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Public Safety & Community Health Committee Report
Reporting Period: July 1-31, 2018

Snapshot of Activities		Monthly	Year to Date
Community Outreach			
OPO	Total Community Events and Meetings	7	75[1]
OPOC	Community Outreach / Activities	2	56
Commendations		0	2
Complaints			
	Received Complaints	13	33
	Referred Complaints	3	23
Contacts		135	894
Case Review			
	Request for Further Clarification	0	3
	Investigations Certified / Concurred	8	17
	Closed Investigations	0	1
	Declined Certifications	0	1
	Special Cases Reviewed	17	99
Interviews			
	OPO Interviews	24	114
	IA Interviews	10	74
Training		3	24
Critical Incidents		0	1
Mediations		0	1
	Conducted	0	0
	Declined	0	1
Recommendations		0	3
Other Activities			
SPD Related	Meetings / Contacts	36	142
	Review Boards	0	23

[1] This number will be adjusted to reflect updated yearly numbers in the August report

1. **Community Outreach**
    a. Community Events
        i. Leadership Spokane Bar B Que (7/8)
        ii. Leadership Spokane Epilepsy Fundraiser (7/19)
        iii. Julyamsh Powwow (7/21)
        iv. Chief Garry Park Neighborhood Day & Night Out (7/28)
    b. Other
        i. Meeting with Chief Meidl, UOF Policy (7/13)
        ii. Housewarming Event with Kitara Johnson (7/21)
        iii. Leadership Spokane Gala Planning (7/26)
        iv. Spokane Hope Meeting (7/30)

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

    c. Spokane Youth Music & Movement (7/9-7/26)
    d. Spokane International Academy SIA Meeting (7/10)
    e. Meeting with the Arc of Spokane Program Mgr. (7/13)
    f. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony – Fresh Soul Restaurant (7/19)
    g. Board Meeting with Spokane International Academy (7/23)
    h. STEM Field Trip with Youth (7/23)
    i. Conducted Cultural Training for the City of Spokane Mgrs. & Supervisors (7/26)
    j. The Zone Meeting with administration (7/27)
    k. Pros and Cons of having officers in Schools Training (7/31)
2. **Commendations / Complaints**
    a. **Received**
        i. **OPO 18-19 – Demeanor/Assault**: Complainant stopped by officer while riding bike. Complainant believed she was being harassed by the officer. Complainant alleges the officer hit her bike helmet while she was wearing it.
        ii. **OPO 18-23 - Inadequate Response/Demeanor**: Complainant – Called numerous times to report a harassing neighbor, no officer response. Demeanor based on officers pounding on her door to take reports around 2:30am and had the wrong address, never apologized.
        iii. **OPO 18-24 - Excessive Force/Demeanor:** Passenger in vehicle pulled from vehicle when he was found to have a bench warrant. Initially refused to give his identification. Officer allegedly called complainant a "constitutionalist".
        iv. **OPO 18-25 - Inadequate response:** Owns a business and has people drinking, doing drugs & loitering. Has called numerous times and nothing has been done.
        v. **OPO 18-26 – Demeanor:** Complainant's son was hit by a vehicle while crossing the street, responding officer allegedly stated he shouldn't stand in the road.

vi. **OPO 18-27 - Unlawful Seizure:** Complainant's husband was a passenger in a vehicle pulled over. He wasn't arrested but the complainant's keys were allegedly confiscated.
vii. **OPO 18-28 – Demeanor:** Complainant requested assistance during a DV situation. While explaining the situation to officers, one officer allegedly acted inappropriately.
viii. **OPO 18-29 - Inadequate response:** Complainant was asked to leave a location due to his service animal. Complainant states that the officer didn't investigate and just said he had to leave the premise.
ix. **OPO 18-30 - Inadequate response:** Complainant has called crime check 7 days in a row and there has been no response from SPD.
x. **OPO 18-31 - Inadequate response:** Complainant did the leg work for his stolen vehicle. He found his vehicle with the alleged thief inside, and called the police. When the police showed up they said they didn't have enough evidence to arrest the thief.
xi. **OPO 18-32 - Demeanor**: Complainant was passing out flyers on the street and was told by an officer that if he damaged his vehicle he was going to jail. Complainant approached 2 other officers across the street and they allegedly stated it wasn't a threat it was a promise.
xii. **OPO 18-33 – Demeanor:** Complainant alleges that officers who asked him to move his protest to the street were not neutral in politics as they has initially stated.
xiii. **OPO 18-34 – Demeanor:** Complainant called public safety to get some information for her son. When she spoke with an officer he was allegedly rude and said that her son should be calling him not her and that it was none of her business.

b. **Referred**
   i. **ER 18-23-** Sit and Lie referred to City Council
   ii. **ER 18-24-** Marijuana use in the city referred to City Council.
   iii. ER 18-25- Camper parked by a fire hydrant referred Code Enforcement

3. **Case Review**
   a. C18-011 – Certified
   b. C18-020 – Certified
   c. C18-034/ OPO #18-17 - Certified
   d. C18-002 – Certified
   e. C18-035 / OPO #18-12 – Case Suspended – No response from Complainant
   f. C18-024 – Certified
   g. C18-032 / OPO #18-15 – Certified
   h. C18-045 / OPO #18-25 – Certified
4. **Special Cases Reviewed**
   i. **4** Use of Force
   ii. **4** Pursuit
   iii. **7** Collision
   iv. **2** K9 Deployment

5. **Training**
    a. Security in Churches Seminar (7/10)
    b. Field in Service Training SPD (7/11)
    c. Implicit Bias Training (7/16)
6. **Other Activities**
    a. OPO staff members participated/engaged in the following other activities:
        i. Bart Logue on vacation (6/17-7/6)
        ii. Review of training material provided by Daigle IA Class (7/2)
        iii. OPO Police related case law Database being created (7/2 – ongoing)
        iv. Letters drafted to the Guild (7/3)
        v. Reviewed Copiers Northwest Lease Agreement (7/24)
        vi. Review of the Chicago consent decree (7/31)
    b. SPD related
        i. **22** meetings/contacts with IA
        ii. **47** meetings/contacts with SPD
    c. OPO met with/had contact with OPO Commissioners/Staff:
        i. Commissioner Smith on 7/5
        ii. Commissioner Smith on 7/10
        iii. OPOC via email on 7/12
        iv. Commissioner Kelley on 7/16
        v. Commissioner Kelley on 7/17
        vi. Commissioner Wilburn on 7/17
        vii. OPOC via Email on 7/17
        viii. Commissioner Wilburn on 7/18
        ix. Commissioner Smith on 7/19
        x. Commissioner Smith on 7/23
        xi. Commissioner Kelley on 7/30
        xii. OPOC via email on 7/31
    d. OPO met with/had contact with City Council members/staff:
        i. Council Member Fagan 7/25
        ii. Council Member Beggs 7/17
        iii. Council Member Beggs 7/18
        iv. Council Member Beggs 7/25
7. **Next Steps**
    a. Use of Force Round Table update
    b. Summer Outreach – Unity in the Community, Gathering at the Falls
    c. United States Ombudsman Association Conference – Portland, OR
    d. NACOLE Annual Conference – Tampa, FL