

MARCH / 2026



Public Safety & Community
Health Committee

Monthly Report

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CITY OF SPOKANE
OFFICE OF THE
POLICE OMBUDS

Highlights of activities

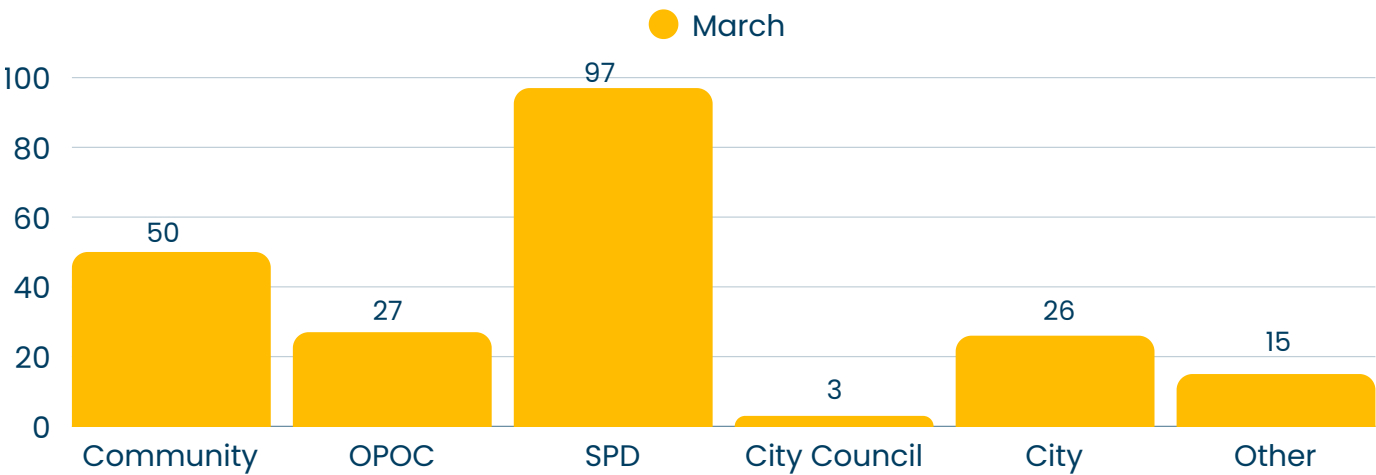
CURRENT	YTD	CONTACTS, COMPLAINTS, AND REFERRALS
218	714	Contacts
14	47	OPO interviews
0	2	Letters of officer appreciation / commendations
6	17	OPO generated complaints
4	25	Referrals to other agencies / departments
0	0	Cases offered to SPD for mediation
0	0	Mediations completed

CURRENT	YTD	IA INVESTIGATION OVERSIGHT
9	26	Cases certified
1	2	Cases returned for further investigation
0	1	Cases declined to certify
10	25	Web cases reviewed
16	50	Oversight of IA interviews

CURRENT	YTD	OTHER OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES
12	36	Special cases reviewed*
1	4	SPD review boards / D-ARPs
97	257	Meetings with SPD
12	34	Oversight meetings
15	53	Community meetings
5	13	Training
0	1	Critical incidents

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

Contacts



COMMUNITY MEETINGS

- RENEWAL FORMATION
- WSCJTC DIRECTOR RETIREMENT
- GONZAGA BULLETIN MEDIA INQUIRY
- LEADERSHIP SPOKANE
- KREM MEDIA REQUEST

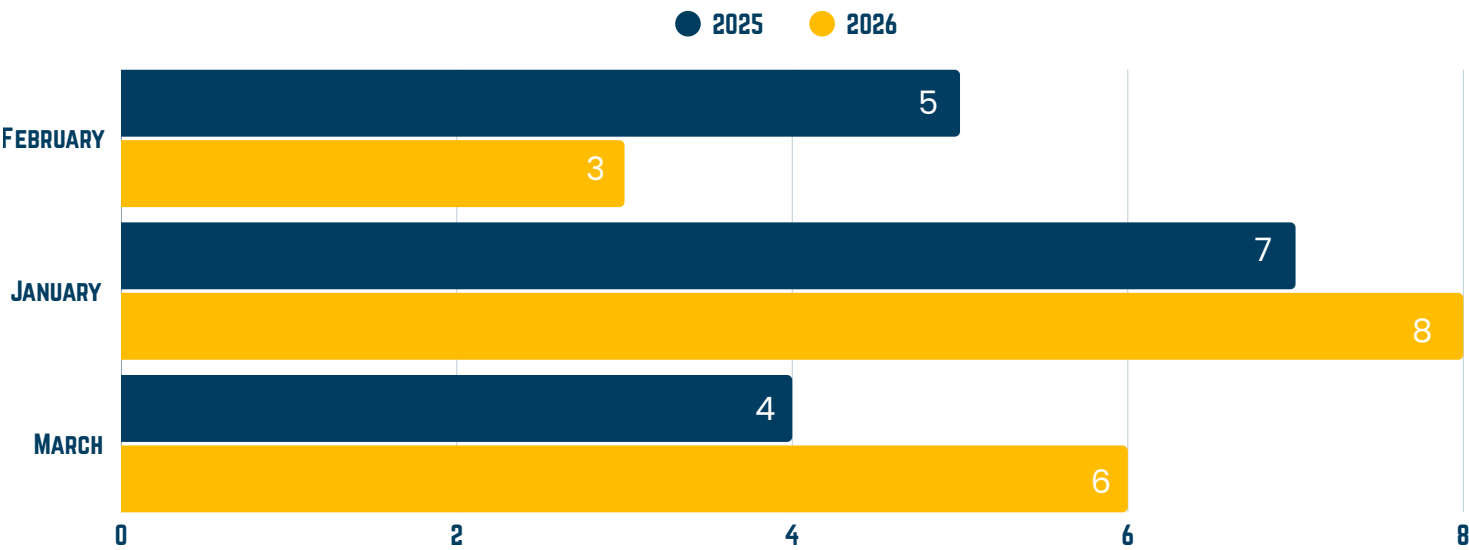
OPOC ACTIVITES

- 20 YEARS REMEMBERING OTTO ZEHM VIGIL
- NAACP MEETING
- LEADERSHIP SPOKANE ACTIVITIES
- NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING

OVERSIGHT / OUTREACH

- MEETING WITH CHIEF HALL
- SPD USE OF FORCE REVIEW BOARD
- POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DISCUSSION – BERKLEY OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY
- NACOLE BOARD / EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS
- NACOLE FINANCE / ELECTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE MEETINGS
- WSCJTC COMMISSION MEETING

Complaints



Monthly comparison of OPO complaints

Summary of Complaints

OPO 26-12	A community member was concerned about an SPD officer's behavior while they were arresting a female.
OPO 26-13	A community member stated that SPD officers used force on them when they stated that they did not need to speak with officers.
OPO 26-14	A community member stated that their case was not investigated thouroughly due to the officer's bias regarding the complainants gender.
OPO 26-15	A community member witnessed an SPD vehicle being driven at a high rate of speed with no emergency lights west bound on I-90.
OPO 26-16	A community member's attorney contacted the OPO regarding a concern of a pattern of harassment.
OPO 26-17	A community member was frustrated with the lack of de-escalation skills demonstrated by responding officers in a highly emotional situation involving the death of an animal.

Referrals

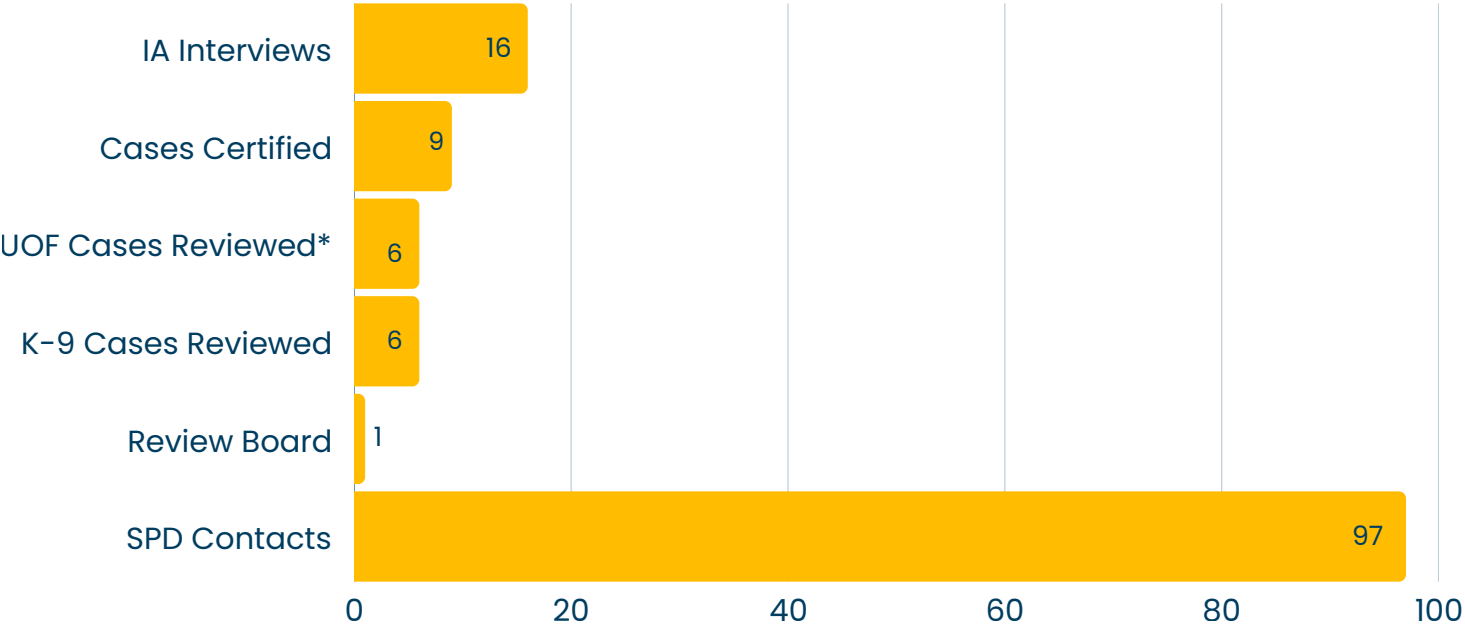
Type of Referral	#
Internal	2
External	2



SUMMARY OF REFERRALS

IR 26-22	A community member was frustrated that a woman was not arrested for DUI Hit and Run; SPD / IA
ER 26-23	A community member made a complaint that they have been harassed by the Sheriff's Department; SCSO
ER 26-24	A community member was concerned about how they have been billed by the City of Spokane Utilities Department; Utility Billing Department
IR 26-25	A community member was frustrated that the SPD knocked on their door excessively just to take a report; SPD/IA

Oversight Activities



TRAINING

- FEBRUARY SAFETY SPOTLIGHT
- MARCH SAFETY SPOTLIGHT
- NACOLE QUARTERLY JAILS AND PRISON FORUM
- SPD PRESENTATION: PRINCIPLES AND APPLICATION OF IDENTITY-BASED CROWD PSYCHOLOGY BY PROFESSOR STOTT
- RDT LEADERSHIP TRAINING

UPCOMING

- DEPUTY POLICE OMBUDS INTERVIEW PANEL*
- CLOSING REPORT C25-065
- 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>

*UOF: Use of Force