



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT
CHIEF OF POLICE
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Strategic Initiatives
September 2021 Report



Public Safety and Community Health Committee Briefing
August 30, 2021



Selected Excerpts of Officer Commendations

I was involved in a car accident on sat night. I just wanted to pass my appreciation to the officer that assisted me. His name is **Officer Justin Druitt**. He was so kind and reassuring. His treatment of a 70 year old woman was exceptional. He made me feel safe and calmed me. Everything a young officer should be!! Please pass this on to him and his supervisor!!

I arrived home to find my back door ajar. I immediately called 911 and hid in my garage. Shortly, four wonderful officers arrived: **Josh Zuray, Brent Armstrong, Andy Bjur, and Ryan Murphy**. They searched the house and did not find the intruder. The officers were so professional and reassuring. Please place a gold star on their charts. The northeast side is a high crime area and no doubt presents many challenges to our police officers.

Please find attached a Victim Impact Statement written by a victim of a vehicle prowler and theft. She specifically addressed her gratitude for Officer LeQuire's handling of this incident in her final paragraph. I thought Officer LeQuire and you should be made aware of this letter and have it filed in his personnel file. Law enforcement do not always get the recognition they deserve, but when they do, it should be acknowledged and celebrated! I would like to provide tremendous thanks and gratitude to **Christopher LeQuire**, our officer who apprehended [the suspect]. He should be commended and promoted.

I just wanted to take this time to express how appreciative I am of SPD. I just read the story about the suspect throwing a lit gas can at an Officer. I am so happy the Officer is ok. He did an outstanding job taking that person into custody. I would like to say thank you to our Police Officers, God Bless You all. Most of all, please keep up the great work you do and please be safe!

Sergeant Schneider, Officers Graig Butler and Jen Kerns, My heart warm gratitude to all of you. You are "Good Officers" and I hope the department utilizes your skills in training of Officers, not just the new officers. I was impressed with the sincerity of how you embraced the kids. The kids were happy and we adults cannot deceive them. The parents came to me to commend your attention to the kids and your overall attitudes. We are lucky in Spokane with relationships between the Police/Sheriff and the citizens.

Thank you **Officer Tim Schwering** and the COPS shop for following through and cleaning Garland between Morton and Nevada. I'm sure my neighbors would agree, it's nice to look down the street and not see a congestion of junk cars. More importantly, people can access their property without a problem. Thanks again. I appreciate it.

I wanted to give a shout out to **Officer Scott Barker** who was very professional to deal with on an incident of hit and run. You have a good culture going on.



Internal Affairs Unit Update

January 1 through July 31 2021 Commendations and Complaints

Commendations Received: **Total: 127**

Complaints Received: **Total: 51 (39 from community)**

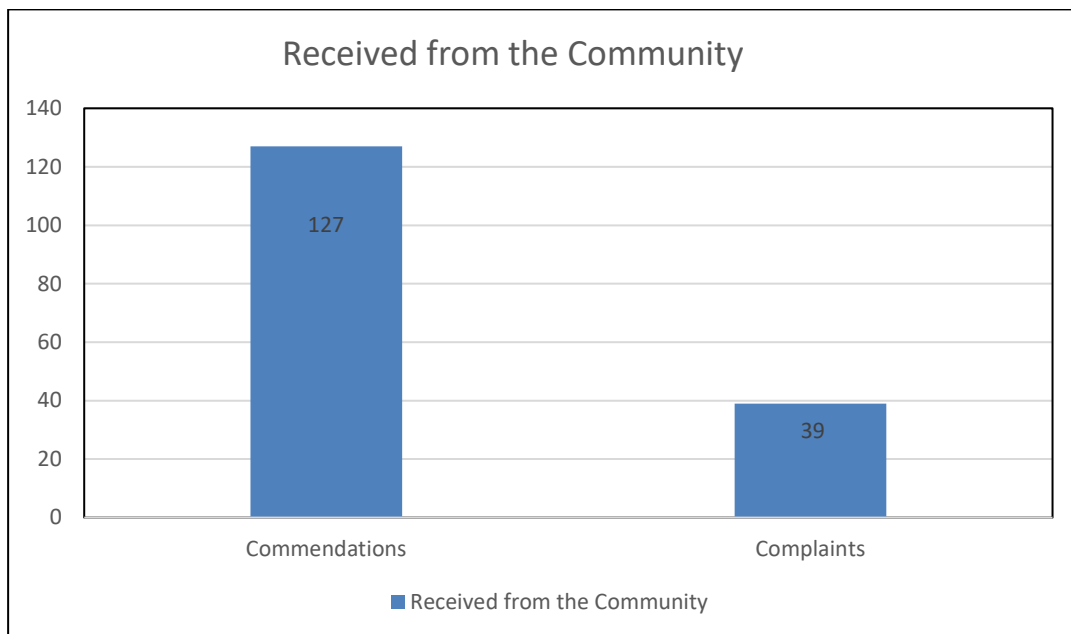
Closed Out as Inquiries: 3 (As of July 31, 2021)

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 Complaints—January 1 through July 31, 2021

Received by the Office of Police Ombudsman	Total: 16
Received by the Spokane Police Department	Total: 35
Internally Generated by the SPD	Total: 12
Generated by the Community	Total: 39

As of July 31, 2021, the department has received 70% more commendations from the community than complaints.



Use of Force Update

2021 Non-Deadly Reportable Use of Force Incidents

From January 1-July 31, 2021, there were 41 non-deadly use of force incidents- 9 K9 contacts and 32 other (e.g., TASER).

2021 Deadly Force Incidents (Officer-Involved Shootings)

From January 1-July 31, 2021, there were two deadly force incidents.

Incident 2021-20002320 (Pending SPD Administrative Investigation)

Incident 2021-20002320 took place on January 5, 2021 in the area of 5100 N Ash. The Spokane Independent Investigative Response (SIIR) conducted the criminal investigation. The Spokane County Prosecutor ruled the use of deadly force justified. SPD is conducting an administrative investigation.

Incident 2021-20059960 (Pending Prosecutor Review)

Incident 2021-20059960 took place on April 17, 2021, in the area of 500 S Cannon. The Spokane Independent Investigative Response (SIIR) conducted the criminal investigation. The case is currently with the Spokane County Prosecutor.

2020 Deadly Force Incidents (Officer-Involved Shootings)

From January 1-December 31, 2020, there were three deadly force incidents. Two are still open.

Incident 2020-20136616 (Pending Deadly Force Review Board)

Incident 2020-20136616 took place on August 7, 2020 in the area of Courtland/Crestline. The criminal investigation is by the Spokane Independent Investigative Response (SIIR) team is complete. The Prosecutor ruled the use of deadly force justified. The SPD administrative investigation is complete. The case is pending a Deadly Force Review Board.

Incident 2020-20160038 (Pending Prosecutor review)

Incident 2020-20160038 took place on September 11, 2020 in the 6300 block of East Broadway. The Spokane Independent Investigative Response (SIIR) conducted the criminal investigation. The case is currently with the Spokane County Prosecutor.



Items of Interest

2021 Legislative Changes

This May, several new bills were passed affecting law enforcement. Most of the new laws became effective on July 25, 2021. As a result, SPD revised 20 existing policies and created a new policy for Protection Orders. See chart below for policies disseminated in July 2021.

Bill	Policy Affected	Changes
HB 1310	De-escalation	Updated our policy to match verbiage in House Bill. Requires that an officer exhaust available and appropriate de-escalation tactics prior to using any physical force.
HB 1310 & SB 5066 & HB 1054	Use of Force	<p>We re-wrote our entire policy. We had several of the requirements in place (duty to intercede, provide medical aid) but we matched our policy wording to the bill's wording.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Repeals RCW 10.31.050, the authority to use "all force necessary to effect arrest" and replaces it with a new Chapter in Title 10 with provisions that call for "reasonable care" in the decision to use force, a duty to use "the minimal degree of physical force necessary" and to use de-escalation tactics, whenever available and appropriate.• Authorizes a law enforcement officer to use deadly force ONLY when necessary to protect against an imminent threat of serious physical injury or death.• Requires officers to leave the area if there is no threat of imminent harm or no crime is being committed, has been committed or is about to be committed.• Duty to Intervene: SPD already had duty to intervene & to render aid in the policy but we modified the verbiage to match that of the legislation. Requires any identifiable general authority Washington law enforcement officer (regardless of their rank) who witnesses another law enforcement officer using or attempting to use excessive force to intervene to end and/or prevent the use of excessive force and report to their supervisor. Prohibits law enforcement agencies from imposing discipline or retaliating.• Agencies are required to send notice to the criminal justice training commission of any disciplinary decision resulting from a peace officer's failure to intervene or failure to report wrongdoing
HB 1310	Mental Illness	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requires officers to leave the area if there is no threat of imminent harm or no crime is being committed, has been committed or is about to be committed.• Addresses subjects who want to harm themselves but pose no threat to others.



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added verbiage: If after considering the factors in the policy, the officer determines that the person cannot be safely taken into custody, and the person poses no threat to the officer or others and is in a location where they would not present a risk of harm to the public, based on the totality of the circumstances, when it is safe for officers to clear the area, after consultation with a supervisor, they should leave the area.
HB 1054	Control Techniques & Devices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prohibited chokeholds and lateral neck restraints. Restricted use of tear gas to prevent harm from riot, barricaded, or hostage situation. Prior to deploying tear gas, the law enforcement officers must: exhaust available and appropriate alternatives, obtain authorization from a supervising officer, announce the intent to use tear gas; and allow sufficient time and space for the subject(s) to comply. In the case of a riot, the Mayor must authorize use of tear gas.
HB 1054	Vehicle Pursuit Policy	<p>Spokane Police Department's pursuit policy was already more restrictive than many agencies in the state and continues to be more restrictive than what the law allows for.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In order to initiate a pursuit, there must be probable cause to believe that a person in the vehicle has committed or is committing a violent or sex offense specified in the policy. SPD had those restrictions in place already. However, now officers must obtain authorization from a supervisor prior to initiating a pursuit. Pursuits are allowed when, under the circumstances, the safety risks of failing to apprehend or identify the person are considered to be greater than the safety risks associated with the vehicular pursuit; Requires the person being pursued to pose an imminent threat to the safety of others; Prohibits a law enforcement officer from firing a weapon at a moving vehicle. A peace officer may not fire a weapon upon a moving vehicle unless necessary to protect against an imminent threat of serious physical harm resulting from the operator's or a passenger's use of a deadly weapon. This was a slight modification to already existing verbiage.
HB 1054	Search and Seizure	Prohibition on "No knock" warrants added to policy. "No knock" warrants were not a practice of SPD.
HB 1054	Uniform Regulations	Officers must be identifiable by name or badge number. We already had this in policy, but clarified that it applies to specialty team uniforms. Verbiage changed: "Officers shall be readily identifiable through their name or badge number on their uniform."

HB 1320	Domestic Violence	<p>Changes included more stringent service of process requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal service by law enforcement is required for Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPOs) and protection orders with orders to surrender and prohibit weapons (OTSWs); cases that involve transferring custody of a child from the respondent to the petitioner; or cases involving vacating the respondent from a shared residence. • For Records: Domestic violence protection orders must be entered immediately into law enforcement databases.
HB 1320	Protection Orders	<p>We created a new policy to provide guidelines for the service of protection orders other than Extreme Risk Protection Orders (policy 387) and Domestic Violence order (policy 320). There are six types of orders: DVPOs, sexual assault protection orders (SAPOs), stalking protection orders (Stalking POs), anti-harassment protection orders (AHPOs), vulnerable adult protection orders (VAPOs), and ERPOs. The new policy recaps differences in service for particular orders (ERPOs, OTSW). Violation penalties differ for various protection orders. Enforcement details are listed in the policy.</p>
HB 1320	Emergency Risk Protection Orders	<p>Established new procedures for serving Extreme Risk Protection Orders.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service of an ERPO will take priority over other orders needed to be served, unless the other orders are of a similar emergency nature and those respondents present an equivalent or greater risk of harm if not immediately served. • Officers shall attempt service within 24 hours of receipt of order whenever practicable but not more than 10 days after the agency has received the order. • If the first attempt is not successful, no fewer than two additional attempts should be made to serve the order. • Duties for Records entry – DV orders must be entered immediately into the database.
HB 1320	Concealed Pistol License	<p>Updated policy to include Records Unit role to ensure entry of an Order to Surrender Weapons (OTSW) and/or Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) and revocation of a CPL.</p>
SB 5066 & SB 5051	Disciplinary Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added verbiage: Any identifiable on-duty peace officer who observes any wrongdoing committed by another peace officer, or has a good faith reasonable belief that another peace officer “committed wrongdoing,” shall report such wrongdoing to the officer's supervisor or other supervisory peace officer. • Added verbiage: Any on-duty Spokane Police Officer who witnesses another peace officer engaging or attempting to engage in the use of excessive force against another person shall intervene when in a position to do so to end the use of excessive force or attempted use of excessive force, or to prevent the further use of excessive force. A peace officer shall also render

		<p>aid at the earliest safe opportunity to any person injured as a result of the use of force.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upon separation from the Spokane Police Department for any reason, including termination, resignation, or retirement, the department shall notify the Commission within 15 days of the separation date • SPD shall notify the Commission within 15 days of learning of the occurrence of any death or serious injury caused by the use of force by an officer or any time an officer has been charged with a crime; and • The department shall notify the Commission within 15 days of an initial disciplinary decision by the department for alleged behavior or conduct by an officer that is noncriminal and may result in revocation of certification.
HB 5051	Personnel Records	Changes existing records retention laws. Agencies must retain any personnel record while the officer is employed and for 10 years thereafter.
HB 5051	Employee Selection and Hiring Standards	Expands Background Investigation Requirements for Peace Officer Certification. Not many changes to SPD process, just checking with the Prosecutor for Brady issues prior to hiring lateral officers.
HB 5051	Reporting of Employee Convictions	Added verbiage to match legislation: All employees shall be required to promptly notify the Department of any past and current criminal convictions, any pending criminal charges and any conviction, plea, or other case disposition immediately.
HB 1223	Investigations	Requires that any custodial interrogation of an adult for a felony offense, or a juvenile of any offense, be electronically recorded. Some exceptions are listed.
HB 1223	Bodyworn Cameras	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires a custodial interrogation to be recorded electronically in its entirety: if the interrogation subject is a juvenile, or if the interrogation relates to a felony crime • There are some exceptions, listed in policy. • Requires Audio and Video Recording for Custodial Interrogations at the following locations: jail, police station, correctional facility. • Requires a Minimum of Audio Recording for custodial Interrogations at “any other place of detention” (police vehicle, school)
HB 1088	Brady Material Disclosure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires law enforcement agencies to report Brady/PID disclosures within 10 days of the discovery of the act that is potentially exculpatory or the misconduct that affects his or her credibility • Requires a law enforcement agency, prior to hiring an officer with previous law enforcement experience, to inquire and verify

		whether the officer has ever been subject to a Brady/PID disclosure.
HB 1109	Sexual Assault Investigations	Expands the statutory rights for sexual assault survivors. Includes referral to advocate, being informed about their case, etc. These rights are outlined in the new crime victim card.
HB 1109	Victim Witness Assistance	Expands the statutory rights for sexual assault survivors. Includes referral to advocate, being informed about their case, etc. These rights are outlined in the new crime victim card.
HB 1227	Child Abuse	Updated wording to match that of the bill. Requires hospitals, law enforcement, and courts to find that the removal or detention of a child is necessary to prevent imminent physical harm due to child abuse or neglect before authorizing removal or detention of the child.

During the short window of the bills passing in May and becoming effective in July, SPD held two training events to train supervisors on the new policies. The Training Unit also held many roll call trainings. Additional training on the new policies will take place at the upcoming Fall In-Service training.

SPD's policy manual is available at this link:

<https://static.spokanecity.org/documents/police/accountability/police-policy-manual-2021-07-19.pdf>

Recruiting Update

SPD welcomed several new hires in July 2021. They will attend Basic Law Enforcement Academy here in Spokane.



New officers pictured above: Amanda Storhaug, Matthew Maxcy, Rebecca Calamia, Juan Ruiz, Aaron Shoults, Nathan Clark, William Braten, Ryan Fick, Diego Fernandez, and Madie McDonald. Above right, Steven Hall with Assistant Chief Justin Lundgren.

Remembering our Fallen Officer Brian Orchard

The last SPD officer shot and killed in the line of duty was memorialized on July 20, 2021, with a sign at the site of the murder. Current and former SPD officers, dignitaries, and family members of Detective Brian Orchard gathered to remember and honor Orchard whose End of Watch was 38 years ago. Below, photos of the memorial sign and the street signs honoring Detective Orchard.



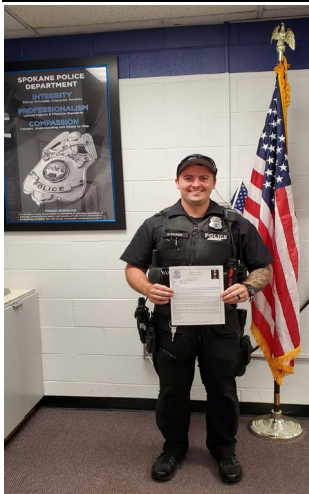
Detective Brian Orchard, along with other SPD officers, were conducting an undercover stakeout in July of 1983 attempting to apprehend thieves who had stolen a valuable collection of guns. The suspects were trying to ransom the guns to the owner for \$20,000.00. The suspect vehicle with two occupants pulled up to the curb in the stakeout area and Detective Orchard and another officer approached the car. Orchard was on the driver's side. One of the men in the vehicle fired a shot striking Orchard in the head. He was rushed to surgery in critical condition, the bullet could not be removed and he died two days later on July 20, 1983. The suspects were caught, tried, and convicted of murder.

Brian Orchard was a young officer with three children when he was killed. Two of his children and other family members joined SPD, Honor Guard members, Mayor Woodward, and others as a memorial sign in Orchard's honor was placed at the scene of the killing at 5th and Pine Street in downtown Spokane. The

ceremony was put on by the Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Project and sponsored by the Spokane Regional Law Enforcement Museum.

Orchard's death was the impetus for the LE Officers Memorial Project. Because of his death, a committee was established to design a memorial for fallen officers. In 1987, the memorial was unveiled behind the Spokane Courthouse. It was the first LE Memorial in the state of Washington and remained at the Courthouse location until 2007 when it was replaced by the current LE Memorial on the Public Safety Building campus.

Lifesaving Award to Officer Michael Baughn



Officer Michael Baughn who was awarded SPD's Lifesaving Medal Award on July 9, 2021. The award goes to department personnel who, by their immediate actions, saved a human life. In February, Officer Baughn was dispatched to a laundromat on an assault call. When Officer Baughn arrived, he found a male covered in blood. Officer Baughn, who is an EMT, quickly realized the injury was an arterial bleed from a stab wound that needed stopped immediately. He quickly put a tourniquet on the victim's arm and stopped the bleeding. The victim was transported to a hospital where an ER doctor relayed that the tourniquet was tight and placed correctly and that without it the man would have succumbed to his injuries. Thank you, Officer Baughn, for your service and for saving a life.

Precinct Highlights

How do Precincts Interact with the Spokane Community?

Precincts are embedded in their communities, actively involved with community groups, neighborhood councils, community centers, businesses, and schools.

Precinct staff (including Neighborhood Resource Officers, Detectives, and Leadership):

- **Respond to concerns** on the neighborhood level, taking their priorities from what the community and responding to what is reported to our exceptional COPS volunteers and Neighborhood Councils.
- Partner with the Civil Enforcement Unit to identify and investigate **nuisance properties**.
- Collaborate with **Code Enforcement** to remove thousands of pounds of debris from downtown, parks, and the Spokane River bank.
- Host the **Coffee with a Cop** program in local coffee shops and grocery stores.
- Staff the **Community Court**, an alternative court model for cases arising out of low-level criminal violations or quality of life crimes, connecting individuals with community resources.
- Meet with **homelessness service providers** on a regular basis.
- Collaborate with the **Downtown Spokane Partnership**.
- Participated in **Youth & Police Initiative** programs in schools within the precinct area and the Crosswalk Youth Shelter.
- Attend **Neighborhood Council** meetings and brainstorm on quality of life issues.

- Monitor **NextDoor** posts in the neighborhood for crime trends and neighborhood communications.
- **Collaborate with businesses**, such as grocery stores experiencing high numbers of calls, on the creation of safety plans.
- Participate in **National Night Out** and “**Get to Know Your NRO**” programs.
- Conduct **Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED)** assessments and make recommendations to increase safety.
- Work with **neighborhood parks** experiencing increased drug activity and violence to do special emphasis patrols.
- Coach youth in the **Police Activities League** program held in their area.
- Work with **C.O.P.S. volunteers** on programs like Neighborhood Watch, Business Watch, Crime Free Rental Properties, Bicycle Registration, Paws on Patrol, Latent fingerprinting, etc.
- Attend **community meetings** like the NAACP.
- Conduct **foot patrols near agencies** asking for assistance, such as the House of Charity.
- Hold **Crime Prevention/Situational Awareness trainings** for area businesses and social service agencies.
- Work with the **Behavioral Health Unit** to refer individuals to mental health services.
- Train businesses about **loss prevention**.
- Attend **neighborhood events**.

North Precinct

Crime Prevention Missions

Four Northside parks (Hill n Dale, Franklin, Glass, and AM Cannon) have generated multiple calls for service for things like drugs, assaults, lewd conduct and liquor violations. There have been multiple calls for naked males in these parks. The goal of the mission is to reduce criminal activity at the parks and make them useable for residents and visitors.

Collaboration with Neighborhood Residents Addressing Quality of Life Issues

- In one location, a neighbor called police every day during a monthly period. He was in crisis and was connected with the Behavioral Health Unit.
- In another location, the neighbors complained of an apartment resident allowing transients to set up camps around his residence, numerous bikes littering property, and excessive foot traffic into residence. The NRO made contact with the apartment manager. A Chronic Nuisance Notice was issued.
- NROs responded to several neighbor complaints about abandoned, broken-down vehicles and were able to tow them away. Officer Tim Schwering has towed 180 vehicles so far this year, associated with 615 calls for service.

North Precinct Collaboration with Crime Analysis

SPD Crime Analysts coordinate with the North Precinct to provide crime data on the most prolific locations. Analysts pinpoint the locations with the most calls for service and send the data to the NROs so that the NROs can follow up. Analysts focus on the top ten locations for every neighborhood.



Additionally, Neighborhood Resource Officers are actively responding to campsites reported to 311 and addressing the complaints as NRO's, with enforcement, clean up by Code Enforcement, camper education and property owner education. Crime Analyst Jaime Lamanna is organizing, tracking and disseminating the 311 complaints.

Downtown Precinct

Crime Prevention Missions

The Downtown Precinct has been focusing on the Sprague to 3rd/Division to Spokane Street area during late July. The mission will remain the same for early August. The goal is to reduce Part I crimes, assaults and robberies in particular. Officers are using high visibility patrols and bike patrols with a focus on enforcement.

Precinct Outreach

- Mental Health Stabilization Project team meeting
- Downtown Community Court triage meeting
- Hot spotters meeting
- Downtown security group meeting
- Spokane Treatment and Recovery Services Board meeting
- Business Improvement District Board meeting
- Salvation Army Board meeting
- Continuum of Care Board meeting
- Washington State Public Safety Review Panel meeting
- Riverside Neighborhood Council meeting

Downtown Spokane Neighborhood Resource Officers are using their new bikes to help the community. See: <https://my.spokanecity.org/news/stories/2021/08/06/spokane-bike-cops-make-downtown-safer/>

South Precinct

Crime Prevention Missions

- The South Precinct has been focusing on Coeur d'Alene Park. They held a meeting with neighbors, City Administrator Johnnie Perkins, and Chief Meidl. NROs followed up with a morning contact of campers with five exclusion orders given. Park personnel have reported a significant reduction in garbage recently, up to 50% less garbage since instituting the patrols. NROs are actively contacting people and as a result, many drug users are leaving the area. During late July and early August, graveyard officers are contacting campers and patrolling Brown's Addition for other criminal activity. NROs are patrolling CDA Park about twice a day.
- NROs are also focusing on the campers and abandoned cars in the area around 1st Avenue/Greene and Main/Greene. NROs have removed some vehicles and have cleaned up garbage in the area with citizen help. A business at Sprague and Green was contacted and they removed about eight of their unlicensed cars from the street.
- The South Precinct has also focused on reducing vehicle prowls at City golf courses. Staff saw improvement with Indian Canyon and Qualchan courses.



Collaboration with Neighborhood Residents Addressing Quality of Life Issues

- Neighborhood Resource Officers received 232 neighborhood referrals in July 2021.
- The South Precinct has been working with several nuisance properties.

Outreach Update

Police Activities League (PAL) Summer Program



SPD and community partners have been busy with the PAL program this summer. PAL bridges the gap between Spokane Police officers and youth in our community through fun and educational summer activities such as STEM, Basketball, Track, Baseball, Flag Football, and Soccer. Spokane Public Schools Summer Meal Program provides lunches each day. PAL is held at neighborhood parks in West Central, East Central, and Hillyard.

PAL engages participating youth in positive athletic and academic programs, including gang and drug intervention and prevention. It's a collaborative program of Spokane Police Department, Spokane Parks Department, Spokane Public Schools, and many other organizations working together to supply a myriad of resources in a central location. PAL is made possible through the time dedicated by our Spokane Police Officers and by the Spokane Police Foundation.

Please see website for more information.

<https://my.spokanecity.org/police/community-outreach/>



Outreach Unit at Vaccination Picnic

On July 17, 2021, SPD outreach officers provided outreach at the Vaccination Picnic sponsored by the Carl Maxey Center and Sayla-Tec. The picnic was organized for the international communities from Africa and took place at Riverside State Park. Officers enjoyed meeting youth and their families.

Cops N Kids Car Show



SPD participated in the 2021 Cops N Kids Car Show on August 14, 2021. This event was started 27 years ago as a way to bring teen car enthusiasts and law enforcement together, to promote safe driving and a drug and alcohol-free lifestyle.

SPD “Face to Face” Event with Youth

This event is in the planning stages and is meant to build bridges of understanding between youth and police. It involves about 150 youth and will be held partially in-person and also live-streamed so families can watch from home. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on 1620 E. 29th is organizing it.

Chief Meidl and the Community Outreach Unit will be talking about how to become a police officer, what the job is like, and what trends they are seeing in the community, etc. Youth will propose questions for the Chief; two youth moderators will run the session and the Chief and officers will have an hour or so to discuss the youth's questions.

Spokane Eastside Reunion Community Celebration

Every year, the Spokane Eastside Reunion Association hold a Community Celebration event in Underhill Park on the second Saturday of August. This event celebrates the children who have attended the basketball camp as well as the East Central Neighborhood. Spokane Police Department representatives attend with a police car and policemen for the children to interact with. SPD Reserve Officer Ed Richardson represented this year on August 14, 2021.

PAL Boxing

One of our PAL Boxers competed at the Roxie in Hillyard in his first ever boxing match on August 14, 2021. at The Roxie up in Hillyard. PAL Boxing participant Jeremiah Pullom took part in his first amateur boxing bout. We are very proud of Jeremiah and the effort he put in to get ready for this fight. Boxing is a tremendous metaphor for life. It takes hard work and dedication to be successful and you need to surround yourself with a quality team of people to support you. The Spokane Police Department is proud to support Jeremiah and our other PAL boxers. Thank you as well to the Spokane Police Foundation for their continued support of our youth engagement efforts. Please reach out to Senior Police Officer Graig Butler if you are interested in getting your youth involved. He can be reached at SPDCOMMUNITYOUTREACH@spokanepolice.org.

Spokane Police Bike Camp

The Spokane Police Bike Camp took place July 21, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Pavilion at Riverfront Park. Youth learned how to ride safely and expand their riding skills with fun and challenging obstacles courses. The event was supported by local sponsors Shred and North Division Bike and the Spokane Police Foundation. The event concluded with a ride through Riverfront Park on Centennial Trail.



National Night Out Against Crime

Below, SPD Executive Staff members with Mark Richard and COPS Mounted Patrol

