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Public Safety & Community  
Health Committee

# Monthly Report

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OFFICE OF THE  
POLICE OMBUDS

## Highlights of activities

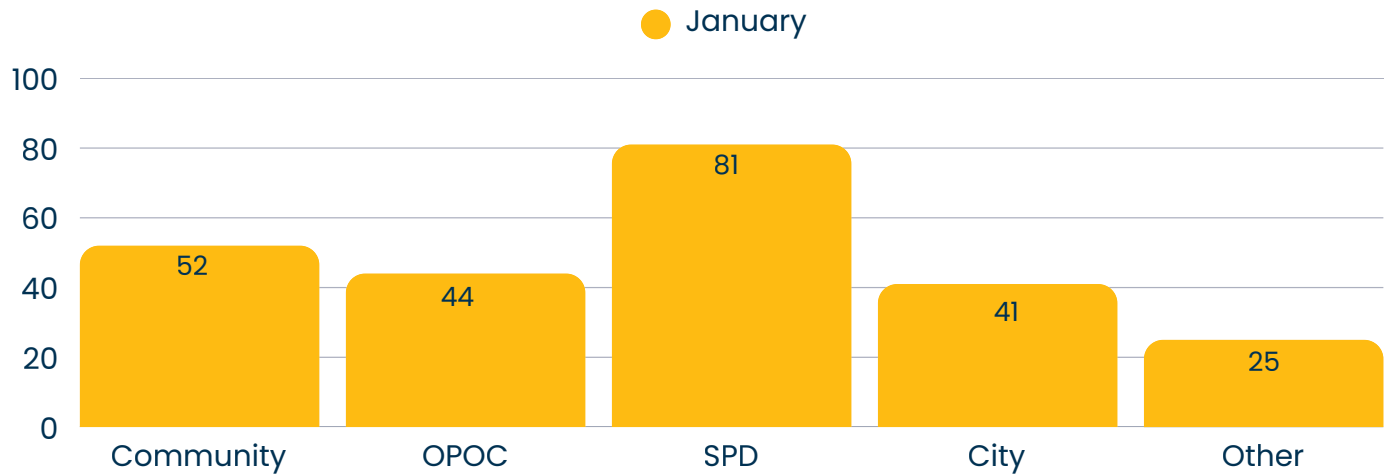
<b>CURRENT</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>CONTACTS, COMPLAINTS, AND REFERRALS</b>
237	237	Contacts
24	24	OPO interviews
1	1	Letters of officer appreciation / commendations
8	8	OPO generated complaints
12	12	Referrals to other agencies / departments
0	0	Cases offered to SPD for mediation
0	0	Mediation completed

<b>CURRENT</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>IA INVESTIGATION OVERSIGHT</b>
7	7	Cases certified
0	0	Cases returned for further investigation
1	1	Cases declined to certify
8	8	Web cases reviewed
22	22	Oversight of IA interviews

<b>CURRENT</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>OTHER OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES</b>
12	12	Special cases reviewed*
2	2	SPD review boards / D-ARPs
81	81	Meetings with SPD
14	14	Oversight meetings
20	20	Community meetings
4	4	Training
0	0	Critical incidents

\*Use of Force, K9, Collisions, Pursuits, and AR

## Contacts



### COMMUNITY MEETINGS

- OPOC MONTHLY MEETING
- DAVID NOVAK VIGIL

### OPOC ACTIVITIES

- NAACP MEETING
- OPOC MONTHLY MEETING
- LEADERSHIP SPOKANE EDUCATION DAY

### OVERSIGHT / OUTREACH

- NACOLE EXECUTIVE BOARD / COMMITTEE MEETINGS (2)
- NACOLE WINTER BOARD MEETING
- SPD USE OF FORCE REVIEW BOARD
- SPD COLLISION AND PURSUIT REVIEW BOARD
- MEETING WITH CHIEF HALL (2)
- IA BI-WEEKLY MEETING
- USOA PUBLIC SAFETY CHAPTER MEETING (2)

# Complaints

● 2025 ● 2026



Monthly comparison of OPO complaints

## Summary of Complaints

OPO 26-01	A community member complained of the SPD's lack of assistance during their call for service.
OPO 26-02	A community member complained that the officer they spoke with regarding their call to crime check had a bad attitude.
OPO 26-03	A community member complained that the responding officer did not know or understand the law regarding protection orders and property.
OPO 26-04	A community member was frustrated that their case regarding their vehicle that was broken into was never investigated.
OPO 26-05	A community member witnessed an SPD vehicle driving at a high rate of speed for weather conditions on I-90.
OPO 26-06	A community member alleges that an officer refused to listen to them and they were falsely arrested based on the officer's assumption and not facts.
OPO 26-07	A community member has concerns regarding potential Brady violations of multiple officers during court proceedings.
OPO 26-08	A community member complained about being targeted during a traffic stop.

## Referrals

Type of Referral	#
Internal	7
External	5



## SUMMARY OF REFERRALS

IR 26-01	The OPO received 3 letters from the Public Defender's office with concerns regarding potential Brady violations; SPD / IA
IR 26-02	A community member was frustrated that the system is letting their abuser utilize anonymous welfare checks to harass them; SPD / IA
IR 26-03	A company was frustrated that SPD Blotter data was removed and would like to know when it will be restored; SPD / IA
ER 26-04	An employee submitted concerns regarding the SPD Chief; Human Resources
IR 26-05	A community member was frustrated that their case would not be investigated and would like to understand why; SPD / IA
ER 26-06	A community member was frustrated by the Spokane County Sheriff's Office response; SCSO
ER 26-07	An SPD employee wanted to appeal discipline arising from alleged false statement; Civil Service (Referral also submitted to HR in ER 26-08)
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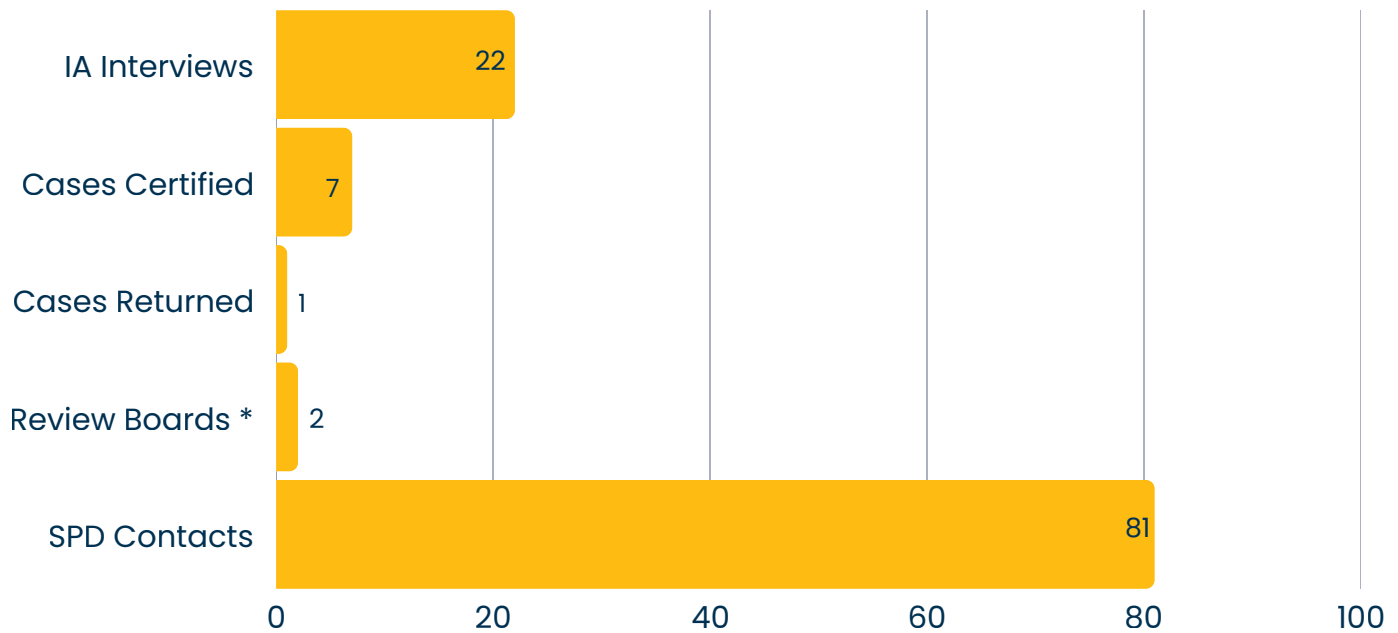
## Referrals – cont.

IR 26-09	A community member wanted to discuss fostering a stronger partnership and communication when SPD responds to their apartment complex; SPD / IA
IR 26-10	A community member was trying to get a hold of an officer who requested evidence from them; SPD / IA
ER 26-11	A community member was frustrated with their interaction with an SCSO Deputy, stating that they were excessively rude; SCSO
IR 26-12	A community member wanted to report they witnessed an SPD officer driving unsafely on I-90 (after an IA review this was not determined to be and SPD officer); SPD / IA

## LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

L26-01	The Deputy Ombuds wrote a letter of appreciation for being allowed to attend Pre-FTO BLEA Training
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## Oversight Activities



## TRAINING

- ATTENDED POST-BLEA SPD ACADEMY SESSIONS (8)
- JANUARY SAFETY SPOTLIGHT

## UPCOMING

- JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup> PROTEST CLOSING REPORT
- OPO ANNUAL REPORT
- OPOC ANNUAL REPORT

OPOC Meetings - In person: Every 3rd Tuesday @ 5:30pm in City Hall | Virtual: available  
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