



**SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION**  
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**Strategic Initiatives**  
**January 2020 Report**

**Public Safety and Community Health Committee Briefing**  
**January 5, 2020**

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#### Selected Excerpts of Officer Commendation Letters

I was involved in a life changing accident in which **Officer [Toby] Bryer** was one of the responding officers. Officers responded on scene within four minutes and Officer Bryer was the first to approach me to gather my information. Officer Bryer was kind, polite, and spent time with me knowing I was frightened and in shock with what had just occurred. He reassured me and kept me informed which was tremendously helpful and much appreciated due to the circumstances. I cannot express how grateful I am to Officer Bryer. Please express my appreciation to Officer Bryer. I will always remember his compassion and the care he took which ultimately helped me deal with the accident in the aftermath.

I commend **Officer [Corey] Miller** and the other two officers for their positive response to a female guest in need of trespass from our property. The attitude and body language of the officers convinced me they had arrived to help in any way they could. They were eager to listen and respond to what we had arrived at. Their professionalism was apparent in their mannerisms as well as the way they wore their uniforms. Their contact with our guest was courteous, decisive and direct. They facilitated our trespass of the guest to conclusion. Thank you to the officers and the Spokane Police Department.

I wanted to commend **Officer [Kenny] Applewhaite** on his professionalism as well as friendliness when he pulled me over for speeding. He had me on my way in about 10 minutes, which enabled me to only be a couple minutes late for my college class. Having a positive interaction with a police officer made my day even though I got a speeding ticket. Please thank him for reminding me to slow down and for his professionalism.

Please let it be known, that one of your officers, **Detective Jeff Harvey**, has gone above and beyond his call of duty. For nearly twenty years, Detective Harvey has shown true professionalism and dedication to a brutal, vicious assault and rape. Without Detective Harvey's knowledge and clear thinking, I truly think this case would have never been solved. In 2006, DNA evidence was charged to "John Doe." A first, in the state of Washington, I believe. By doing so, the statute of limitations would never expire. Detective Harvey never gave up. This alone, continued to give the victim hope for justice. Unbeknown to Detective Harvey, his tenacious investigating behavior became a key factor in the victim's recovery. He has also quickly and professionally answered any and all questions or concerns that we had. Detective Harvey is an outstanding human being and law enforcement officer. For this he should be recognized.





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### Internal Affairs Unit Update

#### January 1 through November 30, 2019 Commendations and Complaints

Commendations Received:    **Total: 180**

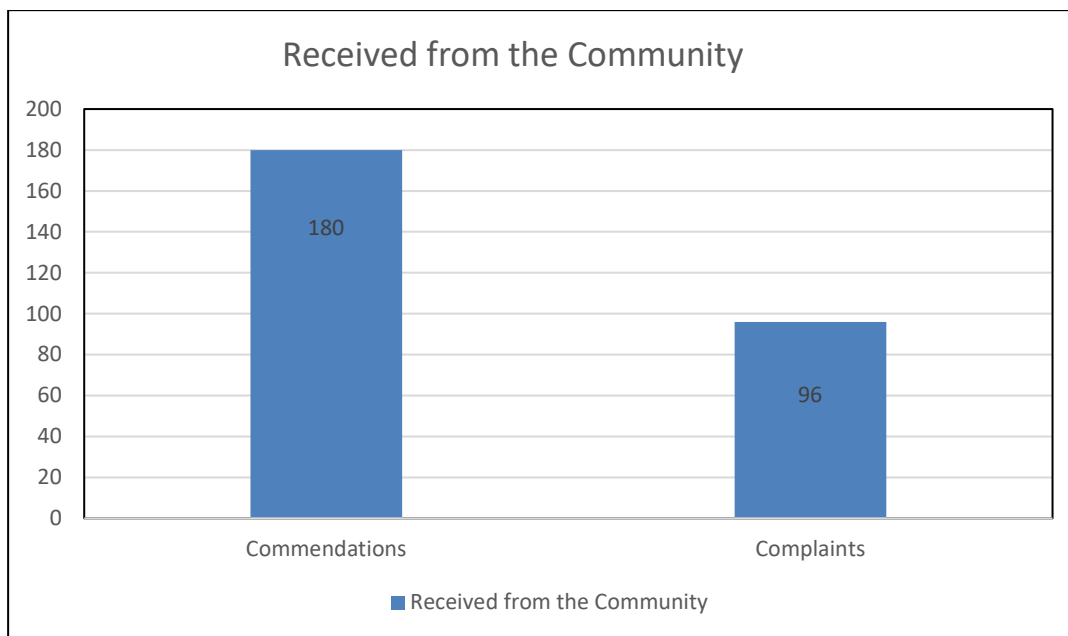
Complaints Received:            **Total: 107 (96 from community)**

**Closed Out as Inquiries: 31** (As of November 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 November 30, 2019 Complaints

Received by the Office of Police Ombudsman	<b>Total: 71</b>
Received by the Spokane Police Department	<b>Total: 36</b>
Internally Generated by the SPD	<b>Total: 11</b>
Generated by the Community	<b>Total: 96</b>





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#### Use of Force Update

##### 2019 Non-Deadly Reportable Use of Force Incidents

From January 1-November 30, 2019, there were 111 non-deadly use of force incidents, including 24 K9 contacts and 87 other (e.g., TASER, neck restraint).

##### 2019 Deadly Use of Force Incidents

From January 1-November 30, 2019, there were four deadly force incidents. See below.

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

##### 2019

##### **Incident 2019-20004372 (Under investigation by SPD Internal Affairs)**

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 County Prosecutor ruled the use of deadly force as justified. Internal Affairs is conducting an administrative investigation.

##### **Incident 2019-20124831 (Under investigation by SPD Internal Affairs)**

Incident 2019-20124831 occurred on July 6, 2019, in the 1400 block of West 9<sup>th</sup>. The Spokane Investigative Regional Response Team (SIRR) criminal investigation is complete. The County Prosecutor ruled the use of deadly force as justified. Internal Affairs is conducting an administrative investigation.

##### **Incident 2019-20201879 (Under investigation by Spokane Investigative Regional Response Team)**

Incident 2019-20201879 occurred on October 23, 2019, in the 3400 block of East Garnet. The Spokane Investigative Regional Response Team (SIRR) criminal investigation is ongoing.





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#### Items of Interest

##### Officer Receives Local Rotary Award

Spokane Rotary #21 recognized Officer Tim Schwering for his second Paul Harris Fellowship award on November 21, 2019. The Paul Harris Fellowship Award is one of the highest honors Rotary can bestow upon a person. Recipients are Rotarians and community professionals, in recognition of their outstanding contributions, exemplifying the highest ideal in Rotary, placing "Service Above Self."







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#### Memorial to Fallen Law Enforcement Officers in Washington State

The Memorial to Fallen Law Enforcement Officers in Washington State was held at the Spokane Police Academy campus November 21, 2019. This memorial and its dedication is the class project of the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission's (WSCJTC) Basic Law Enforcement Academy (BLEA) class #792. Class #792 is currently attending the Spokane Police Academy and will soon be graduating and heading back to their agencies to begin working as law enforcement officers.

Each Basic Law Enforcement Academy class takes on the responsibility of adopting a class project as a part of their journey through the initial educational portion of their career. Those projects range from improvements in the surrounding communities or Academy grounds to ventures like this memorial and its dedication. In this case, the recruits of class #792 managed the entire project. They were able to secure the materials and time necessary to build the memorial through donations so that there was no cost to the academy.

At the dedication, we remembered the men and women who have fallen in the line of duty during their service as peace officers in our state, and thanked the local community partners who gave their time and materials to make this memorial happen.



#### No Shave November Community Cancer Fund Campaign

No Shave November, also known as *Movember*, is an annual event involving the growing of beards and mustaches during November to raise cancer awareness. Participating officers wore a yellow ribbon on their uniform after donating a minimum of \$75.00 to be able to grow facial hair and be excused from the department's uniform/appearance guidelines. The proceeds collected were donated to the Community Cancer Fund to help fight cancer in the Inland Northwest. This year, the effort raised an all-time high of \$4,100.00.

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#### Home Depot Award

The Home Depot recently awarded Spokane Police Officer Dan Cole, a Home Depot AP Coin of Excellence, for his hard work and partnership in fighting retail crime.



#### Safety Presentation at Meadowlane Preschool







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### Precinct Highlights

#### Collaborative Cleanup:



SPD's North and South Precinct staff collaborated with Code Enforcement to address an issue on property north of the confluence of Latah Creek and the Spokane River. The cleanup was coordinated in response to reports of illegal camping along the riverbank and large amounts of solid waste left behind from previous camps. Due to the amount of garbage, Code Enforcement's litter crew, the Geiger litter crew, and SPD personnel worked together.

SPD officers gave the active campers notice of the trespass and time to gather their belongings and move along. There was coordination between the cleanup crews, SPD, and the occupants to make sure only discarded items were removed. 3,660 pounds of debris were removed from this property and transported to be disposed of properly. The cleanup effort was a great success. The crew made quick work of a large amount of debris on a vast area of land with some difficult terrain and the officers provided a safe environment. Below, two photos show the area before the cleanup and the one on the right shows an area that was cleaned.



The crews removed 3,660 pounds of debris from the property.





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### Crime Prevention

- The Downtown Precinct reports that the new warming shelter is running smoothly and experiencing very few issues. The Precinct is continuing work on a hot spot in the area of Division-Howard/I-90-Pacific with an emphasis on drugs and property crime issues.
- The South Precinct is working with 7-11 corporate office on getting new lighting, fencing, and cameras at the 7-11 on 2<sup>nd</sup> and Division. They will also have a new security company working for them at the start of 2020. These measures should have a positive impact and deter criminal activity occurring at the location.
- South Precinct Detective Bob Mosman has been working on a significant fraud case involving a number of computers that a suspect was pawning. He confiscated several of the computers and returned them to the business.

### Outreach

The North Precinct hosted a Coffee with a Cop on December 4, 2019, from 11am-1pm at the Starbucks at Safeway on Mission and Hamilton. South Precinct staff attended as well. Below, Lt. Shawn Kendall chats with a community member. Neighborhood Resource Officer Dave Kaurin gives out SPD stickers.



### Outreach Update

#### Youth Outreach Update

The Spokane Police Department is closing out our year for our YPI (Youth & Police Initiative) program. We look forward to working with our youth next year with YPI. This year we were able to have YPI sessions with Rogers HS, Excelsior Youth Center, Crosswalk, Ferris, North Central, Lewis & Clark, and Shadle. We thank the schools for their partnership.

To date, more than 650 youth have graduated from YPI and 170 officers have participated in the program.

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### About YPI:

- YPI is a prevention program for at-risk high school and middle school youth, designed to meet them where they are and help them prepare for their future. Referrals to YPI may stem from a number of issues, such as academic issues, behavioral issues, truancy issues, substance use, trauma exposure, and disciplinary history.
- Police officers lead the YPI program, building trust and rapport with students through dialogue, role-play and sharing perspectives.
- YPI positively influences participant choices, by providing encouragement to students to work hard in school, avoid substance use and gangs, and get involved in their communities.
- YPI results in new connections and opportunities for students, such as job training, Youth Leadership Spokane, and referrals to resources.
- The Core Values taught during the program are Respect, Honesty, Sportsmanship, Integrity and Leadership.

### Community Outreach Unit Summary

- SAC Detention School student outreach (12/4)
- Police Activities League Boxing (12/5)
- Shaw Whole Child Study Group (12/5)
- Target Heroes and Helpers (12/8)
- Refugee Service Provider Meeting (12/11)
- PAL Boxing (12/12, 12/19)
- Teddy Bear Toss (12/13)
- NATIVE Project Holiday Wellness Dinner (12/17)
- Pride Prep Truancy Board (12/19)
- Eastern State Hospital Patient Outreach (12/26)
- Safe Handoff Program, Eastern State Hospital (12/26)





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#### ISAAC Foundation Special Needs Station Visits

Spokane Police Department is one the agencies working with the ISAAC Foundation, a nonprofit organization enhancing lives of individuals touched by autism and other special needs. ISAAC Foundation believes that safer encounters between first responders and individuals touched by autism and other special needs begins with positive experiences and plenty of practice. ISAAC Foundation works with local agencies to provide monthly station visits that include participation by fire, law enforcement and EMS transport units. Special needs station visits help desensitize and prepare special needs individuals to appropriately interact with first responders in a fun and stress free environment. These visits also give first responders an opportunity to gain experience interacting with individuals with disabilities.



#### Winter Coats for Kids

The Retired Educators Association donated new winter coats, gloves and hats to the Spokane Police Department and Spokane County Sheriff's Office. These items will come in handy as officers come across those needing warm winter clothes.

At right, Sergeant Mike Carr receives coats from the Retired Educators Association.







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#### Target Heroes and Helpers Event

SPD Officers and Volunteers enjoyed helping with the event on Saturday, December 8, 2019.



#### Notable News

**Honoring the fallen: State police academy campus adds memorial bell**

<https://www.spokesman.com/stories/2019/nov/22/honoring-the-fallen-state-police-academy-campus-ad/>