



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT
CHIEF OF POLICE
CRAIG N. MEIDL

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C21-077 OPO Number: 21-38
Date of Complaint: 11/18/2021
Allegation: Policy Violation
Chain of Command Finding: Exonerated
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

A Spokane Police Officer took a Spokane city council candidate on a ride-along. This followed the candidate's appearance at a Spokane Police Guild meeting, where she was seeking a political endorsement. The officer who hosted the candidate on a ride along later posted information regarding the city council candidate.

COMPLAINT:

The complainant alleged the police officer engaged in political activity on duty. She further alleged that a Spokane Police Guild member was rude to her when she inquired about the posted information.

INVESTIGATION:

The investigator interviewed the accused officer and the complainant. The investigator viewed numerous SPD policies and the Spokane Police Guild's contract with the City of Spokane.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

The investigation concluded the ride along was consistent with other community members being offered a ride-along. The information provided about the political candidate was not inaccurate and the officer's conduct did not violate an SPD policy that governs on-duty political activities.

