



# SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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**CHIEF OF POLICE**

## Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C18-080 OPO Number: N/A  
Date of Complaint: 9/14/2018  
Allegation: Demeanor  
Chain of Command Finding: Mediation  
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

### INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

The complainant met officers who were working an extra-duty assignment at Temple Beth Shalom. During the detail, two of the officers were approached by the complainant and asked why they were working at the Temple that day. One of the officers stated that they were there for the protection of the complainant and others. The complainant then asked if the officers provided the same services at mosques. One of the officers replied with a comment that the complainant found to be offensive.

### COMPLAINT

The complainant relayed her concerns about the interaction over social media. The post came to the attention of the Chief, who opened an Internal Affairs complaint.

### INVESTIGATION

The investigation included an interview of the complainant, a witness, and interviews of involved officers, as well as a review of emails, Facebook post, and news articles about the interaction. A mediation was scheduled for the complainant and the officers. The mediation successfully resolved the issues.

### ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The complaint was closed by mediation. The complainant wrote the Chief to express her gratitude about the experience and that she felt the mediation process worked. Additionally, the officers met with Muslim community members over coffee later on. The community members invited the officers to attend services at the Mosque to experience the 30-plus different cultures of people that attend.