JULY / 2026

Public Safety & Community Health Committee

Monthly Report

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Highlights of activities

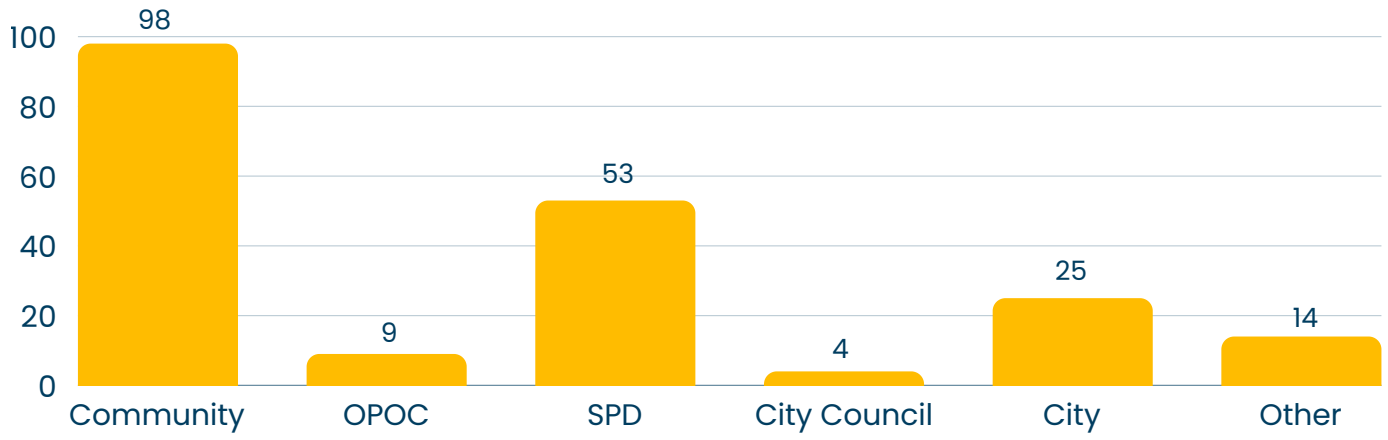
CURRENT	YTD	CONTACTS, COMPLAINTS, AND REFERRALS
203	1576	Contacts
17	102	OPO interviews
2	6	Letters of officer appreciation / commendations
6	43	Community complaints
7	39	Referrals to other agencies / departments
0	1	Cases offered to SPD for mediation
0	1	Mediations completed

CURRENT	YTD	IA INVESTIGATION OVERSIGHT
12	73	Cases certified
1	5	Cases returned for further investigation
0	2	Cases declined to certify
2	65	Web cases reviewed
14	84	Oversight of IA interviews

CURRENT	YTD	OTHER OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES
1	11	SPD review boards / D-ARPs
0	74	Special cases reviewed*
53	496	Meetings with SPD
12	72	Oversight meetings
11	85	Community meetings
5	36	Training
0	2	Critical incidents

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

Contacts



COMMUNITY MEETINGS

- SPOKANE CITY COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT PRESENTATION
- OPOC MONTHLY MEETING
- LEADERSHIP SPOKANE ALUMNI GATHERING
- COMMISSIONER WETZEL FUNERAL SERVICE
- WISHINGSTAR: SCOOP THERE IT IS
- MULTIPLE MEDIA REQUESTS

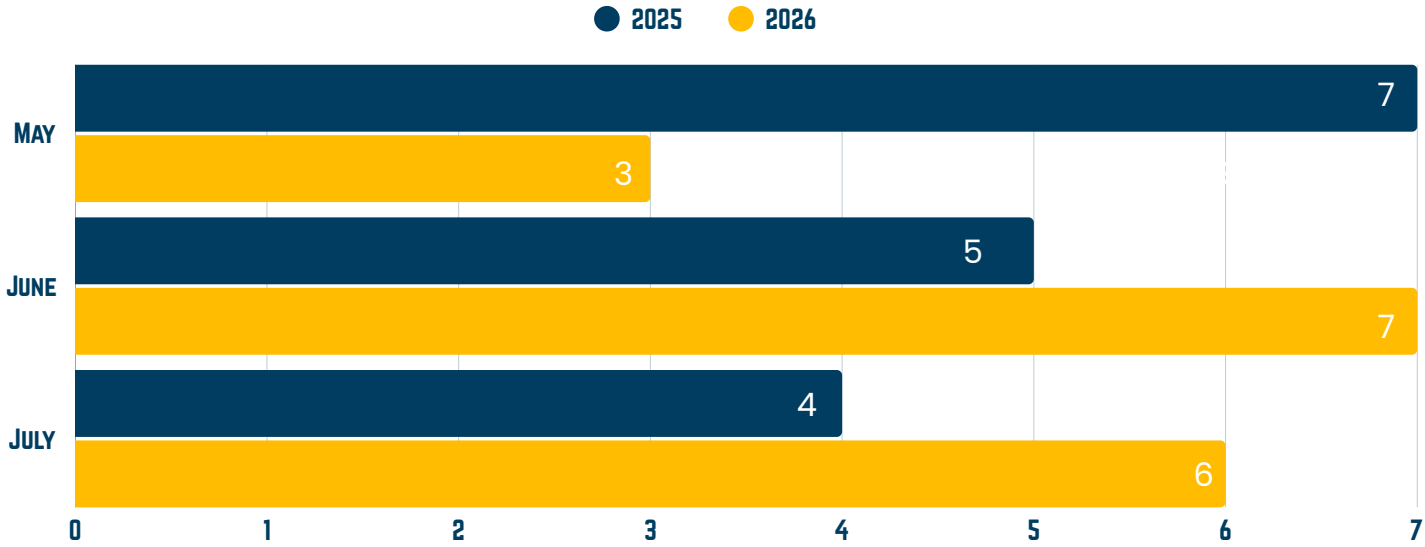
OPOC ACTIVITES

- OPOC MONTHLY MEETING
- NAACP GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
- SPOKANE CITY COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT PRESENTATION
- COMMISSIONER WETZEL FUNERAL SERVICE

OVERSIGHT / OUTREACH

- MEETING WITH MAYOR BROWN, CHIEF HALL, TAC LEADERSHIP, AND POLICE GUILD
- IA / OPO BI-WEEKLY MEETING
- SPD DEADLY FORCE REVIEW BOARD
- WSCJTC COMMISSION MEETING
- NACOLE BOARD / EXECUTIVE / FINANCE / ELECTION AND BYLAWS MEETINGS
- MEETINGS WITH COUNCIL MEMBERS DILLON AND DIXIT

Complaints



Monthly comparison of OPO complaints

Summary of Complaints

OPO 26-38	A community member was frustrated that officers demanded they take a relative's belongings, which ended up having drug paraphernalia in them.
OPO 26-39	A community member was frustrated with the demeanor of an officer who was directing traffic.
OPO 26-40	A community member alleged that an SPD officer is being allowed to break Spokane County Zoning laws which has become a nuisance to the community.
OPO 26-41	A community member was frustrated with the lack of investigation related to an incident that occurred with their sibling.
OPO 26-42	A community member alleged that their rights were violated by SPD.
OPO 26-43	A community member complained about the force used by an SPD officer to handcuff them.

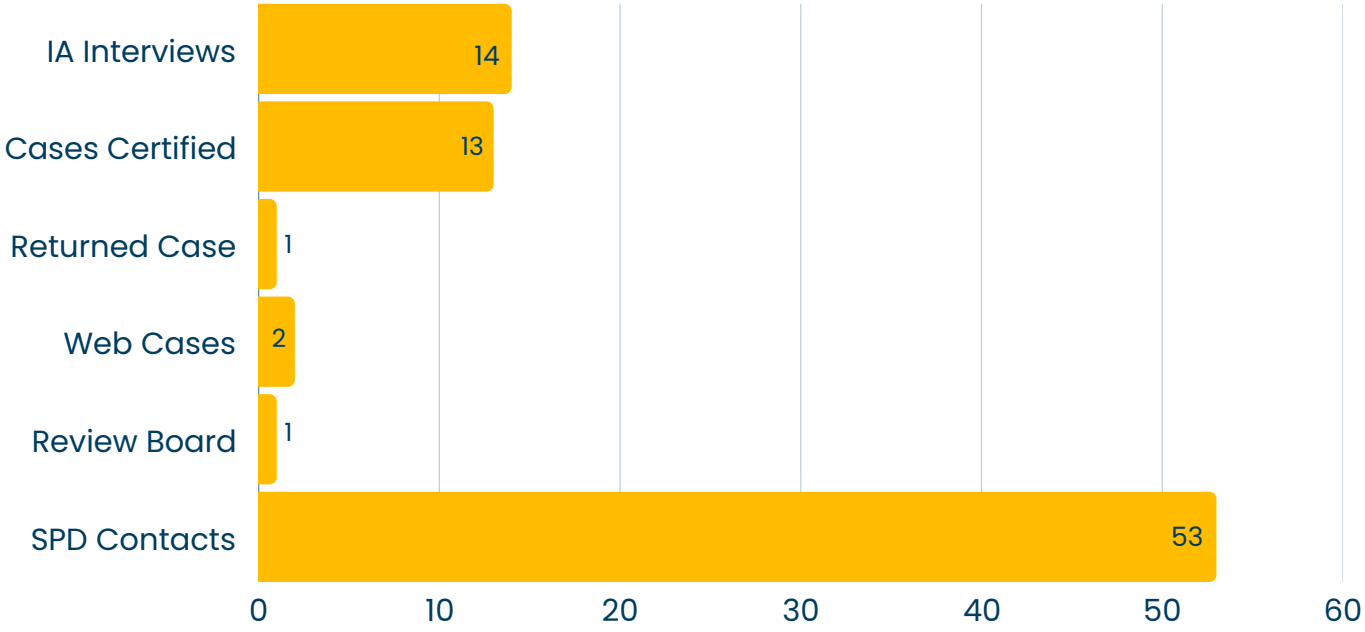
REFERRALS

Type of Referral	#
Internal	6
External	1

SUMMARY OF REFERRALS

IR 26-33	A community member would like to discuss why their relative's death is not being investigated; SPD / IA
IR 26-34	A community member wanted an update on the death of a child in their neighborhood; SPD / IA
IR 26-35	A community member was frustrated that SPD will not help them get back their property that showed up on Facebook Marketplace; SPD / IA
IR 26-36	A community member was frustrated with the priorities of crime enforcement by the SPD; SPD / IA
IR 26-37	A community member wanted to speak with someone regarding the response to their childs vehicle accident; SPD / IA
IR 26-38	A community member wanted help to get their wallet back from SPD; SPD / IA
ER 26-39	A community member was frustrated with how they were treated by the jail staff; Department of Corrections

Oversight Activities



TRAINING

- JULY SAFETY SPOTLIGHT (3)
- SPD SUPERVISOR TRAINING

UPCOMING

- CLOSING REPORT
- UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY
- OPOC RETREAT: OCTOBER 2026
- NACOLE ANNUAL CONFERENCE: NOVEMBER 2026

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