



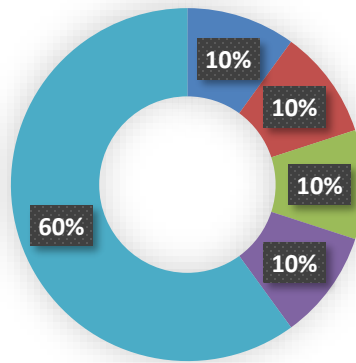
Office of the Police Ombudsman

Public Safety & Community Health Committee Report

Reporting Period: November 1-30, 2021

Complaints/Referrals/Contacts

November Complaint Allegations and Referrals

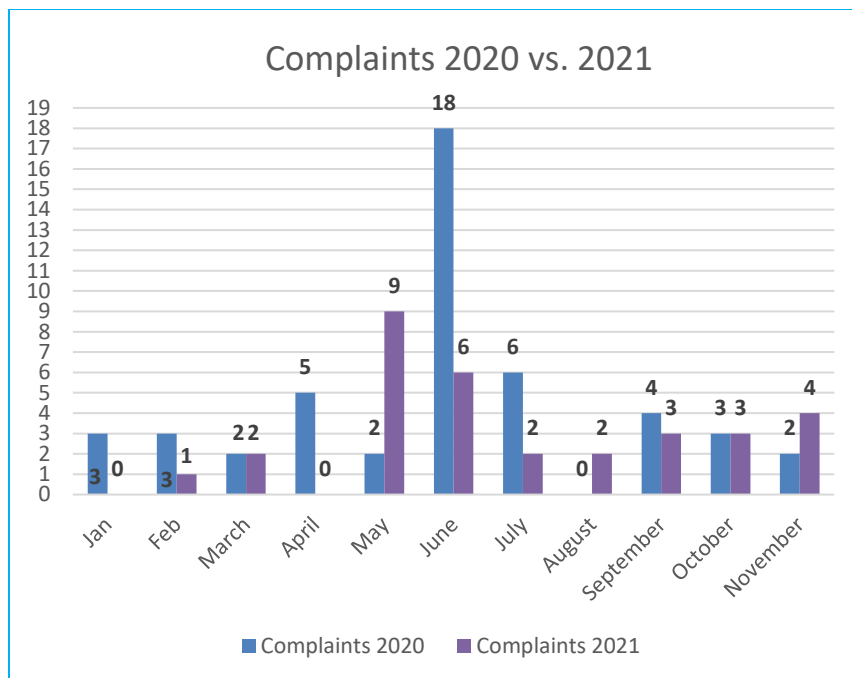


■ Falsified Reports/False Arrest ■ Inadequate Response ■ Demeanor/Inadequate Response
■ Standard Violation/Demeanor ■ Referrals

Highlights:

In November, the Office of the Police Ombudsman (OPO) submitted 4 complaints, and 6 referrals to the Spokane Police Department's (SPD) Internal Affairs (IA). Additionally, 4 referrals were submitted to the SPD IA, 1 referral to Spokane Jails and 1 referral was submitted to the City Clerk's Office.

- OPO 21-34: A community member's attorney alleged that they observed officers falsely reporting PC for an arrest of the attorney's client on BWC footage.
- OPO 21-36: A community member was frustrated that officers were allegedly keeping their child from them when the child was a minor runaway.
- OPO 21-38: A community member submitted a complaint regarding an ethical concern of assessments pertaining to City Council candidates during their ride-alongs with the SPD.
- ER 21-63: A request to file a claim came in regarding damage to their vehicle in a parking lot, was referred to the City Clerks Office.



YTD Complaint Comparison

The OPO saw an increase in intake of complaints in November 2021 (4) compared to November 2020 (2).

Overall complaints are down YTD (32) Compared to 2020 (48).

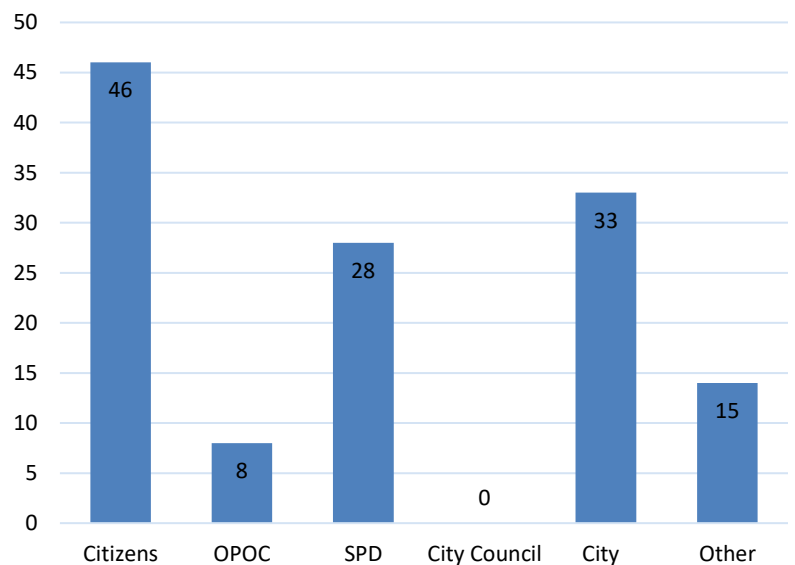
Difference is due to civil unrest following the death of George Floyd.

Contacts/Oversight:

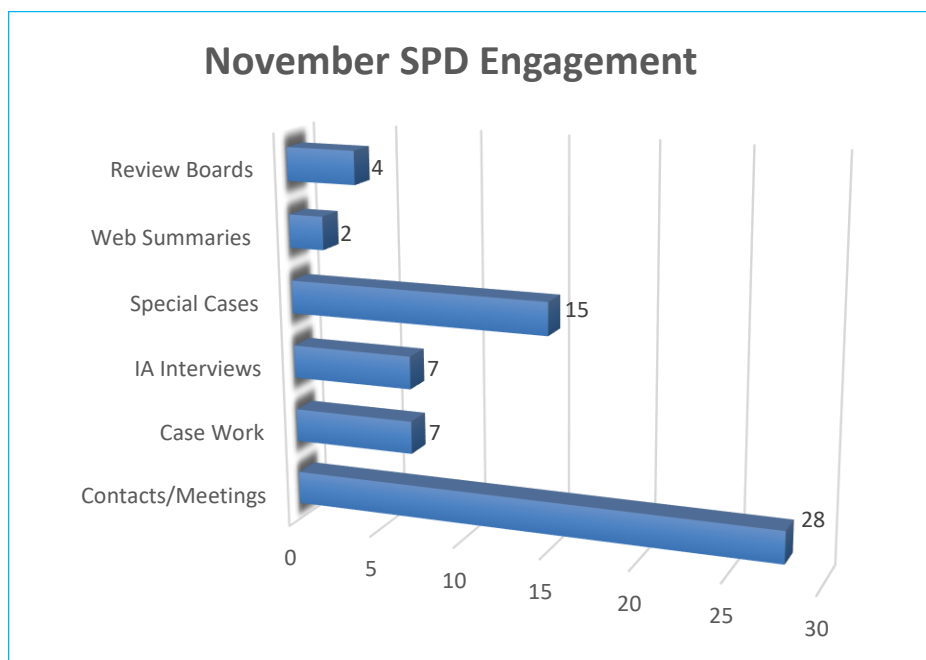
Contacts/Oversight

- 129 total contacts
- 8 community member interviews were conducted
- 7 officer interviews in IA
- 8 total SPD meetings/significant contacts
- 20 IA meetings/significant contacts

November Contacts



Oversight Activities



Case Work

6 – cases certified
1 – case returned for further investigation
2 – Web Summaries Reviewed

Special Cases

6 – Use of Force
3 – K9
5 – Collision
1 – Pursuit

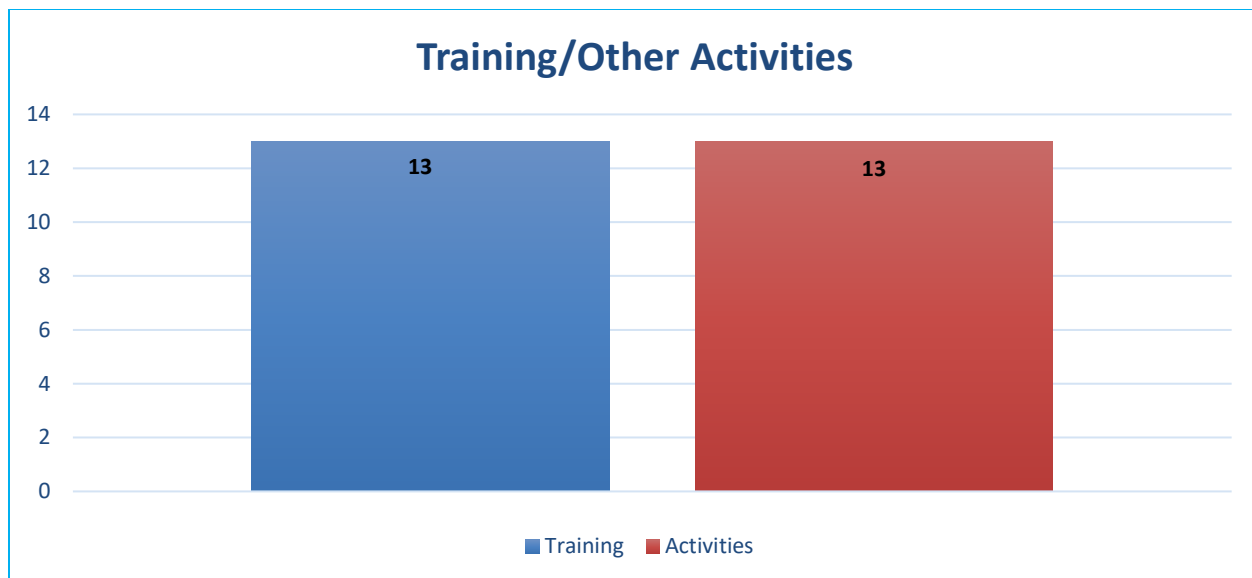
Review Boards

2 – DFRB
1 – UOF
1 – CPRB

Training/Other Activities

Highlights:

- Training – NACOLE Virtual Annual Conference Sessions, Daigle Law Group Use of Force Summit, Legal Research Reboot: Sharpen your skills and update your resources 2021, The South Hill Rapist Trial - 40 Years later: How have criminal justice, mental health, and the media changed in Spokane, NACOLE Virtual Conference Webinars
- City Meetings – PSCHC Meeting, OPOC Meeting, Mayors Quarterly Meeting
- Oversight – NACOLE meeting for Member Development and Support Committee, NACOLE Strategic Planning Committee, NACOLE Use of Force Working Group
- Other Community Meetings – Leadership Spokane, Leadership 2021, Celebrate Recovery Events, Jonah Project Board Meeting
- Oversight/Outreach
 - Pierce County and WA State Attorney General's Office on model Use of Force Policy input/review
 - Washington State Attorney General's Office Advisory Group – Requested testimony at an upcoming meeting regarding public facing information on Use of Force incidents.



Upcoming

- Daigle Law Group Use of Force Summit: November 30 – December 2
- NACOLE Annual Conference December 12 – December 16
- 2021 Annual Reports

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/>