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Strategic Initiatives
June 2019 Report

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

In the early morning hours of Sat 4/13, I called 911 because I heard someone in my basement. Everyone from the 911 lady to the woman who talked to me while I awaited the police to the officers who arrived, were kind, reassuring, efficient and professional. I felt safe. **[Dispatch Supervisor Kim Arredondo, Corporal Trevor Winters, Officers Cody Tylock, Tyler Heiman, Brandon Rankin, and Zachary Templin]**

Chief Meidl,

An officer in your department by the name **Ryan Murphy** recently responded to a call I was involved in and really helped calm me down in a mentally distraught moment and I would really like to leave an email or voicemail of appreciation. I was wondering how I could go about sending him a thank you message.

Chief Meidl,

This letter is written to acknowledge the excellent work of **Officers Brad Moon** and **Chris Lewis** of the STOP program [traffic safety class]. As a retired educator, who has worn many hats, including time spent as a trainer of trainers, I was impressed with the presenting officers. More specifically, I would like to note their ability to establish a positive atmosphere. They shared the information in the class in a way that never discounted their professional standing but encouraged sharing and taking the risk of asking questions. ...What could have been a "put in your time and check the box" experience was instead time well spent with new learning, which may very well save a life.

Chief Meidl,

Earlier today, **Sergeant Jay Kernkamp** provided training to St. Aloysius Parish Staff. He did an exceptional job, was well received by staff, and made a number of proactive suggestions. We anticipate asking Jay back for active shooter training. He reflects the very best of the Spokane Police Department. Also, a shout out to Lieutenant Al Arnzen who referred Jay to us.

Chief Meidl,

I am writing to you to express my appreciation for how your department handled a recent situation involving my family. My sister passed away due to what is believed to be a stroke. This took us all by surprise. When the SPD arrived and took control of the situation, **Chaplain Ed [Hoffman]** calmed us and was extremely helpful in guiding us what to do next. Chaplain Ed contacted me, introduced himself and was able to give me advice and consul. Chaplain Ed contacted the funeral home of my choosing, made arrangements for picking up the body, and gave me contact names and numbers to follow up with. He has since followed up by contacting me a couple different times to check in. This was not only professional, but very appreciated. Please offer my thanks to all the officers involved.





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Internal Affairs Unit Update

January 1 through April 30, 2019 Commendations and Complaints

Commendations Received: **Total: 60**

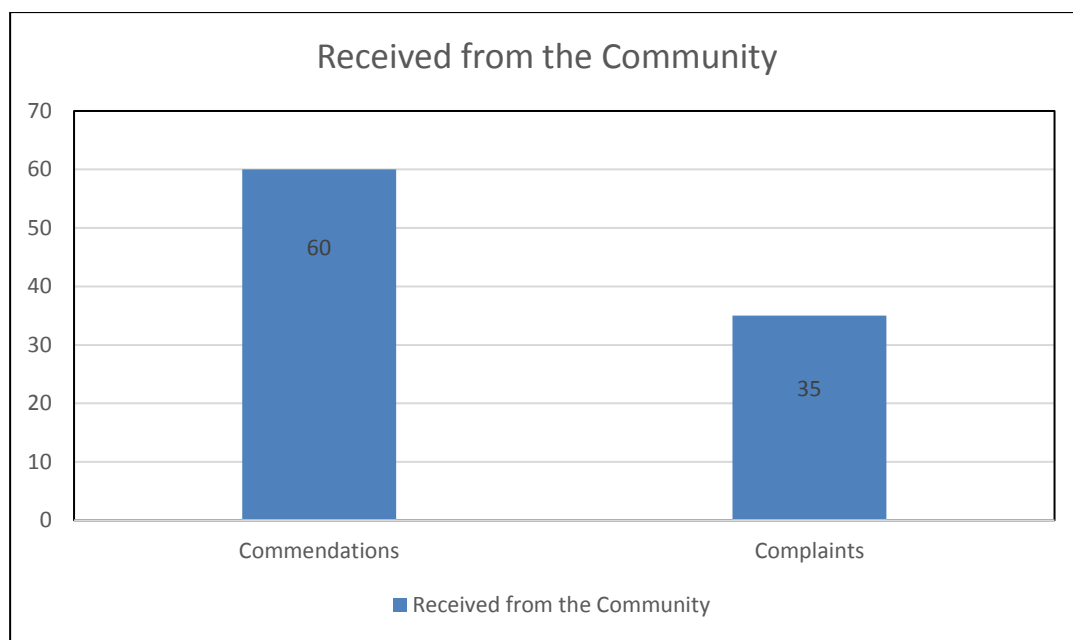
Complaints Received: **Total: 35 (19 from community)**

Closed Out as Inquiries: 4 (As of April 30, 2019)

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 January 1 through April 30, 2019 Complaints

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| Received by the Office of Police Ombudsman | Total: 27 |
| Received by the Spokane Police Department | Total: 8 |
| Internally Generated by the SPD | Total: 4 |
| Generated by the Community | Total: 31 |





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Use of Force Update

2019 Non-Deadly Reportable Use of Force Incidents

From January 1-April 30, 2019, there were 43 non-deadly use of force incidents, including 11 K9 contacts and 32 other (e.g., TASER, neck restraint).

2019 Deadly Use of Force Incidents

From January 1-April 30, 2019, there were two deadly force incidents.

Officer-Involved Shooting Incidents Update (through April 30, 2019)

2019

Incident 2019-20004372 (Under Prosecutor review)

Incident 2019-20004372 occurred on January 7, 2019, in the 600 block of West Montgomery. The Spokane Investigative Regional Response Team's (SIRR) criminal investigation is complete. The case is with the County Prosecutor.

Incident 2019-20014197 (Under SIRR investigation)

Incident 2019-20014197 occurred on January 23, 2019, in the 3000 block of North Monroe. The Spokane Investigative Regional Response Team (SIRR) is conducting the criminal investigation.





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Items of Interest

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

On April 27, SPD participated in the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) 17th National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. The National Prescription Drug Take Back Day Initiative addresses a critical public safety and public health issue. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the United States continue to be alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Medication misuse is common, and often the medication is from the family medicine cabinet.

Because the Environmental Protection Agency and the Food and Drug Administration have advised the public that flushing their prescription drugs down the toilet or throwing them in the trash pose potential safety and health hazards, DEA launched its prescription drug take back program to encourage the safe disposal of medications.

The Spokane community collected 384.52 pounds of unused prescription drugs—233.87 pounds from the CHAS Market Street Clinic location and 150.65 pounds from the C.O.P.S. North Central location.

Below, photos of the event:



If you want to dispose of any unused or expired prescription drugs, the Spokane Police Department (SPD) has three secure drop box locations available year round, during business hours:

- Public Safety Building at 1100 W. Mallon Ave.,
- SPD North Precinct/C.O.P.S. Northeast at 5124 N. Market St., and
- SPD Downtown Precinct at 221 W. First Ave.



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Law Enforcement Memorial Service

On May 7, 2019, the 32nd Annual Law Enforcement Ceremony was held at the Law Enforcement Memorial at the Public Safety Building.

The Memorial Service honored three officers who died in the line of duty during 2018.

- Detective Derrick William Focht, Kent Police Department. End of Watch: April 7, 2018.
- Special Agent Timothy Allen Ensley, U.S. Department of Homeland Security. End of Watch: June 24, 2018.
- Police Officer Diego Moreno, Kent Police Department. End of Watch: July 22, 2018.

Honor Guard Teams from various local agencies attended, as well as the Spokane County Firefighters' Pipes and Drums.





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Spokane's Fallen Officers Memorial Project

23 officers and four K9s from Spokane County are included in the Spokane's Fallen Officers Memorial Project—officers and K9s who died in the line of duty.

The project's aim is to reconnect families of the officers who have died in the line of duty, and to honor those officers. Law enforcement employees and family members carry signs of the fallen officers from the Spokane area for events such as the Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony and the Armed Forces Torchlight Parade. The project also brings awareness to the line of duty deaths. Deputy James Slater will be the first officer to be remembered with a memorial sign at the location where he died in the line of duty on August 29, 2003. Below, see memorial signs honoring the officers at the Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony.





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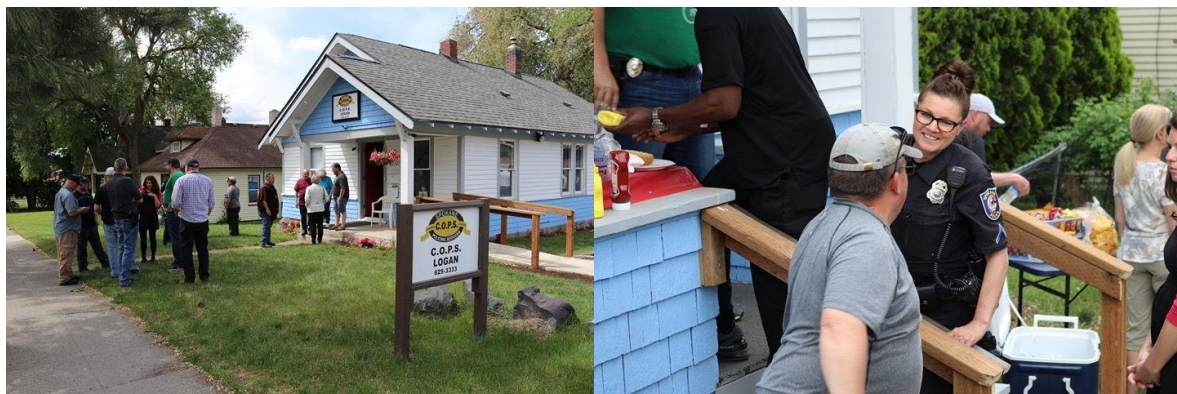
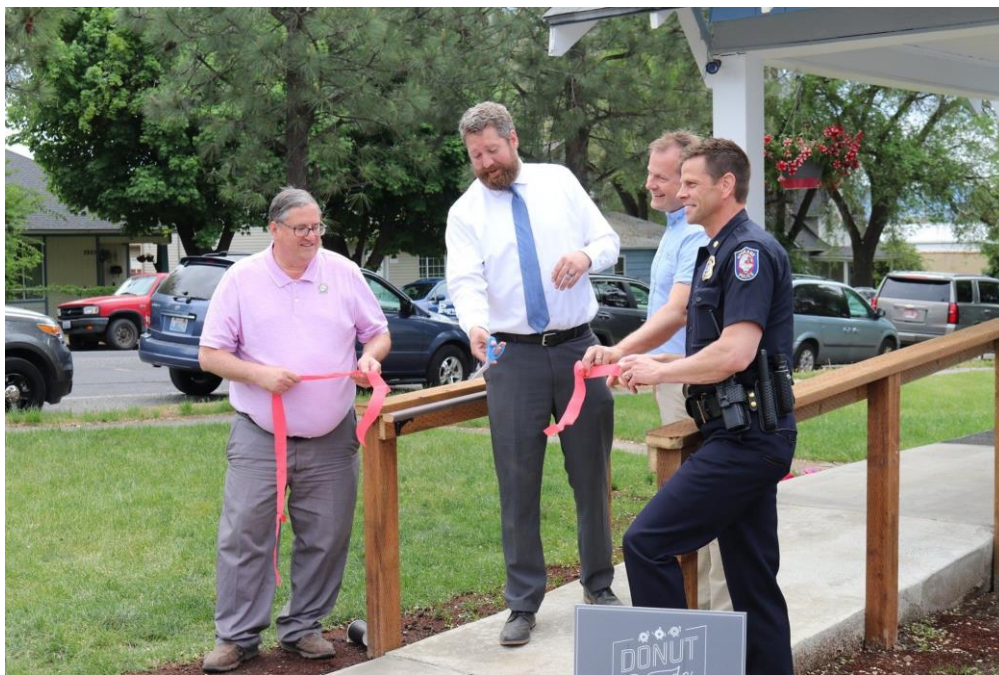
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Precinct Highlights

C.O.P.S. Logan Grand Opening / Coffee with a Cop

The C.O.P.S. Logan Grand Opening was held on May 16, 2019. Neighborhood Resource Officers, Spokane C.O.P.S. volunteers, and Mounted Patrol Unit volunteers met their neighbors for coffee, conversation, and barbecue. The new C.O.P.S. Shop is located at 2927 N. Perry St.





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Outreach Update

Youth Outreach Participation

SPD's Youth & Police Initiative (YPI) is an early intervention and prevention program that works to build trust in law enforcement while reducing stereotypes. The program began in 2014, and SPD has since held over 50 sessions throughout the Spokane area. The sessions take place in different settings including high schools, community centers, and teen homeless shelters.

Community Outreach Unit Summary

- Autism Walk (4/28)
- Any Woman Can Race (4/28)
- Lunch with YPI grads at Lewis and Clark High School (4/30)
- Coffee with a Cop (5/1)
- Youth to Youth Substance Use Prevention Event at East Central Community Center (5/2)
- Bloomsday (5/5)
- American Law and Justice Police Workshop (5/6)
- Junior Police Academy Meeting (5/7)
- Opioid Awareness at Riverside Place (5/7)
- Youth & Police Initiative (YPI) at Lewis and Clark High School (5/7-5/15)
- Presentation at Garry Middle School (5/8)
- Outreach Martin Luther King Center on Sherman (5/8)
- Tour of SPD Academy by the Structured Alternative Confinement (SAC) students (5/9)
- Outreach at Eastern State Hospital (5/10)
- Family Fun Fair at Riverfront Park (5/11)
- Outreach at Ferris High School with Refugee Communities (5/14)
- Spokane Public Schools meeting with Refugee Communities (5/14)
- Paw Patrol outreach event at Spokane First Interstate Center for the Arts (5/14-5/15)
- Montessori School outreach (5/15)
- Outreach at Excelsior Youth Center (5/16)
- Let Freedom Ring Breakfast (5/16)
- NATIVE Project 30 Year Anniversary (5/17)
- Junior League's Red Hot Havana Nights presentation about SPD relationship (5/17)
- Coordination of Services at Juvenile Court (5/20)
- Mobility Spokane (5/21)
- West Spokane Wellness Coalition (5/21)
- School Community Partnership Committee (5/22)
- Outreach at Evergreen Club (5/22)

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- Bike Rodeo and Safety Fair at Westview Elementary (5/22)
- Northeast Coalition meeting (5/23)
- Outreach at Excelsior Youth Center (5/23)
- First Responders Lunch at West Central Community Center (5/29)
- Shaw Middle School Job Fair (5/30)
- Cooper Elementary Literacy Event and Barbecue (5/30)

Pictures of the Paw Patrol Outreach Event





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Notable News

Spokane police save 9 people using Narcan

Spokane police have been using Narcan to save lives since July 2017. Their effort to save lives using the drug is showing no signs of slowing down.

<https://www.krem.com/article/news/investigations/2-on-your-side/its-not-about-cops-saving-drug-addicts-spokane-police-save-9-people-using-narcan/293-e8ed82fc-b01c-46e8-a4d5-8a9207fe7368>

Local first responders and law enforcement working to build early relationships with children.

Paw Patrol Live is a show about a group of dogs and each one is a different first responder. A lot of kids don't get to meet firefighters or police officers up close, except at an emergency. Spokane Police and Spokane Fire don't want it to be that way. They want to introduce themselves to kids when there is no crisis, give them a high-five and let them know, they can trust them.

<https://www.kxly.com/news/local-first-responders-and-law-enforcement-working-to-build-early-relationships-with-children/1078290098>

