

Office of the Police Ombudsman

Public Safety & Community Health Committee Report

Reporting Period: February 1 – 28, 2023

Complaints/Referrals/Contacts



Highlights:

In February, the Office of the Police Ombudsman (OPO) submitted 3 complaints to Internal Affairs, 1 Referral to the Office of Behavior Health Advocacy and 1 Commendation. Highlights include:

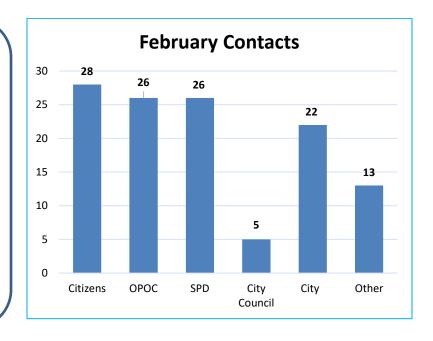
- OPO 23-10: A community member had concerns about the force that was used on their son and alleged it was excessive.
- OPO 23-11: A community member had a pleasant conversation with an officer who they believed was a great ambassador to Spokane; Commendation
- OPO 23-12: A community member had force used on them, and alleged it was excessive. The community member stated that the officers tried to apologize after it was determined they had the wrong person.
- OPO 23-13: A community member was frustrated with the demeanor of an officer who allegedly refused to give their name and badge number when asked.
- ER 23-04: A community member requested assistance due to abuse they were receiving while in a hospital; Office of Behavior Health Advocacy



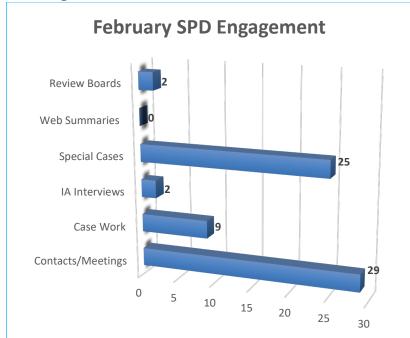
Contacts/Oversight:

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- 120 total contacts
- 7 OPO interviews were conducted
- 16 IA contacts
- 26 total SPD contacts



Oversight Activities



Case Work

9 - Cases certified

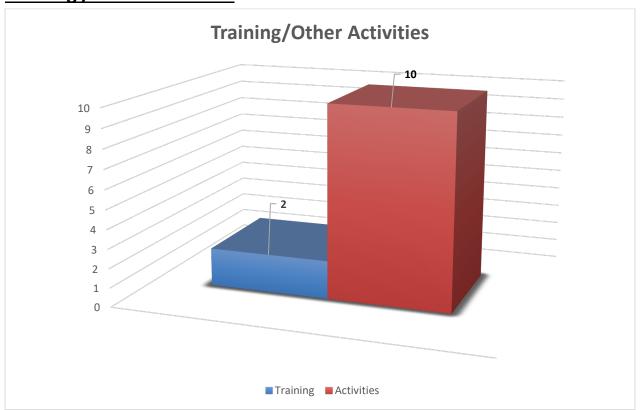
Review Boards

- 1 Use of Force
- 1 Collision/Pursuit

Review Board Cases

- 11 Uses of Force
- 1 K9
- 11 Collisions
- 2 Pursuits

Training / Other Activities



Highlights:

- Community Meetings / Events OPOC Meeting with Police and Community Panel, Going Away
 Event for the Wilburn's at the MLK Center
- Other Meetings Mayor's Quarterly Meeting, Leadership Spokane Meetings (2), Celebrate Recovery (4), Women's Outreach Event (4), P4C Workgroup from SCAR, Leadership Round Table Meeting
- Oversight / Outreach Meeting with the City Negotiation Team, NACOLE Board Meetings, other NACOLE Meetings (3)
- Training Leadership Training for Celebrate Recovery, SPD Spring In-Service Training

Upcoming:

- OPO / OPOC Annual Report
- WSCJTC Sub-Committee Meeting
- WSCJTC Committee Meeting
- OPOC Retreat

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/