Spokane County Sheriff's Office.

The 24 Ombudsman-received complaints assigned for formal investigation resulted in the following 58 misconduct allegations:

- Demeanor (19)
- Inadequate Response (11)
- Excessive Force (13)
- Refuse to Provide Name (3)
- Failure to Identify (2)
- Failure to Supervise (2)
- Planting Evidence (2)
- Conflict of Interest (1)
- Failure to Take Complaint (1)
- Improper Driving (1)
- Improper Response (1)
- Improper Search (1)
- Unsafe Driving Practices (1)

CRITICAL INCIDENTS

In the first six months of 2013, Spokane police officers were involved in two critical incidents requiring the use of Deadly Force (1). No complaints were received as a result of these incidents.

- On Tuesday, February 5, 2013, at approximately 1:49a.m., the Ombudsman was advised by Internal Affairs Lieutenant McCabe of an officer involved shooting near the Huckleberry's Natural Market at 926 S. Monroe in Spokane, WA. The Lieutenant and Ombudsman responded to the location where they were briefed on the incident and toured the area. While at the location they were advised that the individual that was involved was deceased. No officers were physically injured.
- On Thursday, May 16, 2013 at 3:21a.m., the Ombudsman was advised by Internal Affairs Sergeant Singley that an officer involved shooting/death had occurred at 22007 N. Charles in Nine Mile Falls, WA. Sergeant Singley transported the Ombudsman to the location for a briefing and scene familiarization. Sergeant Singley, Lieutenant Arnzen and the Ombudsman returned to the location at 1:00p.m. for a more comprehensive briefing and tour of the scene.

OTHER STATISTICS OF INTEREST

EXCESSIVE FORCE COMPLAINTS

In the first six months 2013, 8 complaints involving allegations of Excessive Force were received involving 13 different officers (10 complaints involving 12 officers). Five Excessive Force investigations remain open as of June 30, 2013. Of the three Excessive Force investigations completed in the first six months of 2013, none were Sustained.

DISCIPLINE

The 22 internal and citizen complaint investigations closed between January 1, 2013 and June 30, 2013 (53 investigations remain open as of June 30, 2013) resulted in four members of the Spokane Police Department receiving some level of discipline (28 complaints resulting in one employee being disciplined). The sanctions imposed by the Chief of Police were oral counseling, a written reprimand, a written reprimand and additional training and a suspension.

TASER USE

In the first six months of 2013, Spokane Police Officers used the taser 14 times in 11 incidents in the performance of their duties (25 times in 21 incidents). In each instance, the use of the taser was determined to be necessary, appropriate and used within the scope of Department policies, procedures and training. The Office of Police Ombudsman and the Spokane Police Department's Internal Affairs Unit did not receive any complaints regarding the use of the taser in the first six months of 2013.

SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS (SWAT) CALL OUTS

In the first six months of 2013, there were 29 call outs of the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team (21). No complaints were received by the Office of Police Ombudsman or the Spokane Police Department Internal Affairs Unit related to SWAT deployments.

- 13 drug search warrants
- 4 targeted crimes warrants
- 5 robbery specials
- 3 major crimes warrants
- 1 barricaded subject
- 2 events (Bloomsday and Lilac Parade)
- 1 assisting Kootenai County

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

In the first six months of 2013, Spokane Police Officers responded to 3,147 Domestic Violence calls (3,273).

VEHICLE PURSUITS

In the first six months of 2013, members of Spokane Police Department were involved in 33 vehicle pursuits (27). The results/consequences of the pursuits were:

- 11 suspects were apprehended (13)
- 20 pursuits were terminated (12)
- 2 suspects escaped (2)

VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

In the first six months of 2013, 29 members of the Spokane Police Department were involved in 27 collisions (26 members involved in 29 collisions). Investigation of the collisions revealed that:

- 5 collisions were determined to have been Preventable (8)
- 15 collisions were Not Preventable (11)
- 5 collisions were through Legal Intervention (9)
- 1 collision was determined to be both Non Preventable and through Legal Intervention (0)
- 2 collisions involved Property Damage (1)

As a result of preventable vehicle accidents three employees received a verbal counseling, one employee received oral counseling and one employee received a written reprimand. No complaints were received by the Office of Police Ombudsman in response to a Non-Preventable vehicle collision.

MENTAL HEALTH RESPONSE

In the 2009 Annual Report presented to the Spokane City Council on April 12, 2010, the Office of Police Ombudsman recommended to the Office of the Chief of Police that the Spokane Police Department document the number of Police encounters with individuals who displayed symptoms of "excited delirium" and report the number to the Public Safety Committee on an annual basis. The purpose of this recommendation was to quantify the actual number of encounters and review how the situations were resolved to assess future training needs.

In the first six months of 2013, Spokane Police Officers responded to 578 incidents involving citizens with mental illness or disability (644). Of those incidents:

- 354 contacts required no enforcement action (395)
- 175 contacts resulted in the citizen being transported to a medical or mental health facility (207)
- 40 contacts resulted in the citizen being arrested and incarcerated in a Spokane County jail facility (38)
- 9 individuals contacted exhibited symptoms of "Excited Delirium" (4)

CITIZEN RIDE ALONGS

In the first six months of 2013, the Spokane Police Department hosted 203 ride alongs (173); 92 of these were citizen riders, 74 reserve officers, 26 explorer teenage riders, nine co-op college student riders and two senior volunteers. For more information on how to participate in the ride along program, contact Sergeant Yamada at (509)625-4003.

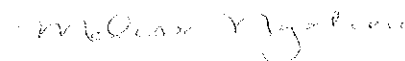
NON-RESPONSE CALLS

The Spokane Police Department receives a number of calls from citizens which do not require a police response or where personnel are not available to respond to the call. When this occurs, a Police Department Communications Supervisor will "clear" the call from the list of waiting calls as a "non-response" call. In the first six months of 2013, 5,178 calls were cleared in this manner (3,595). 2,742 of those originated from calls to 9-1-1 and 2,436 originated from calls to Crime Check.

CONCLUSION

Comparing information from the first six months of 2013 and 2012 revealed some interesting information about the Spokane Police Department. Much of the information from the first six months of 2013 reported on in this document is consistent when compared to the first six months of 2012. Two differences that can be viewed positively between 2012 and 2013 are a decrease in the use of the taser and an increase in internally generated complaints. Two areas of potential concern are an increase in non-response calls and an increase in SWAT activations. If you have any questions or concerns about the information reported in this document, please don't hesitate to contact the Office of Police Ombudsman for details.

Sincerely,



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