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Director Jacqui MacConnell
Spokane Police Division
1100 W. Mallon Avenue
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RE: R17-01 – Utilizing the Police Advisory Committee

Dear Director MacConnell,

I have attended several Police Advisory Committee ("PAC") meetings in my capacity as the Police Ombudsman. Based on my observations, I feel that Spokane Police Division ("SPD") can implement a number of changes to maximize the usefulness of the PAC in order to further effective communication and relationships between the public and the police department. After/during a recent PAC meeting, Mr. James Wilburn commented on what the purpose of PAC should be.

SPD specifically often utilizes the PAC prior to releasing information and body camera footage in regards to Officer Involved Shootings. It is my recommendation that SPD also provide the PAC examples from the Use of Force Review Board, the Collision Review Board, and the Pursuit Review Board to gain a glimpse of how the various community groups might view some of those cases. It would also serve to highlight the amount of scrutiny and due care that SPD gives to specific cases which would also enhance communication and relationships between the public and the police department. While it would not be effective for every case to come before the PAC, I believe that the PAC can be more efficiently utilized to provide citizen scrutiny on incidents the community cares about. Members of the PAC are an existing group of individuals who are already invested in committing time to advise SPD; they have already been screened; and they have signed non-disclosure agreements.

Thus, I recommend SPD utilize the PAC to gather input on issues of concern to the community to prime SPD's plan of action and anticipated response from cases that have been reviewed by the Use of Force Review Board, the Collision Review Board, and the Pursuit Review Board.

Sincerely,

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