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Public Safety & Community
Health Committee

Monthly Report

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CITY OF SPOKANE
OFFICE OF THE
POLICE OMBUDS

Highlights of activities

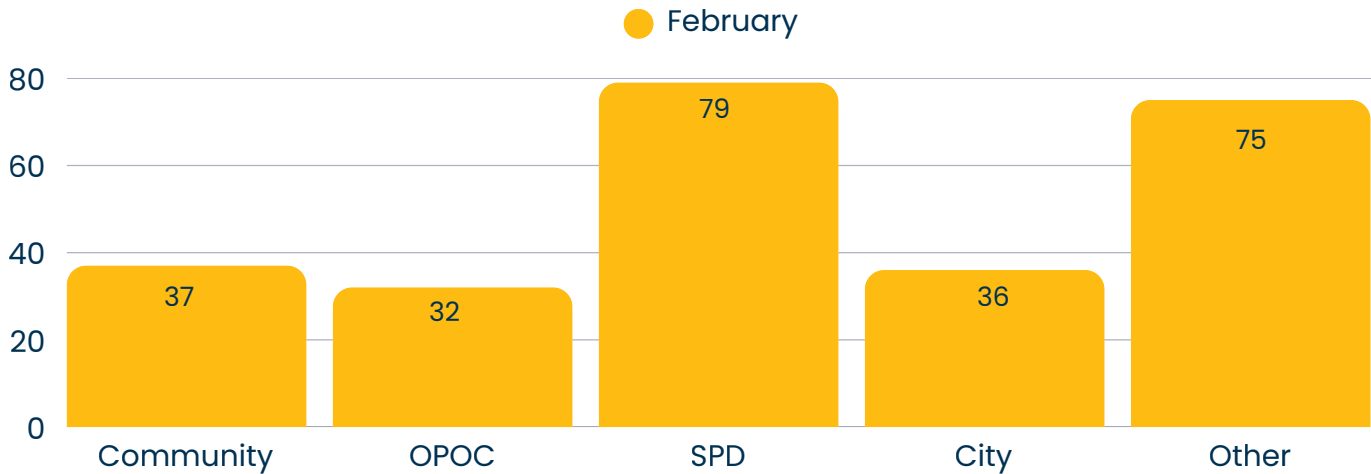
CURRENT	YTD	CONTACTS, COMPLAINTS, AND REFERRALS
259	496	Contacts
9	33	OPO interviews
1	2	Letters of officer appreciation / commendations
3	11	OPO generated complaints
9	21	Referrals to other agencies / departments
0	0	Cases offered to SPD for mediation
0	0	Mediations completed

CURRENT	YTD	IA INVESTIGATION OVERSIGHT
10	17	Cases certified
1	1	Cases returned for further investigation
0	1	Cases declined to certify
9	17	Web cases reviewed
9	31	Oversight of IA interviews

CURRENT	YTD	OTHER OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES
12	24	Special cases reviewed*
1	3	SPD review boards / D-ARPs
79	160	Meetings with SPD
8	22	Oversight meetings
18	38	Community meetings
4	8	Training
1	1	Critical incidents

*Use of Force, K9, Collisions, Pursuits, and Administrative Review

Contacts



COMMUNITY MEETINGS

- OPOC SPECIAL MEETING
- OPO MONTHLY MEETING
- LEADERSHIP SPOKANE
- SPOKESMAN REVIEW

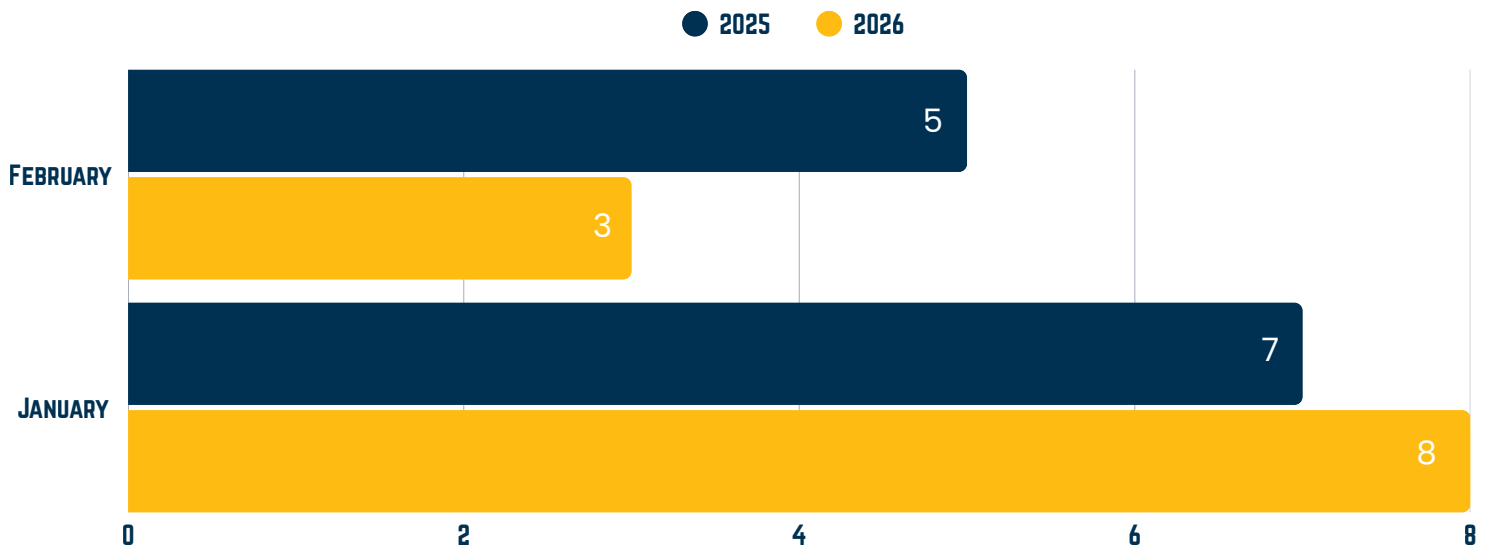
OPOC ACTIVITIES

- NAACP MEETING
- OPOC SPECIAL MEETING
- LEADERSHIP SPOKANE ACTIVITIES
- OPOC MONTHLY MEETING

OVERSIGHT / OUTREACH

- NACOLE BOARD (2)
- NACOLE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
- NACOLE CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
- WSCJTC AD HOC COMMITTEE
- WSCJTC SPECIAL MEETING
- SPD USE OF FORCE REVIEW BOARD
- MEETING WITH CHIEF HALL
- WASHINGTON COALITION FOR POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY
- WASHINGTON STATE CORRECTIONS OMBUDS

Complaints



Monthly comparison of OPO complaints

Summary of Complaints

OPO 26-09	A community member was concerned about an SPD officer's behavior while they were arresting a female.
OPO 26-10	A community member complained that they were being targeted based on their two interactions with an officer downtown.
OPO 26-11	A community member was concerned about an image set as an SPD officer's laptop background.

Letters of Appreciation

L 26-01	The Deputy Ombuds wrote a letter of appreciation for being allowed to attend Post-BLEA SPD Training
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Referrals

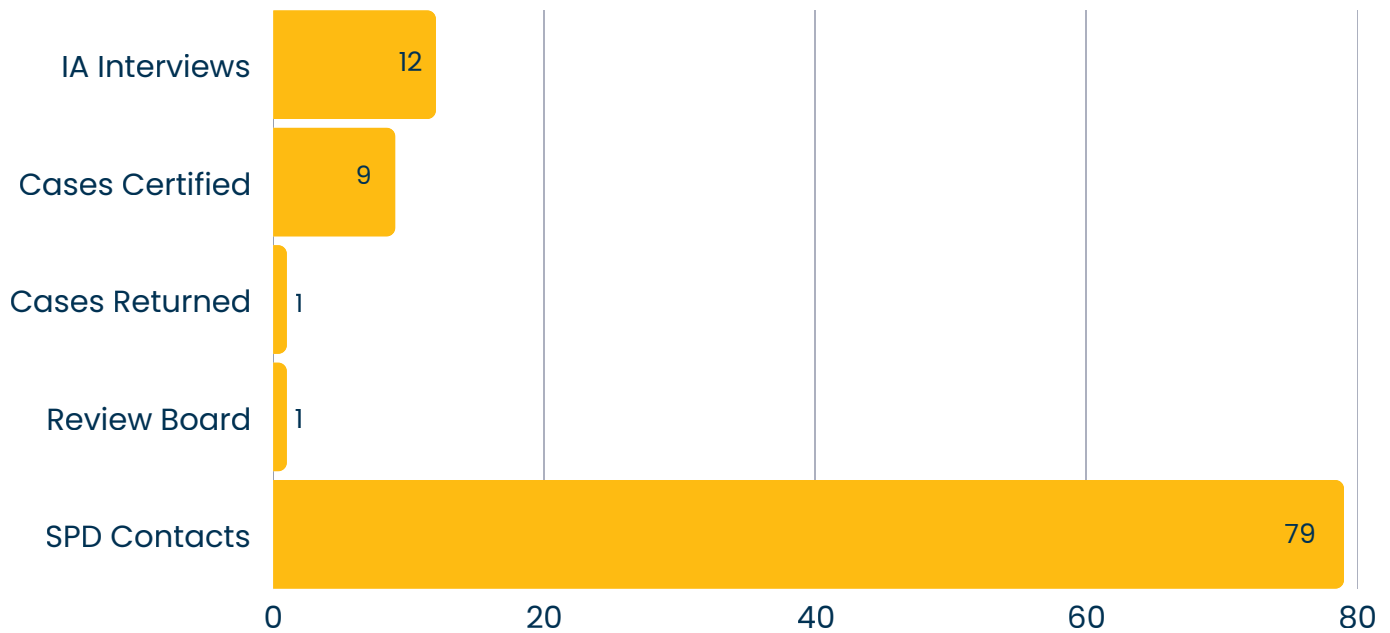
Type of Referral	#
Internal	5
External	4



SUMMARY OF REFERRALS

ER 26-13	A community member requested help to have an abandoned vehicle removed from in front of their home; Code Enforcement
ER 26-14	A community member made a complaint regarding an inadequate response to a DV incident; SCSO
IR 26-15	A community member was concerned with how suicide and prevention is handled; SPD / IA
IR 26-16	A community member was frustrated that the SPD will not respond to vehicles that are left running downtown; SPD/IA
ER 26-17	A community member was frustrated with the lack of care shown by deputies after being assaulted; SCSO
IR 26-18	A community member informed us that the SPD front desk phone was glitching and kept looping or kept you on hold for excessive time; SPD /IA
ER 26-19	A community member complained that excessive force was used during the booking process at the jail; Spokane County Detention Services
IR 26-20	A community member has not received follow up regarding their vehicle being broken into and their belongs stolen; SPD / IA
IR 26-21	A community member wanted to know why the SPD will not give back their guns after they were taken during a BHU hold; SPD / IA

Oversight Activities



TRAINING

- NACOLE WEBINAR – FOOT PURSUITS
- SPD IN-SERVICE TRAINING
- LEGAL LUNCHBOX SERIES– WRITING WELL UNDER PRESSURE
- FEBRUARY SAFETY SPOTLIGHT

UPCOMING

- DEPUTY POLICE OMBUDS INTERVIEW PANEL*
- JUNE 11TH PROTEST CLOSING REPORT
- OPO ANNUAL REPORT
- OPOC ANNUAL REPORT

OPOC Meetings – In person: Every 3rd Tuesday @ 5:30pm in City Hall | Virtual: available
For more information visit: <https://my.spokanecity.org/opoc>