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Strategic Initiatives
April 2018 Report

Public Safety and Community Health Committee Briefing
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Selected Excerpts of Officer Commendation Letters

I recently attended the Spokane STOP traffic school. I wanted to take a minute to express my appreciation to Spokane Police Department for offering this class. First of all, this is a great concept in that it allows us to take responsibility for our actions by voluntarily choosing to spend personal time in exchange for education and the infraction not being reported to the insurance companies. I can honestly say I am much more motivated to drive safely as a result of the class rather than just getting a ticket. The instructors in the class (one of which was **Officer Ken Applewhaite**) were professional, informative and also very respectful and fun. They treated us as adults and created a relaxed learning environment. I learned a lot about our driving laws, and it was also a great chance to interact with Police Officers in a positive context. I cannot say enough how fantastic this program is, and I hope to see more of this in the future. Thank you for your service to our community.

-K. O.

This may sound weird but I was pulled over yesterday and I just wanted to thank the officer for being a total professional. I didn't get a chance to tell the man how much I appreciate his service to the citizens. I would really like to thank the officer and to all the others who really make Spokane probably the safest place I've ever been.

- P. S.

I wanted to thank you, and your wonderful staff for acting so quickly for us to be able to move forward with the 7th No Fear in Love 6-mile Race March 11 at SFCC to promote healthy relationships in 16-24 year old individuals. **Major Kevin King** was very responsive and professional with me to address the issue at hand. Additionally, when I was lost in the permit building and there was no impetus other than his kindness, **Bart Logue**, your amazing Police Ombudsman, encouraged me to press forward despite the circumstances, and was very civic in his position to refer me to council people, that may be interested in promoting the race in the last couple of days. With all of these experiences with your department, it is obvious that all of you deeply care for the constituents you serve, and that makes me feel inspired to live in Spokane, since I am from the east coast, and to continue pursuing the mission/vision of NFILR.

-Karen Bontrager, ICF-trained Coach, Healthy Relationship Advocate & Scholar Director of the No Fear in Love Race





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Internal Affairs Unit Update

January 1 through February 28, 2018 Commendations and Complaints

Commendations Received: **Total: 17**

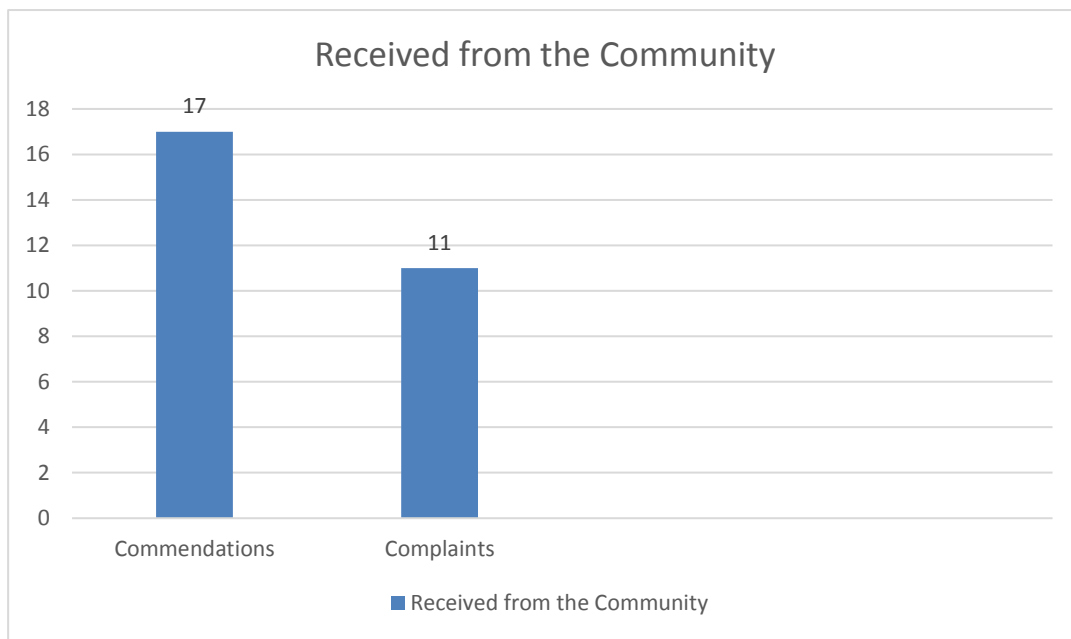
Complaints Received: **Total: 17**

Closed Out as Inquiries: 0 (As of February 28, 2018)

An inquiry is an initial complaint about employee conduct which, even if true, would not qualify as a personnel complaint and may be handled informally by a department supervisor and shall not be considered complaints.

Source of 2018 Complaints*

Received by the Office of Police Ombudsman	Total: 8
Received by the Spokane Police Department	Total: 9
Internally Generated by the SPD	Total: 6
Generated by the Community	Total: 11





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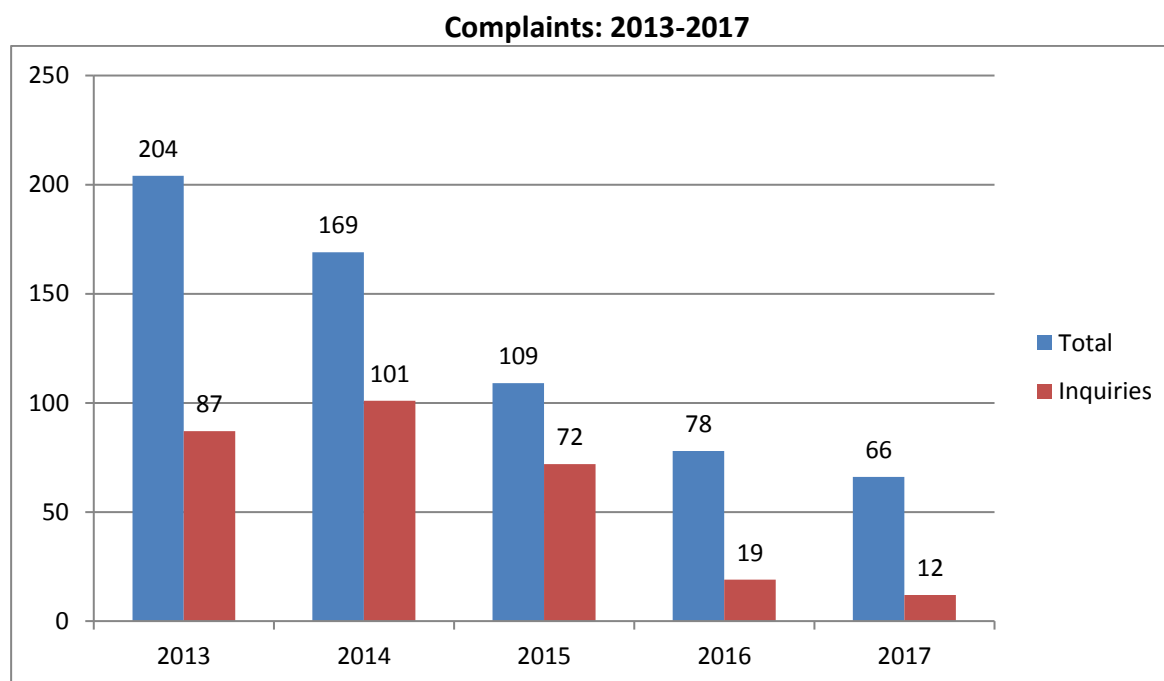
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Prior Year Complaint Totals, 2013-2017

- 2013: 204 Complaints (87 were inquiries)
- 2014: 169 Complaints (101 were inquiries)
- 2015: 109 Complaints (72 were inquiries)
- 2016: 78 Complaints (20 were inquiries)
- 2017: 66 Complaints (12 were inquiries as of January 31, 2017)

Complaints have reduced by 68% since 2013.



Use of Force Update

2018 Non-Deadly Reportable Use of Force Incidents

From January 1-February 28, 2018, there were 23 non-deadly use of force incidents, including 4 K9 contacts and 19 other (e.g., TASER, neck restraint).

2018 Deadly Use of Force Incidents

From January 1-February 28, 2018, there were no deadly force incidents. One deadly force incident took place on March 12, 2018.

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Officer-Involved Shooting Incidents Update (through March 20, 2018)

2018

Incident 2018-20045627 (Under SIRR investigation)

Incident 2018-20045627 occurred on March 12, 2018, in the 5300 block of North Regal. The Spokane Investigative Regional Response Team (SIRR) is currently investigating.

2017

Incident 2017-10085419 (pending Chief review)

Incident 2017-10085419 took place July 3, 2017, in the 5900 block of North Mount Vernon Street. Spokane Investigative Regional Response Team (SIRR) completed the criminal investigation. The Prosecutor ruled the shooting was justified. The SPD internal investigation is completed. The case is with Chief Meidl for review.

Incident 2017-20185893 (pending Administrative Review Panel)

Incident 2017-20185893 took place on 9/18/2017, in the area of Monroe/Sinto. The Spokane Investigative Regional Response Team (SIRR) completed the criminal investigation. The Prosecutor ruled the shooting was justified. The SPD internal investigation is complete. The case is with the Administrative Review Panel.

Incident 2017-20197756 (Under Administrative investigation)

Incident 2017-20197756 took place on 10/4/2017, in the 2300 block of West Wellesley. The Spokane Investigative Regional Response Team (SIRR) completed the criminal investigation. The Prosecutor ruled the shooting was justified. The SPD internal investigation is ongoing.

Incident 2017-20235296 (Under SIRR investigation)

Incident 2017-20235296 took place on 11/28/2017 in the 2900 block of East Rowan. The Spokane Investigative Regional Response Team (SIRR) is currently investigating.

Incident 2017-20253538 (Under SIRR investigation)

Incident 2017-20253538 took place on 12/26/2017 in the Safeway parking lot at Northwest Blvd. The Spokane Investigative Regional Response Team (SIRR) is currently investigating.





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Precinct Highlights

Downtown Precinct Highlights

Youth Engagement

Downtown Precinct officers attended several events in the community with children. Pictured below, several officers (including Downtown NROs) join Tanner for his birthday party. Tanner had sent a birthday party invitation to the department.



North Precinct Highlights

Updating Camping and Park Ordinances

North Precinct Captain Torok has been working with the City Attorney's Office, City Parks, Code Enforcement, and City Council to update the city ordinances in regards to camping in public areas and parks. City leaders discovered the need for ordinances last year while working on a better way to deal with the complaints coming into the various city departments regarding urban campers. The new ordinances will be going before the Parks Board and City Council in the next month.

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The ordinances will clarify the definition of camping. The ordinances will be written so that when a citation is necessary, the citation will be routed to Community Court, which will connect individuals who need assistance with the various organizations that work with Community Court to help them improve their situation. Ultimately, this helps the City deal with the complaints, keep our City safe, and respond to urban campers with compassion.

South Precinct Highlights

Coffee with a Cop at Twenty-Seventh Heaven

South Precinct officers enjoyed meeting community members at the Coffee with a Cop event on February 21, 2018 at Twenty-Seventh Heaven Scratch Bakery. The bakery was packed and the South Precinct staff look forward to holding future Coffee with a Cop events there.





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Outreach Update

Community Outreach Unit Summary

- Coffee with a Cop (2/21)
- Faith Alliance Community Leaders meeting (2/21)
- YMCA Homework Club (2/22)
- NATIVE Project Pow Wow (2/23)
- Chase Middle School First Responder Appreciation Assembly (2/23)—see photo
- Juvenile Court Coordination of Services presentation (2/26)
- GREAT (anti-gang program) Graduation at Stevens Elementary (2/28)
- Spokane Public Schools School Board meeting (2/28)
- Martin Luther King Family Outreach Center Movie Field Trip (3/1)
- Youth & Police Initiative (YPI) graduation at Ferris High School (3/7)
- Chase Youth Awards (3/8)
- Youth & Police Initiative (YPI) at Rogers High School (3/13-3/21)
- Meeting with NATIVE Project (3/13)
- Holmes Elementary Reading Night (3/15)
- World Relief Orientation (3/16)
- School & Community Partnership meeting (3/20)
- Youth Night at Martin Luther King Family Outreach Center (3/23)



At left, SPD officers and SPD Fire personnel at the Chase Middle School First Responder Appreciation Assembly





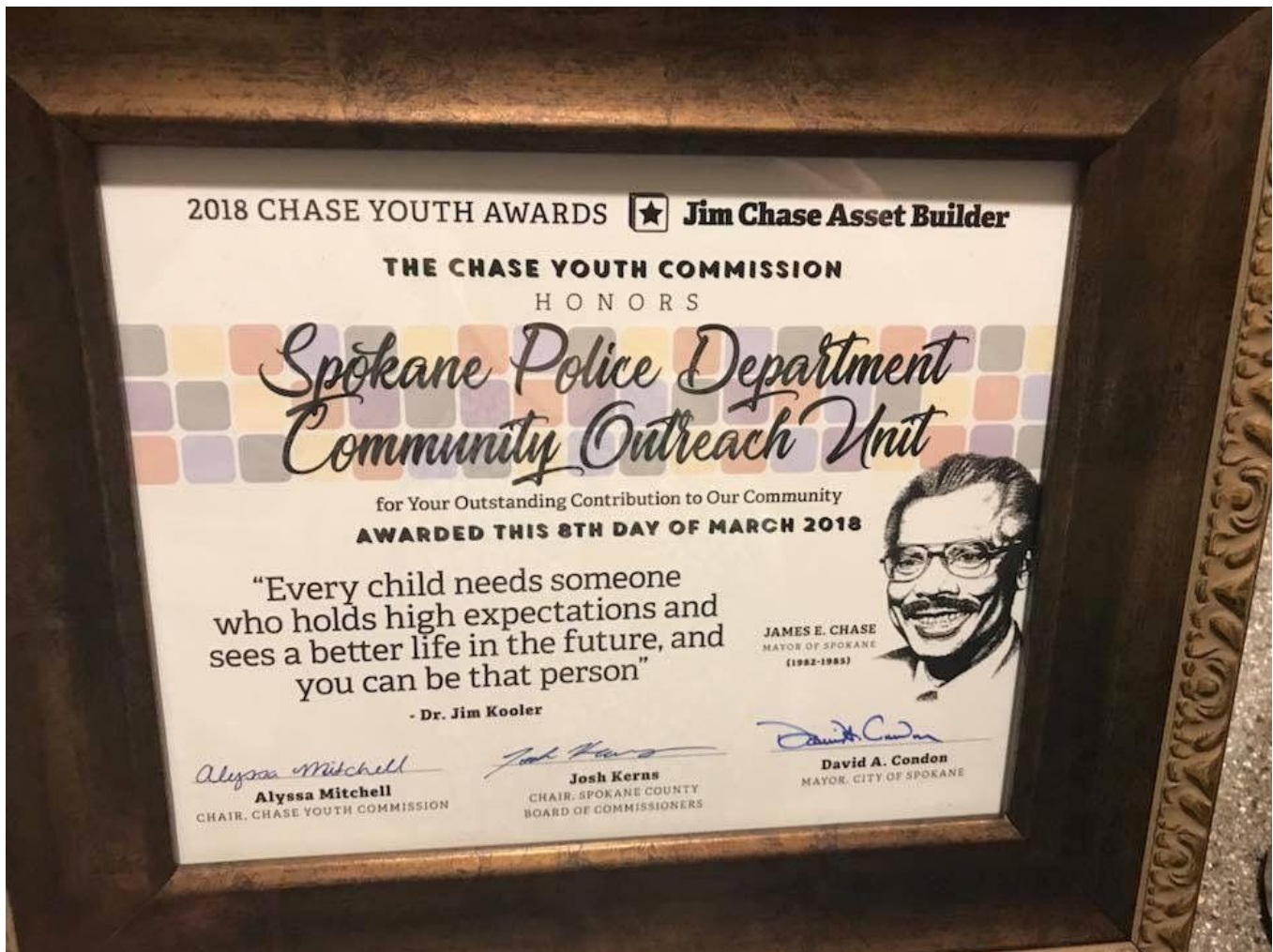
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2018 Chase Youth Awards

The SPD Community Outreach Unit was a recipient of the 2018 Jim Chase Asset Builder Award for outstanding contributions to the community.





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Above, Chief Craig Meidl, Sergeant Rich Meyer, Captain Tracie Meidl, Director Jacqui MacConnell, Officer Matt Stewart, Officer Jenn DeRuwe, Officer Scott Hice, and Sergeant Glenn Bartlett at the 2018 Chase Youth Awards.



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Read Across America

SPD patrol officers enjoyed visiting elementary schools on National Read Across America Day 2018. Read Across America is the nation's largest celebration of reading, focusing coast-to-coast attention on the importance and the joys of reading.

