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Public Safety & Community Health Committee Report

Reporting Period: April 1-30, 2020

Snapshot of Activities		Monthly	Year to Date
Community Outreach			
OPO	Total community events and meetings	11	31
OPOC	Community outreach / activities	0	23
Contacts		97	377
Commendations		1	1
Complaints			
	Received complaints	5	13
	Referred complaints	11	35
Case Review			
	Request for further investigation	2	4
	Investigations certified / concurred	6	29
	Declined certifications	0	0
	Special cases reviewed	7	58
Interviews			
	OPO interviews	7	28
	Internal Affairs interviews	5	14
Training		14	27
Critical Incidents		0	0
Mediations			
	Recommended	0	1
	Conducted	0	1
	Declined	0	0
Recommendations		0	0
Other Activities			
SPD Related	Meetings / contacts	32	121
	Review boards / D-ARP's	2	6
	Closing meetings	0	0

1. Outreach

a) OPO

- i. Food Drive Center Volunteer (4/3, 4/6, 4/10, 4/20, & 4/27)
- ii. Leadership Spokane (4/7, 4/8, 4/20, 4/27)
- iii. Jonah Project Meeting (4/23)
- iv. Donation Procurement for Homeless (4/25)

b) **OPOC Actions** – Due to the Stay Home Stay Healthy Order, Commissioners did not attend any events

2. Commendations / Complaints

a) Received Complaints

- i. **OPO 20-09 – Demeanor/Inadequate Response:** Complainant alleges that they called for assistance and it never arrived. This has been ongoing in their area.
- ii. **OPO 20-10 – Demeanor / Inadequate Response:** Complainant stated that SPD didn't arrest other party after a domestic violence assault because the other party was a woman.
- iii. **OPO 20-11 – Inadequate Response:** Complainant alleges that they have called multiple times on drug activity in a neighbor house but has not received assistance.
- iv. **OPO 20-12 – Demeanor / Inadequate Response:** After being involved in a hit and run accident complainant alleges that the responding officer was rude and falsified the police report and ticket.
- v. **OPO 20-13 – Commendation:** – Citizen appreciated how the SPD handled a person who was in a mental health crisis.
- vi. **OPO 20-14 – Excessive Force:** Complainant alleges that the SPD used excessive force when they were taken from their home and arrested

b) Referrals

- i. **ER 20-24** – Citizen concerned with being falsely arrested; Colfax Sheriff Dept.
- ii. **IR 20-25** – Citizen alleging SPD is involved in criminal acts on their family; SPD/IA
- iii. **IR 20-26** – Citizen alleging SPD is involved in criminal acts on their family; SPD/IA
- iv. **IR 20-27** – Citizen alleging SPD is involved in criminal acts on their family; SPD/IA
- v. **IR 20-28** – Citizen alleging excessive force while being arrested; SPD/IA
- vi. **IR 20-29** – Citizen alleging SPD is involved in criminal acts on their family; SPD/IA
- vii. **IR 20-30** – Citizen concerned with transient issue at their church; SPD/IA
- viii. **IR 20-31** – Citizen alleging SPD is involved in criminal acts on their family; SPD/IA
- ix. **ER 20-32** – Citizen alleging Sheriff Knezovich is involved in criminal acts on their family; Spokane County Sheriff's office

- x. **ER 20-34** – Citizen alleging Sheriff Knezovich is involved in criminal acts on their family; Spokane County Sheriff’s office
- xi. **IR 20-35** – Citizen frustrated the finger printing office being closed for and him not being able to obtain a concealed weapon permit; SPD Deputy Director

(IR 20-25, IR 20-26, IR 20-27, IR 20-29, IR 20-30, ER 20-32 and ER20-33 are from one citizen with similar concerns. IR 20-28 was changed to OPO 20-15. IR 20-33 will be reassigned)

3. Case Review

- i. **C20-018 / OPO 20-06** – Investigation certified
- ii. **C20-023** – Requested Further Investigation / Investigation certified
- iii. **C20-021** – Investigation certified
- iv. **C20-025** – Requested Further Investigation
- v. **C20-027 / OPO 20-09** – Investigation certified
- vi. **C20-029** – Investigation certified
- vii. **C20-012 / OPO 20-032** – Investigation certified

4. Special Cases Reviewed

- i. 3 Use of Force
- ii. 0 K9
- iii. 2 Collisions
- iv. 2 Pursuits

5. Activities

- a) OPO staff members participated/engaged in the following other activities:
 - i. NACOLE Strategic Planning Committee (4/7)
 - ii. Leadership 2020 (4/2, 4/9, 4/16 4/23)
 - iii. Training – Force Science (4/1, 4/15, 4/29)
 - iv. Training – NACOLE Covid-19 Changing Times Webinar (4/3)
 - v. Training – Anti-Asian Racism-Bystander Intervention (4/14)
 - vi. Training – NACOLE Webinar Series – Mediators Perspectives on Officers (4/14)
 - vii. Training – Calibre Press – Lockdown Leadership Evolving issues that impact (4/15)
 - viii. Training – NACOLE Webinar Regional Round Table Training (4/20)
 - ix. Training – We Keep Us Safe with Zach Norris Webinar (4/22)
 - x. Training – Gonzaga CLE on Executive Estate Planning Documents during Covid-19 (4/23)
- b) SPD related
 - i. 22 meetings/contacts with IA
 - ii. 11 meetings/contacts with SPD
- c) OPO met with/had contact with OPO Commissioners/staff:
 - i. Commissioner Rose on (4/1 x2, 4/2, 4/14 x2, 4/16, 4/22, 4/28, 4/30 x5)
 - ii. Commissioner Holman on (4/16, 4/30)
 - iii. Commissioner Smith on (4/1, 4/2, 4/14 x2, 4/16 x2, 4/21, 4/22, 4/23, 4/29, 4/30)
 - iv. Commissioner Wilburn on (4/16 x2, 4/22, 4/30 x2)

- v. Commissioner Kelley on (4/16, 4/30)
- d) OPO met with/had contact with City Council Members
 - i. Council Member Assistant Byrd (4/14, 4/15)
- 6. **Next Steps**
 - a. Closing Report presentation
 - b. Annual Reports for 2019
 - c. Force Science