

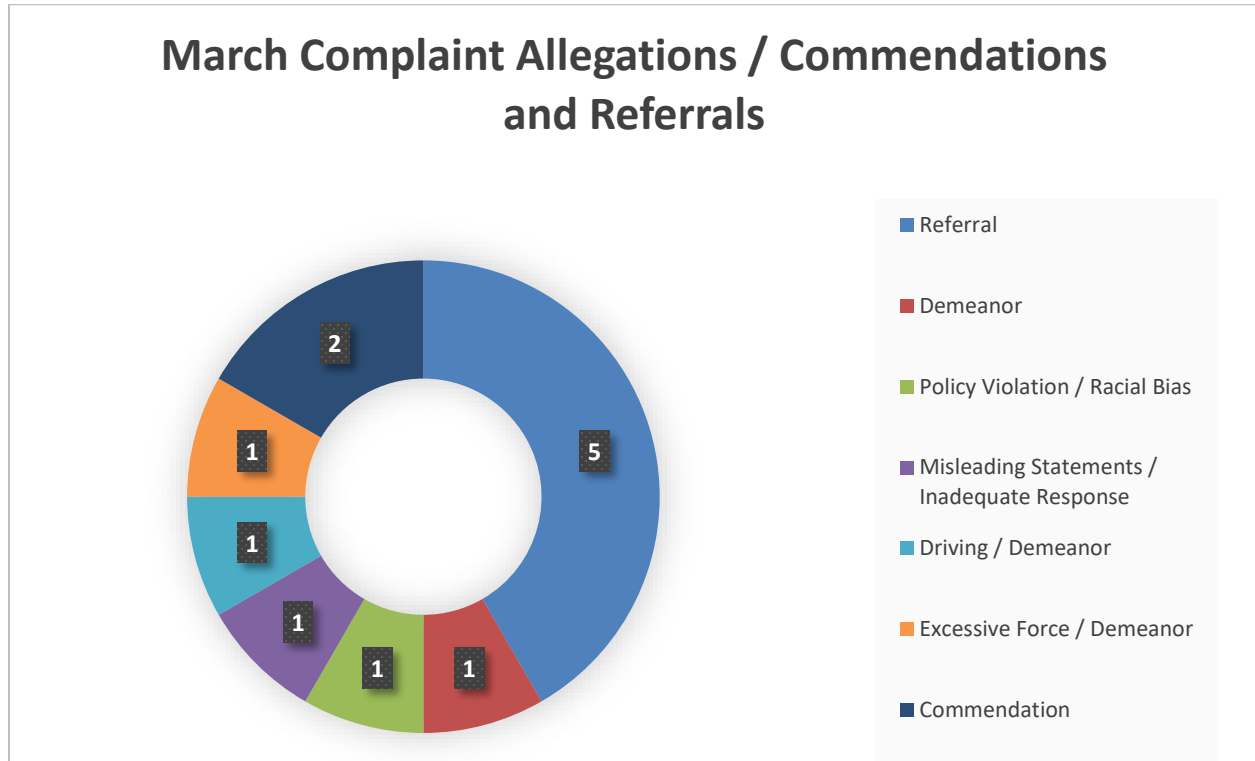


Office of the Police Ombudsman

Public Safety & Community Health Committee Report

Reporting Period: March 1 - 31, 2023

Complaints / Referrals / Contacts



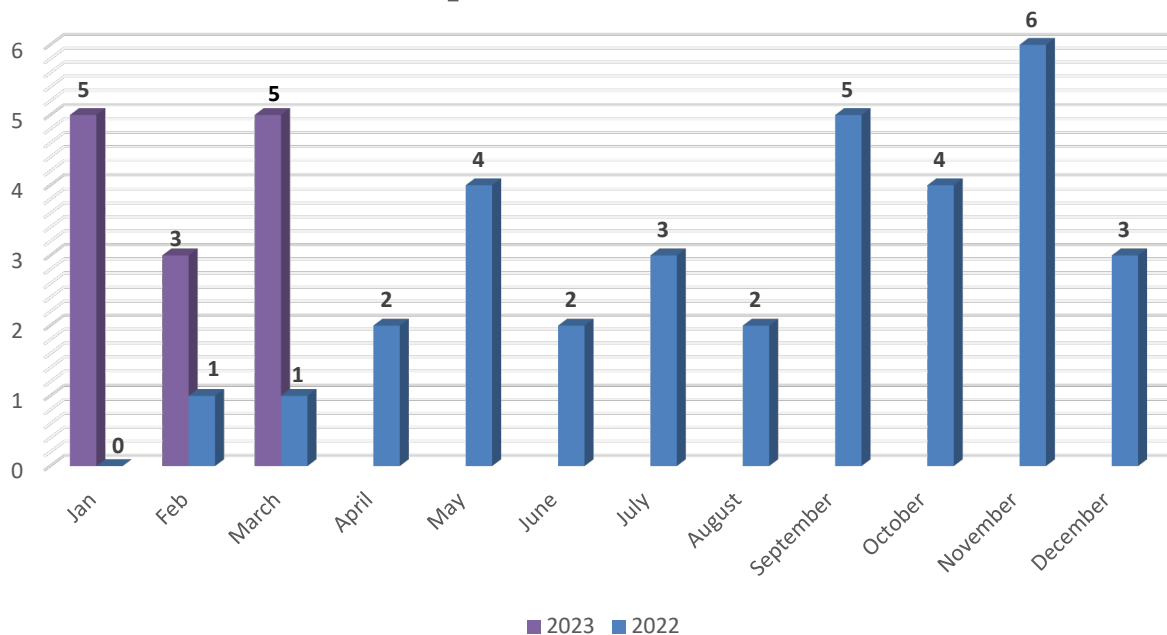
Highlights:

In March, the Office of the Police Ombudsman (OPO) submitted 5 complaints to Internal Affairs, 5 Referrals to various agencies and 2 Commendations to the Spokane Police Department.

Highlights include:

- OPO 23-14: A community member was frustrated with the response of SPD officers and their engagement with a person in a mental health crisis.
- OPO 23-15: An employee who works at the Upriver Dam wanted to thank the SPD officer who was able to redirect a person from trespassing on the property; Commendation
- OPO 23-16: A community member was concerned that appropriate steps were not taken to determine if a person was potentially driving under the influence in a motor vehicle accident. They also alleged there may be a racial component in the determination by the officer of who was at fault.
- OPO 23-17: A community member had concerns about an SPD officer driving in a high school parking lot and their demeanor when questioned about their driving.

Complaints 2022 vs. 2023



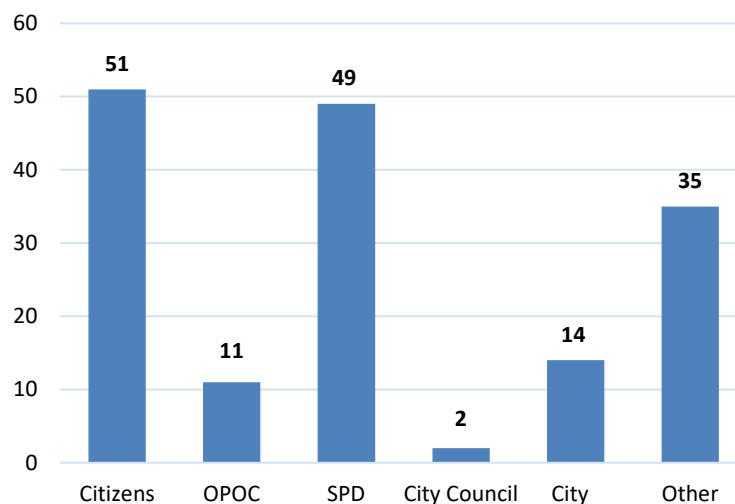
- The OPO has also submitted 6 commendations to SPD in 2023

Contacts / Oversight:

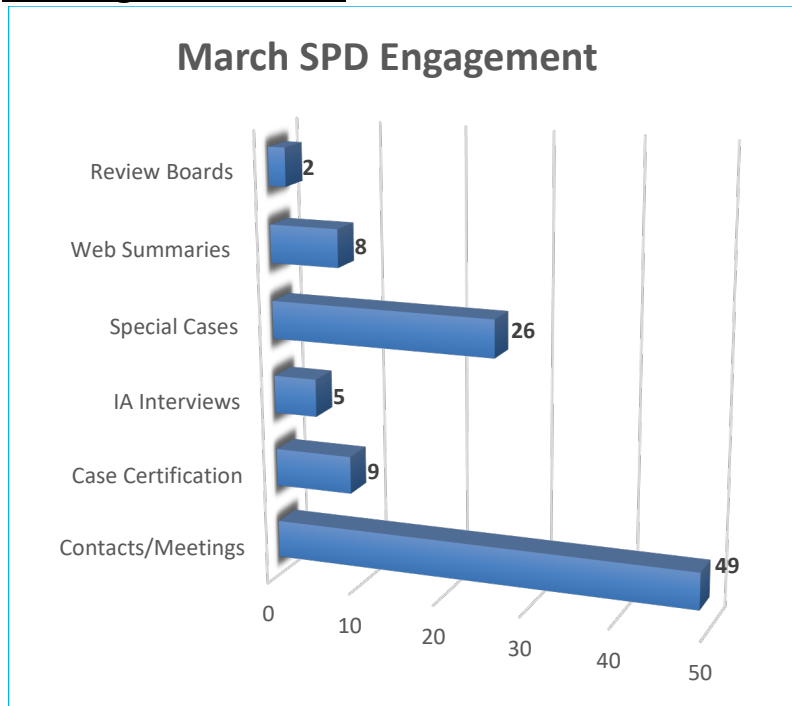
Contacts/Oversight

- 162 total contacts
- 11 OPO interviews were conducted
- 39 IA contacts
- 49 total SPD contacts

March Contacts



Oversight Activities



Case Work

9 – Cases certified
1 – Case returned for further investigation

Review Boards

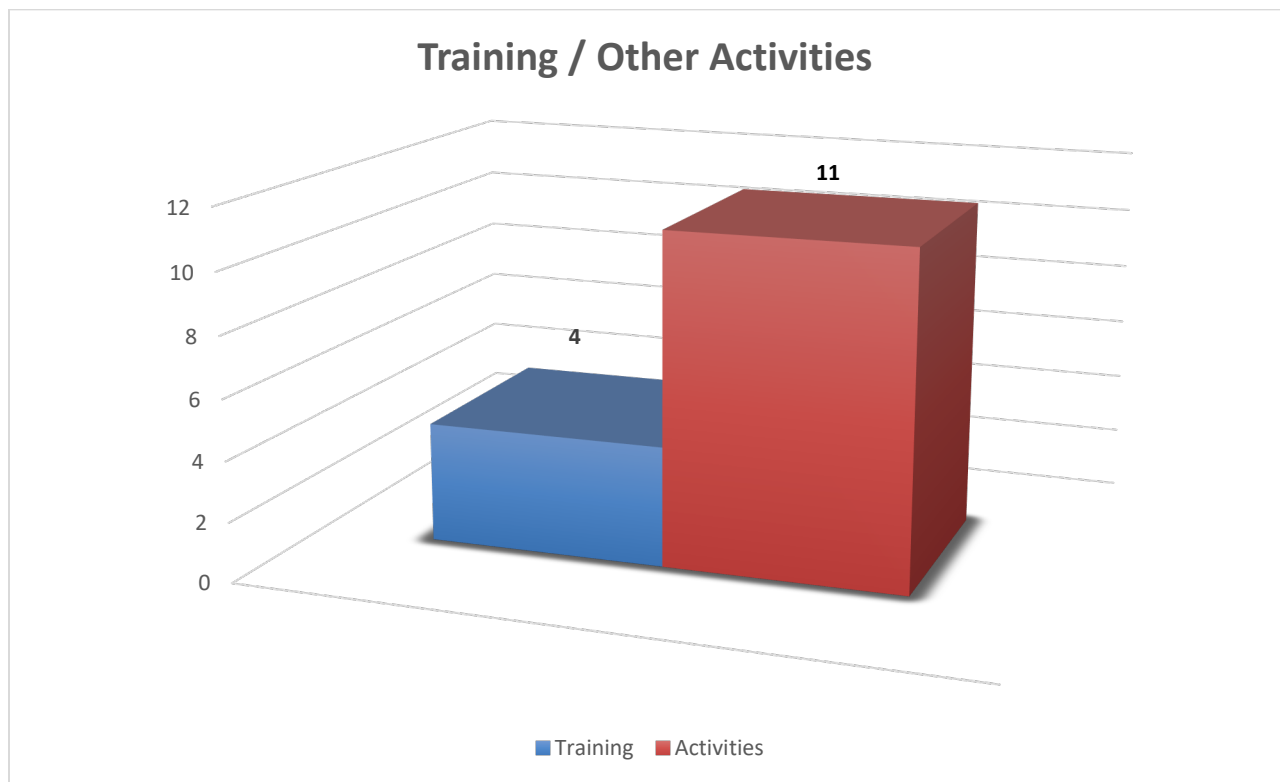
1 – Use of Force
1 – Collision / Pursuit

Review Board Cases

12 – Uses of Force
2 – K9
12 – Collisions
0 – Pursuits

1 Mediation Requested

Training / Other Activities



Highlights:

- Community Meetings / Events – OPOC Retreat, SPD Annual Awards Ceremony, Good Gab Podcast sponsored by Skils' Kin
- Other Meetings – PSCHC, Executive Session for the Spokane City Council, Leadership Spokane Meetings (3), Celebrate Recovery, Women's Outreach Event
- Oversight / Outreach – WSCJTC Meeting, WSCJTC Quarterly Meeting, WSCJTC Curriculum Review, NACOLE Board Meetings, other NACOLE Meetings (3), Peer to Peer meeting with team NOLA, Member Support and Advocacy Committee Meeting
- Training – SPD Spring In-Service Training, PRA Training on Law Enforcement Records, Oversight 101 Training for North Miami PD, NACOLE Investigator Forum Webinar

Upcoming:

- OPO / OPOC Annual Report
- WSCJTC Sub-Committee Meeting
- WSCJTC Committee Meeting
- Constitutional Policing Conference

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/>