

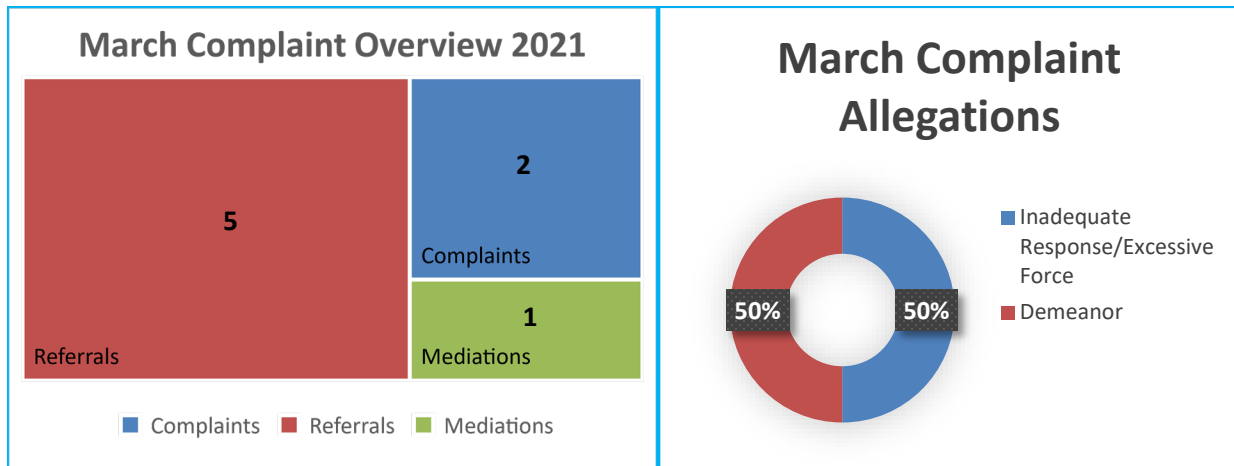


Office of the Police Ombudsman

Public Safety & Community Health Committee Report

Reporting Period: March 1-31, 2021

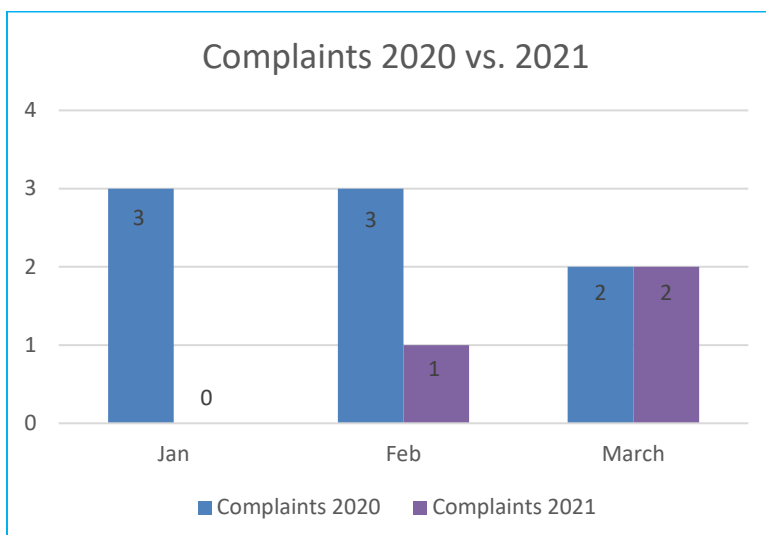
Complaints/Referrals/Contacts



Highlights:

In March, the OPO received 2 complaints and made 5 referrals to various agencies. Examples include:

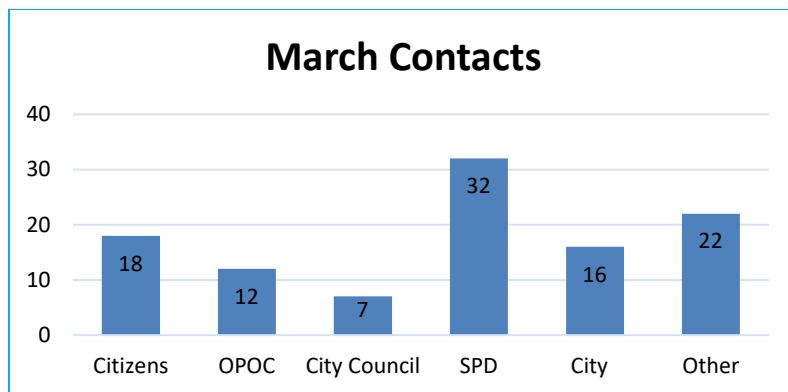
- A community member was concerned about the Sheriff's Department taking over 2 hours to respond to a crime in progress – Spokane County Sheriff's Office
- A community member was frustrated that a Deputy let a former tenant in their home without permission and left them alone. – Spokane County Sheriff's Office
- A prisoner at Geiger, who had completed a public records request for SPD, was unable to pay for the documents with his commissary account and no one could answer his questions on how to pay for the documents – SPD Internal Affairs was able to assist with this issue



YTD Complaint Comparison

The OPO saw a steady intake of complaints in March 2021 (2) compared to March 2020 (2).

Overall complaints are down YTD (3) Compared to 2020 (8).



Contacts/Oversight

- 107 total contacts
- 6 community member interviews were conducted
- Attended 15 IA Interviews

Oversight Activities

Highlights:

- The Deputy OPO began attending Internal Affairs interviews for training purposes
- The OPO attended 2 review boards during the month of March – Use of Force Review Board and Collision and Pursuit Review Board
- The OPO attended the Internal Affairs Bi-Weekly meetings
- The OPO attended a meeting with Director MacConnell and Lt. Cowles regarding changes to the complaint/interview process that will need to be implemented due to the new Police Guild contract
- As an example of improved communication with SPD, the Ombudsman had several discussions with Chief Meidl and Lt. Cowles regarding objectivity concerns of case C20-090/OPO 20-59, resulting in further explanatory information being added.

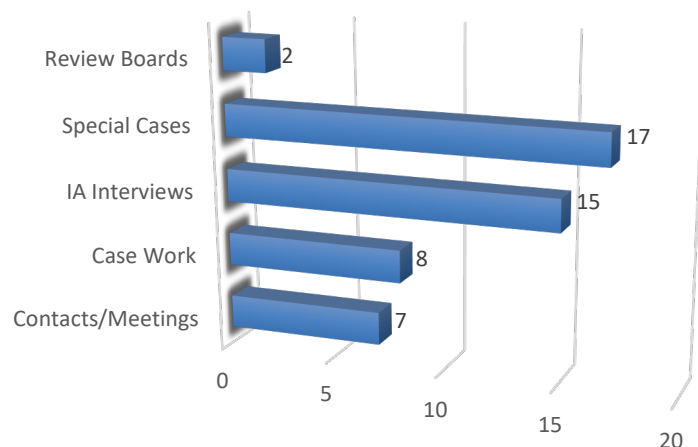
Case Work

- 11 cases certified
- 1 case returned for further investigation

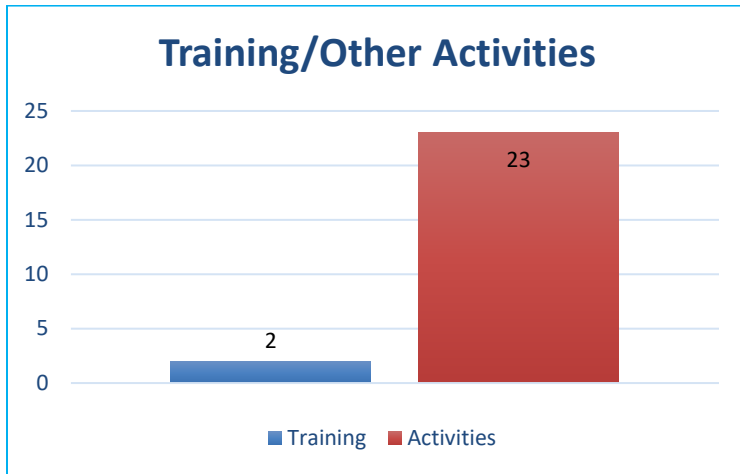
Special Cases

- Use of Force – 7
- K9 - 1
- Collision – 5
- Pursuit – 4

March SPD Engagement



Training/Other Activities



Training

Arc and IACP Webinar:
Transforming Dispatch and
Crisis Response

City HR: Completed
Supervisor Training Survey
requesting Deputy Police
Ombudsman participation

Highlights:

- City Meetings – 2 PSCHC Meetings, Spokane Human Rights Commission, City Council Study Session
- Oversight – OPOC monthly meeting, NACOLE Use of Force Working Group, NACOLE Strategic Planning Committee, NACOLE Peer to Peer Subcommittee, Task force 2.0 Policing and Alternatives to Policing subcommittee
- Other Community Meetings – Leadership Spokane Executive Board meeting, Leadership 2021 meeting, Jonah Project Meeting, Leadership Spokane Social Committee meeting, Transformational Leadership Round Table

Upcoming

- OPO/OPOC Annual Report presentation at City Council Meeting on April 12th.
- The OPO is working on multiple closing reports utilizing the new format specified in the TA
- OPO review of May 31st SPD protest response on hold pending City action on Guild Grievance

Office of the Police Ombudsman Commission Meeting:

Held virtually, the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 5:30pm

Agendas and meeting recordings can be found at:

<https://my.spokanecity.org/bcc/commissions/ombudsman-commission/>