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Strategic Initiatives
June 2018 Report

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

I just want the supervisor for this officer to know what a wonderful **Officer [Brett] Spring** is. He pulled me over re: plates on a car I had just bought a few days prior. He was very nice and professional. It was about 4am and I had just gotten off my graveyard shift from work. He was really cool and had a great sense of humor. Please thank him for being such an AWESOME police officer.

-E. C.

I want to tell you about an officer that I had the great pleasure of interacting with today. **Officer Tim Marquez** was sent to our house to gather some facts and file a report for an assault I was involved with. This young man was one of the finest police officers I've ever had the good fortune of interacting with. He was down to earth, he listened, he didn't talk down to us in a condescending way, he conversed with us in terms and with an attitude that old folks like us remember being the right way for a policeman to interact with citizens. He was knowledgeable about the law, he was articulate about the law, yet humble at giving us the situations facts. His man is one fine police officer.

- P. N.

I was on the unfortunate end of a hit and run accident today, while stopped at the light on Division and Francis. **Officer [Brent] Armstrong** was the responding officer and I cannot praise him enough. He was professional and a huge help in tracking down the driver with the license plate number I was able to get. Officer Armstrong did a bunch of work and was able to provide me with the registered owner, driver and insurance information for the car that took off. I cannot thank Officer Armstrong and the SPD for their help. Thank you so much for all you do!

-E. D.

Recently I had an incredibly positive experience with one of your officers which I feel should be brought to your attention... This experience was the most pleasant interaction with had with a law enforcement officer since Kindergarten. It is highlighted by the fact that **Officer [Craig] Hamilton's** calm and clear thinking de-escalated a situation. Officer Hamilton was courteous and professional, and I'm glad I had the opportunity to meet him.

-J. B.





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Internal Affairs Unit Update

January 1 through April 30, 2018 Commendations and Complaints

Commendations Received: **Total: 40**

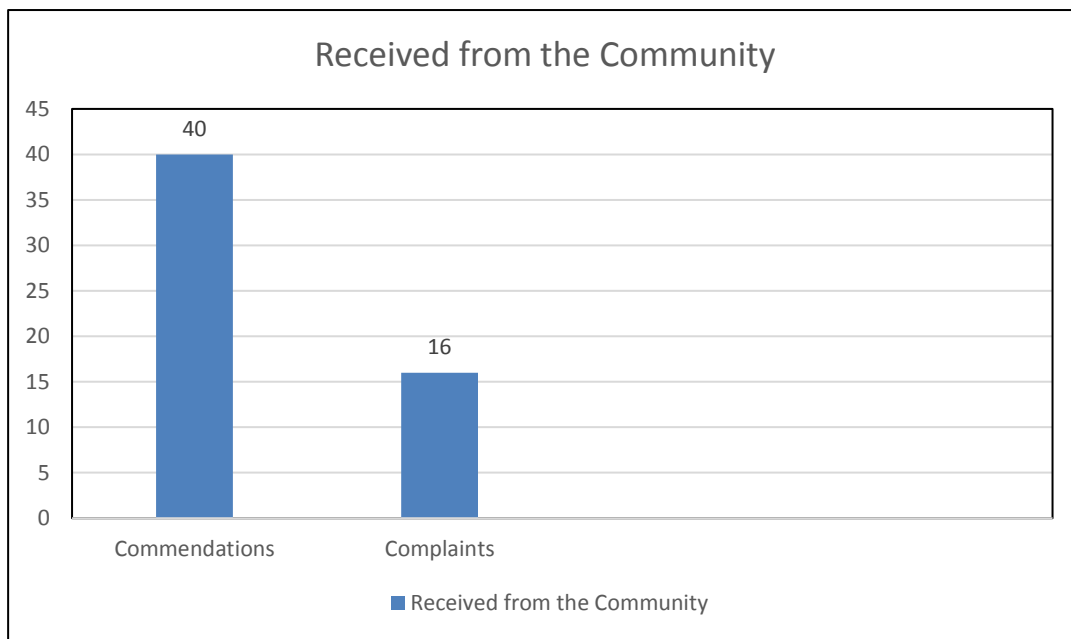
Complaints Received: **Total: 26**

Closed Out as Inquiries: 0 (As of April 30, 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: 10
Received by the Spokane Police Department	Total: 16
Internally Generated by the SPD	Total: 10
Generated by the Community	Total: 16





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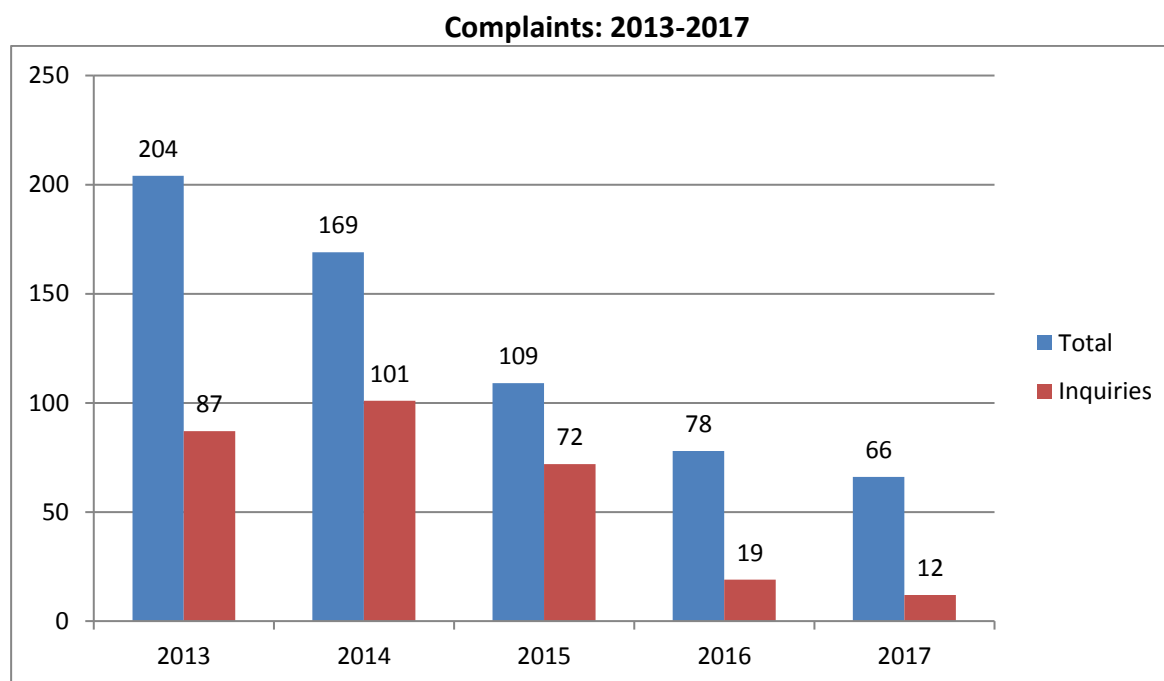
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Prior Year Complaint Totals, 2013-2017

- 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)

Complaints have reduced by 68% since 2013.



Use of Force Update

2018 Non-Deadly Reportable Use of Force Incidents

From January 1-April 30, 2018, there were 31 non-deadly use of force incidents, including 6 K9 contacts and 25 other (e.g., TASER, neck restraint).

2018 Deadly Use of Force Incidents

From January 1-April 30, 2018, there was one deadly force incident.





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Officer-Involved Shooting Incidents Update (through April 30, 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 (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 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

"Dialogues to Change" Community Workshop

The Center for Public Safety and Justice facilitated a community workshop on May 15, 2018, at the West Central Community Center. Spokane Police Department is just one of a handful of agencies nationwide selected to host a "Dialogues to Change" workshop.



Partners in Justice Nominations

Each year, Lutheran Community Services Northwest's Victim Advocacy & Education Program awards individuals, businesses and organizations that excel at empowering victims of crime and helping them to achieve justice. Nominations are collected all year long from the community as well as from LCS staff. SPD nominees included **Detectives Sean Pegram, Tony Lamanna, Ben Green, and Chris Bode, along with Sergeant Jordan Ferguson.** Awards will be announced in June.



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Precinct Highlights



North Precinct Highlights

"Coffee with a Cop" in the Gonzaga/Logan Neighborhood

On April 19, the North Precinct held a "Coffee with a Cop" event at Forza on Hamilton. The event was well-attended. Forza had requested to hold Coffee with a Cop as it is very important to their business to support community events with law enforcement.

The Forza coffee shop in Lakewood, WA was the location of the murder of four police officers in 2009, which included the sister of one of our police department employees.

South Precinct Highlights

Cleaning from the Corridor

The South Precinct enjoyed participating in Cleaning from The Corridor.



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Downtown Precinct Highlights

- The Downtown Precinct (DTP) hosted coffee with a cop in the River Park Square with coffee provided by Thomas Hammer.
- Downtown Neighborhood Resource Officers (NROs) worked the Bike Swap at the Fairgrounds, which is a charity event that funds Big Brothers/Sisters.
- With the return of good weather, DTP NRO's have resumed daily bike/foot patrols.
- Several DTP personnel, including Sergeant Jason Hartman, recently joined the Enhanced Crisis Intervention Team (ECIT) and attended training in May.
- Frontier Behavioral Health (FBH) recently received a grant to embed mental health professionals (MHPs) with SPD. One of those MHPs will be working full-time at the DTP. The MHP attended ECIT with our officers this month and will likely begin working out of the precinct sometime in June.





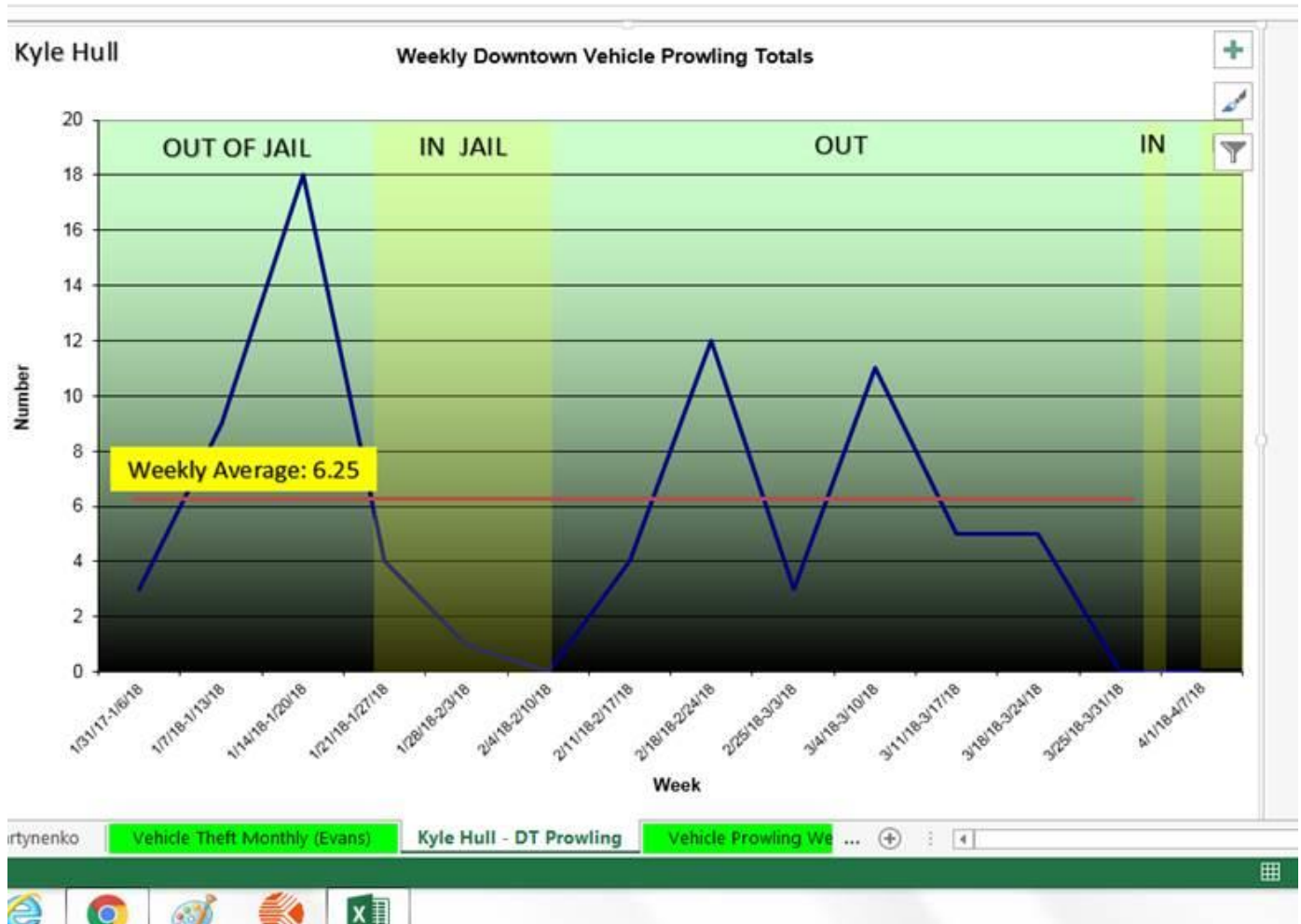
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Downtown Precinct Significant Arrest -- Prolific Vehicle Prowler

Kyle Hull was identified as one of the Downtown's most significant prowlers in 2018. He was linked to a number of vehicle prowling and subsequent trafficking in stolen property cases along with his girlfriend. Although a primary problem for Downtown, they travel all over in stolen vehicles and have been linked to cases in the Valley and Northside. SPD recently booked Hull for Theft of a Motor Vehicle in the Valley for a car theft that occurred Downtown near the Steam Plant. He was released the next day. SPD arrested him during an enforcement special at the House of Charity where he was in violation of a Domestic Violence order with the same girlfriend and partner in crime. Clearly, when he is in jail, our vehicle prowling problem Downtown diminishes significantly. Hull has remained in jail since April 2, 2018 on an \$11,000 bond and our vehicle prowling numbers have remained low.





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Vehicle Prowling 16 Week Glance					
		Downtown (SPD8RS)	Totals		
Wk 1	12/31/17-1/6/18	3	3	12/31/17-1/6/18	Wk 1
Wk 2	1/7/18-1/13/18	9	9	1/7/18-1/13/18	Wk 2
Wk 3	1/14/18-1/20/18	17	17	1/14/18-1/20/18	Wk 3
Wk 4	1/21/18-1/27/18	4	4	1/21/18-1/27/18	Wk 4
Wk 5	1/28/18-2/3/18	1	1	1/28/18-2/3/18	Wk 5
Wk 6	2/4/18-2/10/18	0	0	2/4/18-2/10/18	Wk 6
Wk 7	2/11/18-2/17/18	4	4	2/11/18-2/17/18	Wk 7
Wk 8	2/18/18-2/24/18	10	10	2/18/18-2/24/18	Wk 8
Wk 9	2/25/18-3/3/18	3	3	2/25/18-3/3/18	Wk 9
Wk 10	3/4/18-3/10/18	11	11	3/4/18-3/10/18	Wk 10
Wk 11	3/11/18-3/17/18	5	5	3/11/18-3/17/18	Wk 11
Wk 12	3/18/18-3/24/18	5	5	3/18/18-3/24/18	Wk 12
Wk 13	3/25/18-3/31/18	10	10	3/25/18-3/31/18	Wk 13
Wk 14	4/1/18-4/7/18	3	3	4/1/18-4/7/18	Wk 14
Wk 15	4/8/18-4/14/18	3	3	4/8/18-4/14/18	Wk 15
Wk 16	4/15/18-4/21/18	5	5	4/15/18-4/21/18	Wk 16
Totals		93	93		
Mean		0.18	0.18		
High		17	17		

Outreach Update

Community Outreach Unit Summary

- Juvenile Court Coordination of Services presentation (4/16)
- NATIVE Project Community Conversation (4/19)
- Safety Event at STA Plaza (4/20)
- Spokane Gives (4/21)
- Vietnamese Heritage Day (4/21)
- Boy Scouts Presentation at Balboa Elementary (4/24)
- School Safety Forum (4/26)
- GREAT (Anti-gang program) Graduation (4/26)
- Spokane Citizens Hall of Fame Breakfast (5/1)
- Hispanic Graduates and Young Scholars Recognition Ceremony (5/3)

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- Youth Mental Health First Aid (5/4)
- Asian and Pacific Islander Celebration (5/5)
- Bloomsday (5/7)
- Unity in the Community Meeting (5/8)
- Leadership Northwest Breakfast (5/11)
- School District meeting with Ann Murphy (5/11)
- Gonzaga Graduation (5/13)
- Center for Justice Rice for Justice Breakfast (5/16)
- School Community Partnership Committee (5/15)
- Fairchild Law Enforcement Expo (5/16)
- Let Freedom Ring Breakfast (5/17)
- Lilac Parade (5/19)
- Junior League Book Fair at East Central Community Center (5/19)
- AMR Flash Mob (for CPR Awareness) at River Park Square (5/20)
- NATIVE Project meeting (5/21)
- NATIVE Project Wellness BBQ (5/22)



A Youth & Police Initiative (YPI) session was held at North Central High School in April, pictured above. Another session is happening at Rogers High School in May.



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The Community Outreach Unit is also working to put together Hoopfest teams.



Enhancing the Survival Mindset (ESM) Road Shows

SPD holds a limited number of “road show” presentations for community organizations and businesses. The class is very interactive and covers topics of situational awareness, pre-planning, work place safety and self-defense. It is designed to enhance our safety in all arenas of our lives. The class lasts one to two hours and is free of charge. If you are interested in hosting one of the courses you will need PowerPoint presentation capability. For more information, contact Lieutenant Shawn Kendall, skendall@spokanepolice.org.

During late April and early May, classes were held at the following community locations:

- Behavioral Health
- Yoga North
- Inland Northwest Management
- Northwest Title
- Physicians Insurance A Mutual Company
- Spokane Neighborhood Action Partners (SNAP)

Noteworthy News

KHQ 6 highlighted the Mounted Patrol Units:

Spokane C.O.P.S. Mounted Patrol Units Back at Parks this Summer

<http://www.khq.com/story/38069672/spokane-cops-mounted-patrol-units-back-at-parks-this-summer>

