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Strategic Initiatives
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Selected Excerpts of Officer Commendation Letters

Detective Stacey Carr, I just wish to thank you on all your hard work on closing down that horrible drug house at [location withheld]. We have our neighborhood back—people and kids are back outside and it's nice and peaceful again. I'm not scared. I can open the curtains again. None of us realized how hard you worked. You went all out and we thank you at the bottoms of our hearts. It's so wonderful to have people like you protecting us. Also thanks to **Officer [Shaney] Redmon** for helping.

-Name withheld

I would like to express my most sincere and heartfelt thanks to the Spokane Police Department SWAT members. By the coordination of **Sergeant Jay Kernkamp**, **Officers Nick Briggs and David Stone** brought the Bearcat and other SWAT equipment to show our students at Meadow Ridge Elementary. These students earned this special reward as part of our weekly school-wide positive behavior support system. Of all of our rewards for this system, your SWAT members created the most powerful and influential reward to date. Students were in awe of the knowledge, technology, courage, bravery, and kindness they were shown. This presentation left a lasting positive impact on many students. As a matter of fact, many of my own first-grade students now tell me they want to be police officers and SWAT team members so that they may help others in our community.

- Emilie McGlocklin

A couple weeks ago, a member of MUV Fitness fell and hurt himself. He was an older gentlemen and I don't know if he had a heart attack or what. Members of MUV Fitness rushed over to help him. Another person who ran over to make sure the situation was going ok was **Detective Lydia Taylor**. She was not on duty but took the time to make sure everything was ok till the ambulance showed up. There were doctors there and others but it was the MUV Fitness staff and your officer who took the time for this man. In a time when people look at the bad, I wanted to take the time to thank your officer, Lydia, for taking the time for this man.

-Jeremy Kiehn

Thank you so much for helping us with our mock crash. We really appreciate you guys taking time out of your day to assist us.

-Lewis and Clark High School leadership





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Internal Affairs Unit Update

January 1 through May 31, 2018 Commendations and Complaints

Commendations Received: **Total: 54**

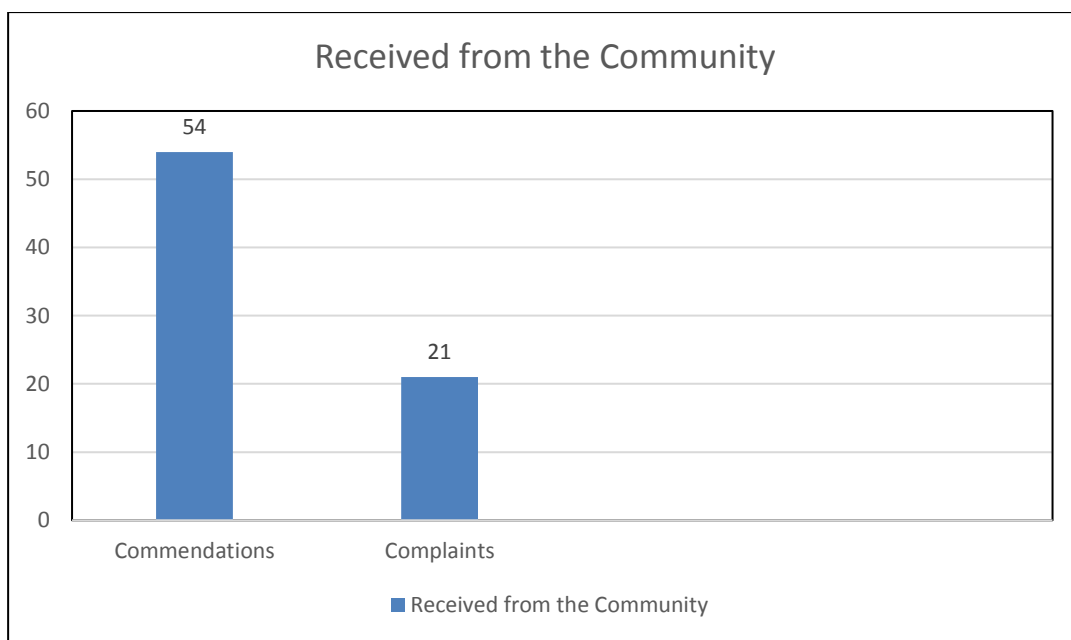
Complaints Received: **Total: 32**

Closed Out as Inquiries: 1 (As of May 31, 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: 11
Received by the Spokane Police Department	Total: 21
Internally Generated by the SPD	Total: 11
Generated by the Community	Total: 21





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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)

Complaints have reduced by 68% since 2013.

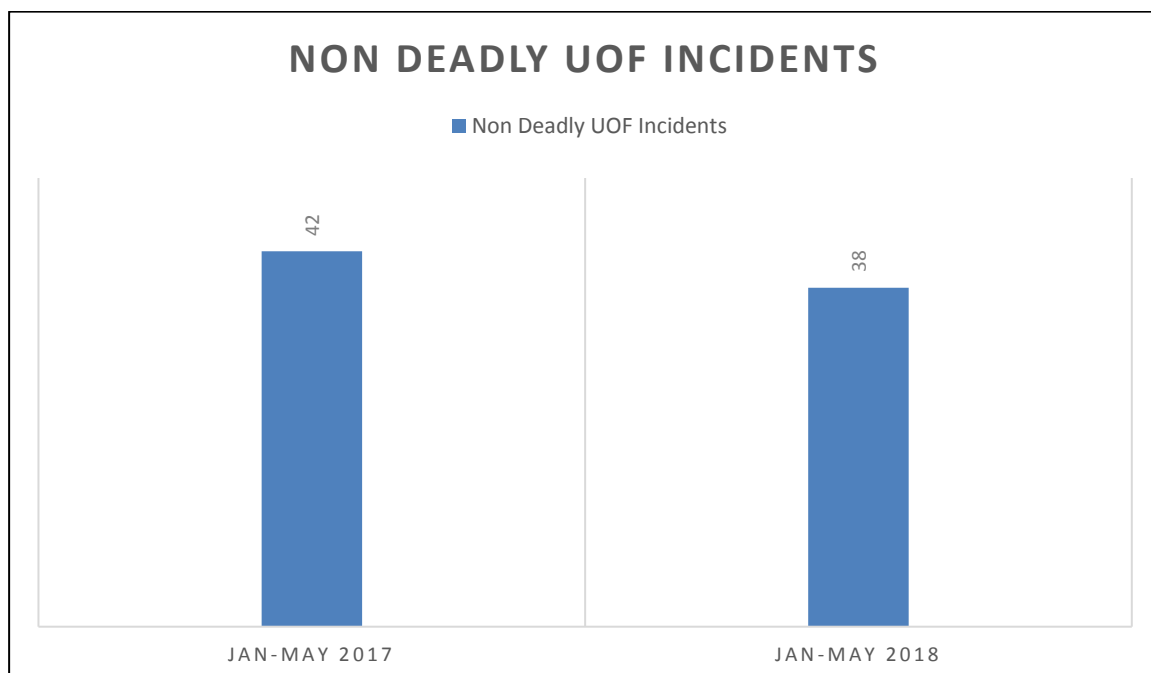
Use of Force Update

2018 Non-Deadly Reportable Use of Force Incidents

From January 1-May 31, 2018, there were 38 non-deadly use of force incidents, including 8 K9 contacts and 30 other (e.g., TASER, neck restraint). In 2017 during this period, there were 42 non-deadly use of force incidents.

2018 Deadly Use of Force Incidents

From January 1-May 31, 2018, there was one deadly force incident. In 2017 during this period, there was one deadly use of force incident.





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Officer-Involved Shooting Incidents Update (through May 31, 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 2017-20185893 (Deadly Force Review Board just completed)

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 underwent a Deadly Force Review Board and will be closed out soon.

Incident 2017-20197756 (Under SPD 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 SPD Administrative investigation)

Incident 2017-20235296 took place on 11/28/2017 in the 2900 block of East Rowan. 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 2017-20253538 (Under SPD Administrative investigation)

Incident 2017-20253538 took place on 12/26/2017 in the area of Monroe/Sharp. The Spokane Investigative Regional Response Team (SIRR) completed the criminal investigation. The Prosecutor ruled the shooting was justified. The SPD internal investigation is ongoing.





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Items of Interest

The East Sprague Targeted Investment Pilot Initiative Receives 2018 Governor's Smart Communities Award
On May 24, 2018, Governor Jay Inslee announced winners of the 2018 Smart Communities Awards. Now in its 13th year, the program recognizes achievements by local leaders who promote smart growth planning and projects that contribute to thriving communities, a prosperous economy, and sustainable infrastructure in Washington State. SPD Captain Dave Richards was heavily involved in the project.

Developed in partnership with the Spokane Regional Health District, Community Frameworks, East Spokane Business Association, Spokane Police Department, City of Spokane Planning & Development Services, and other partners, the East Sprague Targeted Investment Pilot Initiative is a targeted investment initiative for housing, public infrastructure and safety, leading to increased private investment and measureable long-term vitality. The collaborative initiative represents an innovative new strategy for public and private investment, recognizing that investment in the public right-of-way is not enough to influence quality of life factors that encourage, create and support truly vibrant neighborhoods and business districts. This partnership model is replicable in most communities, and demonstrates effective prioritizing practices, high-quality design, and sustainable principles. SPD is proud to have worked with partners on the East Sprague Targeted Investment Pilot Initiative

2018 Law Enforcement Memorial

Pictured below are Sheriff Knezovich and Chief Meidl at the 2018 memorial ceremony.





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Precinct Highlights

North Precinct Highlights

District 1 City Park CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design)

Officer Sandi McIntyre is the North Precinct Desk Officer and Liaison with the Northeast Community Court. She is also the lead CPTED Officer on the North Side. Sandi's summer project for 2018 is to complete CPTED reviews on all District 1 City Parks. This project will take a few months to complete. We hope the Parks Department can use her reviews to improve public safety and reduce crime in and around our District 1 Parks, and that we can implement simple lower cost suggestions this year. Some of the more involved proposals may have to be implemented in 2019 and beyond. Many residents, businesses, and City departments over that last few years have utilized SPD CPTED recommendations to deter crime.



The North Precinct will also be joining the Spokane Police Activities League (PAL) this summer. The program will begin as soon as school gets out and is a perfect opportunity for the Neighborhood Resource Officers (NROs) to connect with the children in their neighborhoods. From June 26-July 31, the three Northwest NROs will be involved with West Central PAL at AM Cannon Park on Tuesdays. The three Northeast NROs will be involved with Hillyard Neighborhood PAL at Salk Middle School from 11:30 to 2:30 from June 27 through August 1. They will all attend the Final Celebration BBQ on August 2 at Liberty Park from 11:30 to 2:30.

Above: NRO Dale Wells and PAL participants in 2017

South Precinct Highlights

Potluck Picnic in the Park

South Precinct officers attended the Potluck Picnic in the Park hosted by the Cliff/Cannon Neighborhood Council and Lower South Hill Neighborhood Watch. The event took place on June 14 at the Polly Judd Park.





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Coffee with a Cop

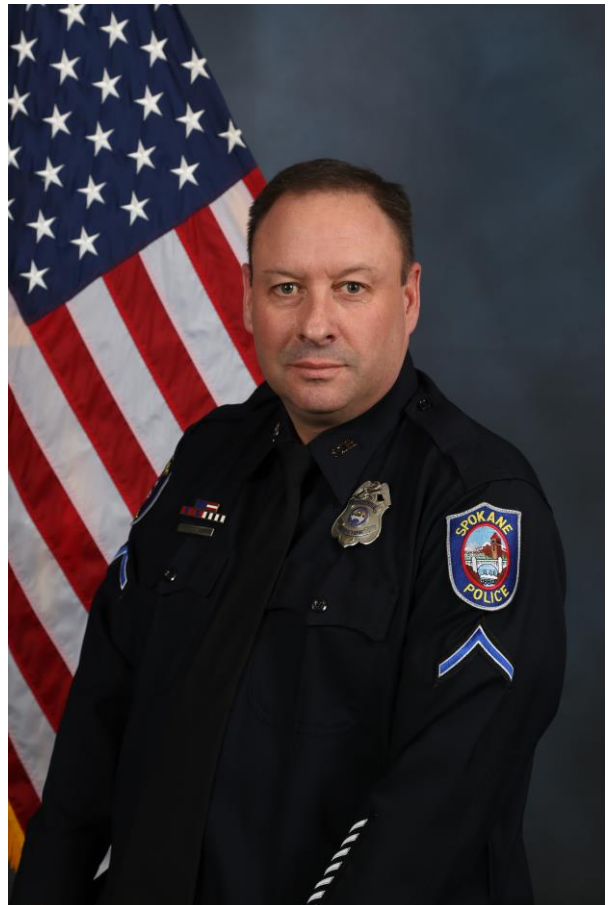
The South Precinct will be hosting a “Coffee with a Cop” event at Manito Park on June 26, 2018 from 11 am-1 pm.

South Precinct Neighborhood Resource Officer Tim Ottmar Awarded as SPD Employee of the Quarter

Employee of the Quarter nominations are based on either a specific act of unusual meritorious service, a specific project of significance to the community, City, or Department, or sustained superior performance of assigned duties. Captain Tracie Meidl nominated NRO Tim Ottmar with the following letter:

Captain Meidl wrote, “Tim is an exemplary employee and has mastered the ability to be multi-faceted in his work. He consistently goes above and beyond the work asked of him, both internally and externally. In his years serving as an NRO, Tim has acquired relationships with homeless outreach workers, resource providers, private and public organizations, city employees, neighborhood council leaders and members, Councilmembers, as well as multiple citizens in the areas he serves. These relationships have provided groundwork to solve crimes, resolve neighborhood concerns, vacate nuisance properties, and build trust between the police department and the community.

“Tim takes pride in his work and recognizes the need to engage the community on a variety of levels. He is able to balance responding to calls for service, returning phone calls, handle homelessness issues, follow up on neighborhood concerns, providing feedback and being a resource to other organizations, along with locating potential area problems on his own. Tim does all of this with a positive and optimistic attitude each and every day he comes to work and has been recognized by commendations and accolades. He is extremely knowledgeable in his field, which led him to assist in training new NRO’s for the department. Along with all of these tasks, he continues to provide help to other officers, volunteers, and employees without hesitation, as well as representing Guild Association members in varying capacities.”





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Downtown Precinct Highlights

Training Highlights

- Downtown Neighborhood Resource Officer McCasland attended a national DOJ conference in Ft. Worth, TX with WSU personnel regarding decreasing violence against women on campus.
- Several Downtown Precinct NROs attended additional Enhanced Crisis Intervention Team (ECIT) training in June.
- Captain Singley attended the national conference on Community Courts with other local Community Court staff hosted in Birmingham by the Center for Courtroom Innovation.

Enhancing Safety

- NROs performed several Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) evaluations including a recent one on the main floor of City Hall.
- Downtown Precinct staff met with management at the new Nike Store prior to their June 14 Grand Opening to discuss their operations and tour the facility.
- Downtown Precinct staff continues to work 8-hour enforcement details at the House of Charity monthly.

Outreach Update



Pedaling for Pennies at All Saints

Captain Dave Richards enjoyed attending the “Pedaling for Pennies” annual event at All Saints Catholic School for the Pre-school. Funds collected from their “Pedaling for Pennies” event is donated to the 2nd Harvest Food Bank for the Bite2Go program which helps feed kids over the summer break from school. Captain Richards has helped with this event for the last four years.





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Community Outreach Unit Summary

- Procedural Justice presentation at Citizens Academy (5/23)
- School Safety Forum (5/24)
- YPI Hoopfest practice (5/24)
- Shiloh Hills Elementary Carnival (5/29)
- Boy Scout Presentation on Bike Safety (6/5)
- 7 Nations Healing Lodge visit (6/7) –monthly visits will commence in September
- Community Appreciation Day (6/9)
- PRIDE Parade (6/9)
- Filipino American Independence Day Celebration (6/10)
- Bethlehem Slavic Church presentation with Sheriff Knezovich (6/10)
- Meeting with City Councilman Breean Beggs about the PAL program
- World Relief Provider meeting (6/14)
- World Refugee Day (6/16)



Filipino American Independence Day Celebration



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Spokane Police Activities League Begins June 26!

The Spokane Police Activities League (PAL) program's sixth season begins June 26. PAL engages participating youth in positive athletic and academic programs, including gang and drug intervention and prevention. PAL also bridges the gap between Spokane Police Officers and potential at-risk youth. PAL is being offered at no cost to participants this year. PAL takes place in West Central at AM Cannon Park, in Hillyard at Shaw Middle School, and East Central at Liberty Park. Activities include STEM, Basketball, Track, Baseball, Flag Football, Golf, and Soccer. For more information, please contact Officer Jenn DeRuwe at 509/209.7178 or jderuwe@spokanepolice.org.



Noteworthy News

A citizen helped alert SPD to a dangerous situation described in the two articles listed below. "We really appreciate the community's involvement in this. Without that person calling and making that Facebook post, who knows how long that this could have continued?" said Spokane Police Officer John O'Brien.

Spokane Police arrest driver of stolen box truck after photo showing kids in the back goes viral

<http://www.khq.com/story/38417858/spokane-police-arrest-driver-of-stolen-box-truck-after-photo-showing-kids-in-the-back-goes-viral>

Woman driving through Hillyard spots teenagers in the back of moving truck

<https://www.krem.com/article/news/local/spokane-county/woman-driving-through-hillyard-spots-teenagers-in-the-back-of-moving-truck/293-564129591>

