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Strategic Initiatives
April 2024 Report



Public Safety and Community Health Committee Briefing
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Excerpts of Commendations
(Personal Identifying Information has been removed)

I just wanted to formally say I had the greatest time on my ride along with **Officer John Oliveri** last night. I don't have his contact information but please send my sincere regards, he was a treat to ride along with. You have a great team, and it was an honor to get to observe all of you in action.

On Tuesday, an officer showed up responding to complaints of a broken-down car on the street. It was my girlfriend's BMW that had the tires and catalytic converter stolen a couple of weeks ago. Anyways, the officer said that he had to get it moved but wanted to give us the chance to move it before he had it towed. He gave me a few suggestions for what to do and even Googled the phone numbers and wrote them down for me. We got our vehicle moved a couple days later, thanks to his recommendations and even made a couple hundred dollars vs. having to pay someone to haul it off. He was extremely professional and polite from the start, and I just really wanted to stress that these are the kind of officers that give SPD and police in general a great name. His last name was officer Pickens, something like that, I'm sorry I don't remember his exact name, [**Parking Enforcement Officer Chris Patchin**] but the experience left a great impression on me, and I just wanted you to know that I hope this officer gets recognized for his exemplary service and conduct.

I really liked the "Chat with the Chief" video! The Chief comes off as completely selfless. Not trying to toot his own horn but takes the time to recognize Meidl. Then, the Chief does everything he can to put the rest of us at ease. He pledges to keep the train on the track and in the interim, and wisely acknowledges we need to keep a close eye on morale. I love the fact the Chief clued us in he is second generation SPD and invested in the department's success like it was his family-owned business. After living in the shadow of Meidl, by design, **Chief [Justin] Lundgren** has distinguished himself as a leader with his own strengths and commitment to this community!

I just wanted to write and commend the officers who responded to a hit and run incident on 5th and Denver last night. A woman had slammed her car into a parked vehicle, and then took off on foot. The SPD responded quickly. While they were there and preparing to tow the car, the woman showed up. She was trying to stop them from towing the car by getting in her car. She was also yelling obscenities at the officers non-stop, calling them names and she was shoving her phone in their faces recording them. The entire time, the officers and others who responded (towing, etc..) remained calm and respectful despite the intense verbal abuse. As a teacher, I know what it is like to experience that - but I'm sure the police see it much more - and to a more serious extent - than I ever have, and the officers' ability to diffuse the situation all while remaining calm and respectful is admirable. The 911 operator was also very helpful and professional, gathering information and getting people to the scene. I know you all aren't thanked nearly enough for the work you do, and I wanted to reach out to say thank you. [**Officer Daniel Morley, Detective Bryer, Sgt Matt Rose, Officers Trystan Herzog, Kolton McKitrick, Dylan Pavlischak, Scott Lesser, Reserve Officers Jory Hustad and Ed Richardson, Dispatcher Shannon Young.**]



Internal Affairs Unit Update

January 1 through February 29, 2024, Commendations and Complaints

Commendations Received: **Total: 31**

Complaints Received: **Total: 14 (9 from community)**

Closed Out as Inquiries: 0 (As of February 29, 2024)

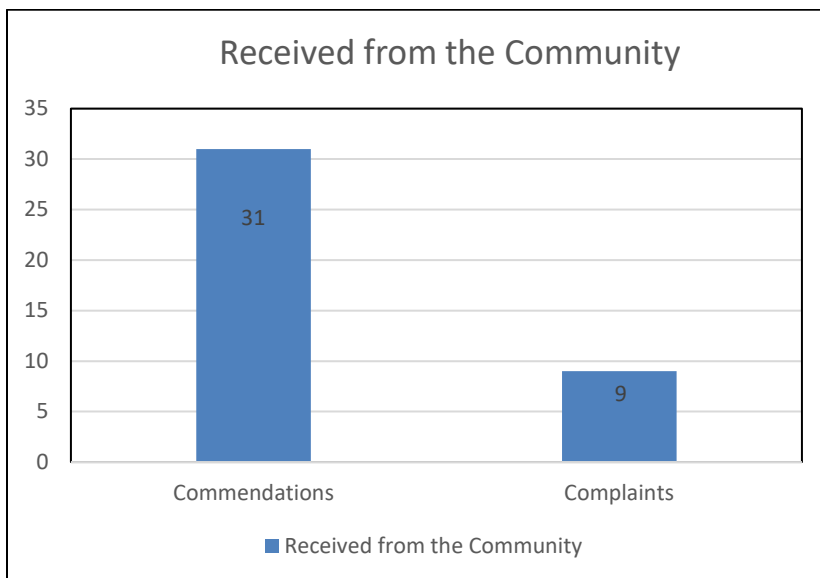
An inquiry is an initial complaint about employee conduct which, even if true, would not qualify as a personnel complaint and may be handled informally by a department supervisor and shall not be considered complaints.

Source of Complaints—January 1 through February 29, 2024

Received by the Office of Police Ombudsman	Total: 5
Received by the Spokane Police Department	Total: 9
Internally Generated by the SPD	Total: 5
Generated by the Community	Total: 9

SPD maintains a process that allows us to assess the actions of our employees with the ultimate objective of improving service and holding our employees accountable. Complaints sometimes reveal the need to modify a policy or procedure or reveal a need for training. In 2023, complaints to SPD decreased 12% compared to 2022. Additionally, SPD continues to receive 3 times the commendations as complaints. In 2023, SPD saw a 12% increase in commendations compared to 2022.

The chart below shows commendations versus complaints from the community through February 2024.



Deadly Force (Officer-Involved Shootings) Update

2024

From January 1 – February 29, 2024, there were three deadly force incidents.

- **Incident 2024-20019659 (Pending Criminal Investigation):** Incident 2024-20019659 took place on January 31, 2024, in the area of Stevens and Cliff. The Spokane Independent Investigative Response (SIIR) is conducting the criminal investigation.
- **Incident 2024-20027093 (Pending Criminal Investigation):** Incident 2024-20027093 took place on February 12, 2024, in the 1100 block of East Wellesley. The Spokane Independent Investigative Response (SIIR) is conducting the criminal investigation.
- **Incident 2024-20027307 (Pending Criminal Investigation):** Incident 2024-20027307 took place on February 12, 2024, in the area of Howard and Riverside. The Spokane Independent Investigative Response (SIIR) is conducting the criminal investigation.

2023

From January 1 – December 31, 2023, there were two deadly force incidents.

- **Incident 2023-20088146 (Pending Criminal Investigation):** Incident 2023-20088146 took place on May 10, 2023, in the area of 5th and Browne. The Spokane Independent Investigative Response (SIIR) is conducting the criminal investigation.
- **Incident 2023-20238146 (Pending Criminal Investigation):** Incident 2023-20238146 took place on December 3, 2023, in the 9200 block of Colton Street. The Spokane Independent Investigative Response (SIIR) is conducting the criminal investigation.

2022

From January 1- December 31, 2022, there were five deadly force incidents.

- **Incident 2022-20012711 (Closed)**
- **Incident 2022-20134271 (Pending Prosecutor Review):** 2022-20134271 took place on August 3, 2022, in the area of 2nd and Sheridan. The Spokane Independent Investigative Response (SIIR) completed the criminal investigation. The case is with the Prosecutor's Office.
- **Incident 2022-20156670 (Pending Administrative Investigation):** 2022-20156670 took place on September 4, 2022, in the area of 2900 E. Wabash Avenue. The Spokane Independent Investigative Response (SIIR) completed the criminal investigation. The Prosecutor's office ruled the use of deadly force justified.
- **Incident 2022-20184192 (Pending Criminal Investigation):** 2022-20184192 took place on October 16, 2022, in the area of 100 S Cedar. The Spokane Independent Investigative Response (SIIR) is conducting the criminal investigation.
- **Incident 2022-20214924 (Pending Administrative Investigation):** 2022-20214924 took place on December 4, 2022, in the area of Morton and Illinois. The Spokane Independent Investigative Response (SIIR) completed the criminal investigation. The case is with the Prosecutor's Office. SPD is conducting an administrative investigation.





Crime Prevention

SPD offers anti-theft device in a continuing effort to curb vehicle theft issues plaguing KIA and Hyundai owners

In September of 2023, Spokane Police Department and Spokane County Sheriff’s Office formed a task force to combat the rampant theft and vandalism of KIA and Hyundai vehicles. The effort between SPD and SCSO resulted in the arrests of several suspects involved in a theft ring including KIA/Hyundai vehicles and Ring cameras. In 2023, a total of 218 KIA and Hyundai vehicles were reported stolen in the City/County of Spokane.



In the last several weeks there has been an increase in thefts involving these vehicle makes, specifically KIA. SPD is actively investigating the thefts and is still recommending that owners contact their respective dealers to see if any modifications to lower the risk of theft can be made.

To offer additional assistance, SPD is offering free vehicle clubs, thanks to a grant from the Washington Auto Theft Prevention Authority to all KIA and Hyundai owners. The club is an effective theft deterrent that simply attaches to the steering wheel. If you are interested, please contact SPD’s Crime Victim Advocates Office at 509-625-4124.

The Spokane Police Department wants to make Spokane residents aware of a possible new scam being used in the area to steal your money and possibly your identity.

In recent days, residents have been receiving phone calls from people identifying themselves as U.S. Customs Agents. The caller then advises the resident has a warrant and gives step by step instructions for how to pay a fine to avoid arrest. Almost immediately after the initial phone, call a second call is made to the resident by someone identifying themselves as a Spokane Police officer who advises them the first call was real and they need to pay the fine.

This is NOT a valid phone call, and the callers are NOT U. S. Customs agents or Spokane Police Officers. The Spokane Police Department will not solicit money in any way from citizens over the phone.

Some helpful tips to remember to avoid being taken advantage of:

- Be skeptical of phone calls from unidentified or unknown phone numbers.



- Local, state and federal law enforcement officials will not call you and request or demand payments for fines, warrants, pending charges etc.
- Local, state and federal law enforcement officials will not call and solicit funds for charitable donations for causes they are associated with.
- If you are ever concerned about a phone call you receive from someone claiming to be a law enforcement officer, call the agency they claim to represent and report the incident.



Sector Updates

Adam Sector (Northwest)

On February 21, the Adam Sector held a Coffee with a Cop event at Pitotti Coffee Roasters on 733 W. Garland. Below, SPD volunteers, SPD staff, SPD Chaplains, and Spokane C.O.P.S. volunteers talk with community members.



Baker Sector (Northeast)

SPD's investigation into a shooting on 2-16-24 continues. Multiple arrests made; one person deceased.

On 2-16-24, SPD responded to a shooting incident that took place in Northeast Spokane. Officers located the suspect vehicle, but the suspects refused to stop. The vehicle was finally brought to stop using a PIT maneuver on Springfield and Hamilton. Items had been thrown from the vehicle before officers were able to bring the pursuit to a halt with one of the recovered items being a firearm.

While safely removing the suspects from the vehicle, it was discovered that a female occupant had suffered a gunshot wound to her head. Officers rendered aid until medics arrived and the female was transported to a local hospital where she was later declared deceased. SPD Major Crimes is continuing the investigation into her death. The name of the female deceased will be released at a later date by the Spokane County Medical Examiner's Office. The investigation into this incident is ongoing.

The remaining suspects were transported from the scene and interviewed by Major Crimes Detectives. The following suspects were arrested and booked into the Spokane County Jail:

- Christopher J. Gimmaka (18): 1st Degree Attempted Robbery, Conspiracy to Commit 1st Degree Robbery and three counts of 1st Degree Assault.
- Kayden W. Willoughby (18): 1st Degree Attempted Robbery, Conspiracy to Commit 1st Degree Robbery and three counts of 1st Degree Assault.
- Devin B. McEwen (18): 1st Degree Attempted Robbery, Conspiracy to Commit 1st Degree Robbery and three counts of 1st Degree Assault and Attempt to Elude a police vehicle.
- A fourth suspect (16) was booked into the Spokane County Juvenile Detention Center for 1st Degree Attempted Robbery, Conspiracy to Commit 1st Degree Robbery and three counts of 1st Degree Assault.

Homicide suspect arrested: The Spokane Police Department arrested a homicide suspect wanted for second degree murder. The arrest is related to a shooting call that occurred the week prior.

On 2-8-24, 4:00 PM members of SPD and the U.S. Marshalls located Gunnar M Doughty (32) at a home in the 2200 block of N. Morton. Doughty was wanted for second degree murder related to the homicide that took place on Feb 2 at about 2:00 AM where victim 30-year-old Dylan McCorkle was found in the yard of a home in the 2400 block of North Hamilton Street. Once law enforcement confirmed Doughty was in the home, police focused on getting other adults and children out of the home safely. After successfully extricating the other occupants, SPD directed Doughty to surrender, he refused. Members of the SPD SWAT Team, Hostage Negotiation Team, Aerial Support Unit, Explosive Disposal Unit, and investigators were called in to assist in the apprehension.

After hours of attempts to get Doughty to surrender, SPD used drones and robots to partially search the home. SPD was able to confirm Doughty had barricaded himself in a crawl space and chemical munitions were put into the home to encourage his surrender. This tactic worked quickly, and Doughty was taken into custody after surrendering. Doughty was booked into the Spokane County Jail on second degree murder and unlawful possession of a firearm. This is an ongoing investigation with Major Crimes detectives.

Charlie Sector (South)

Notable Arrests in the Charlie Sector:

Police Resolve Potential Hostage Situation: Spokane Police take a man into custody without incident, after he threatened suicide with a gun and inferred he would harm his four-year-old child.

At about 10:30 PM on 2-19-24, evening patrol responded to the report of a suicidal male in the 00 block of North Grant Street. Information from the complainant indicated that the subject was threatening suicide and was in the apt with his, and the complainant's 4-year-old child. Responding officers observed



text messages from the subject to his ex-wife and those messages made statements that she would never see the child again.

Officers quickly made a rescue plan to save the child and attempted unsuccessfully for hours to establish dialogue with the man who was watching police out the window but refused all attempts at communication. The SPD SWAT team was activated and assisted by the SPD Hostage Negotiation Team (HNT), the Explosive Disposal Unit (EDU), and members of the Spokane County Sheriff's Office SWAT team. HNT made numerous attempts to contact the male who continued to ignore police.

Law enforcement continued failed attempts to communicate and simultaneously prepared to affect a rescue of the child if necessary. After hours of unanswered attempts to speak with the subject, the male decided to comply, he opened the front door and surrendered without incident. The child was found asleep in bed, unharmed. The child was examined by medics and then reunited with his mother. The male was hospitalized for evaluation and treatment. A criminal investigation is pending. A firearm was recovered in the apartment.

SPD arrests teenager, after he assaulted a female juvenile, displayed a stolen gun to witnesses, got on an occupied bus with the gun, and fought with police.

On 2/9/24 just after 9:30am, SPD patrol officers responded to the area of 100 S. Arthur on a Person with a Weapon call. Witnesses relayed that a male had just assaulted a female by pulling her hair and shoving her around. When the witnesses confronted him, he showed them a gun, which stopped them from interfering further.

Officers arrived and were directed by witness to about a block away where the suspect (later confirmed as a 16-year-old student who attends a school in the area and is a convicted felon) was headed toward a bus stop with a female. An officer contacted both the male and female who were only somewhat cooperative. A bus arrived and the officer verbally directed the two juveniles to stop. However, they ignored his direction and got onto the bus. The officer ordered the driver not to leave, and other officers responded while the initial officer kept the male and female who were on the bus, engaged in dialogue.

Several officers then got on the bus and contacted the male and female who had moved to the rear of the vehicle. Both ignored all the officer's verbal attempts to gain compliance and the female physically interfered with the officers attempting to block them from the male. The male continually screamed at officers as they attempted to physically detain him – he is approximately 6'2" and nearly 200 pounds. A struggle ensued and an officer used a TASER, which briefly incapacitated the male long enough to get one handcuff on him. The male then resumed the physical struggle and was able to pull a handgun from somewhere near his waistband which he tossed under a seat on the bus. Officers were able to finish taking the male into custody after even more physical resistance.

The 16-year-old juvenile male was booked into the Spokane County Juvenile Detention Center on two counts of 1st Degree Assault, one count of Felon in Possession of a Firearm, one count of Possession of a Stolen Firearm, one count of 4th Degree Assault-DV, Obstructing a Law Enforcement Officer, and Resisting Arrest. This was a very volatile and dangerous situation for citizens on the bus (approximately 12), for the initial witnesses and other bystanders, as well as for the officers.



Spokane Police Officers arrest two men for felony assault charges after a standoff on the South Hill. This is the second time in six months police have arrested people out of this address for crimes of violence involving firearms.

On 2-18-24, SPD officers responded to 2800 block of E 30th on a report an argument where two males were displaying and pointing guns, one of which appeared to be a “sawed off shotgun.” The suspects fled prior to SPD arrival.

An SPD K9 team was used to track the armed suspects to the area of an apartment in the 3100 block of S. Mt Vernon. SPD was able to use video and a vehicle registration to further identify one of the suspects, Levante Potter (who was later arrested for second degree assault). Once the apartment was surrounded, officers began making attempts to communicate with the occupants who refused to comply.

After multiple failed attempts to establish communication, SWAT, Explosives Disposal Unit (EDU), Arial Support Unit (ASU), and the Hostage Negotiation Team (HNT) were notified and responded to the scene. A police robot was used to force entry into the apartment and a drone was inserted to assist in the search. The suspects and an uninvolved female were located hiding in a bedroom, once discovered they complied with police instructions and surrendered. Levante Potter (31) and Dempsey Arrow (18) were both arrested and charged with second degree assault.

As officers progressed through the incident, they recognized the apartment from an incident on the 17th of August of last year. On that call, multiple individuals barricaded themselves in the apartment after committing an armed robbery at a local Game Stop store. In that incident, a police robot was used to forcibly enter the apartment which compelled the suspects to surrender.

Before moving a new assignment, Sergeant Matt Rose held his final roll call at the Wake Up Call on 1722 E. Sprague. Sergeant Rose says the businesses on East Sprague have been great partners.



David Sector

SPD arrests male for 1st degree robbery, store clerk stabbed

On 3-1-24 at 12:50am, Spokane Police responded to the area of Maple and Maxwell on a report of a stabbing. Upon arriving, officers contacted a victim with multiple stab wounds. Employees at the location observed a male steal a bottle of water and walk out of the business. The clerks attempted to stop the suspect male and an altercation took place in a parking lot. At that time, the victim was stabbed twice. The victim fled back into the store with the suspect following him.

The suspect male left the location and was observed by a witness discarding some of his clothing before entering a nearby apartment building. Officers quickly responded to lock down the area and began searching for the male. Clothing items belonging to the suspect were located before the male was contacted and detained.

Martel L. Stewart-Toliver (33) was placed under arrest for 1st Degree Robbery and booked into the Spokane County Jail. The victim of the stabbing was transported to a local hospital and is in stable condition. Toliver was also booked for 1st Degree Assault in regards to a stabbing that took place on 2-11-24 in the 300 block of West 5th Avenue.

All Sectors

Spokane Police officers, investigators, and members of SPD specialty units respond to a high number of critical incidents over the weekend creating a challenge for PD resources.

Starting Friday - 2/23/24 - in the late afternoon, SPD SWAT and Explosives Disposal Unit (EDU) resources were called in to assist the Spokane Police Violent Crimes Task Force with the execution of a search warrant in the 600 block of East Euclid. The warrant was executed without incident. The investigation is ongoing.

Then late Friday night – 2/23/24 - around 11:00 PM officers responded to 100 block of S. Division, for a male shot in the 7-11 parking lot. Upon arrival officers located a male with what appeared to be multiple gunshot wounds who was transported to the hospital. Officers investigated and determined the identity of the possible suspect and eventually located him in the 4400 block of E. 5th. Detectives responded and wrote a search warrant for the residence, but the suspect would not surrender. SPD SWAT, Hostage Negotiators and Arial Support Unit (ASU) members were called in. After a short stand off the suspect Richard Smith (18) was taken into custody without incident and booked for 1st degree assault.

On Sunday – 2/25/24- around 11:00 AM SPD officers responded to a report a of a male in crisis in the 600 block of N. Cochran who had reportedly been up for three days and was now making threats to kill members of his family. The suspect retreated to his bedroom and was reported to be armed with a knife. Probable cause was established for 3 counts of DV felony harassment, a search warrant was obtained, and SWAT along with the EDU, Hostage Negotiators Team and the ASU responded. After hours of failed attempts to get compliance through verbal means the suspect, Travis Davis (32) was eventually taken into custody around 3:00 PM after SWAT used chemical munitions which motivated the suspect to exit his room. The suspect did physically resist arrest but suffered no apparent injuries. He was transported to the hospital for medical and mental evaluation.



Later on Sunday, at about 3:20 PM officers responded to the area of Taco Bell at 6400 N. Division on a person with weapon call. The complainant stated that the male cocked a handgun and pointed it at he and his girlfriend. Officers located the vehicle in the Taco Bell drive thru and attempted to contact the suspect. The vehicle immediately tried to flee, jumping the grass median. Officers had to use their vehicles to pin the suspect vehicle and prevent it from escaping. The occupants still would not comply and windows in the car had to be broken out, to allow officers to see in and eventually take the uncooperative suspects into custody. The car was seized pending a search warrant and the driver was placed under arrest for Attempt to Elude, DUI, and two counts of Reckless Endangerment. The front seat passenger was placed under arrest for 2 counts of 2nd Assault.

At about 6:00 PM on Sunday SPD located three individuals with multiple warrants in a residence in the 600 block of S. Cannon. Upon initial contact with police the suspects refused to exit even after being told they were under arrest and police would not be leaving until they came out. The warrants ranged from Washington Department of Corrections warrants and a US Marshall warrant to DV assault and a drug warrant out of Arizona. SPD SWAT was called out; the suspects did eventually surrender and were taken into custody without incident. Note: there were also two calls over the weekend requiring the call of out detectives from the Special Victims Unit.

Partnership with STEP School

SPD has a partnership with the Secondary Transition Employment Program (STEP). STEP is designed to foster vocational and community independence in young adults with significant cognitive and adaptive challenges ages 18-21 years old who need small, supportive groups in order to succeed. Both in class and in the community, students are taught skills necessary to access actual work sites as well as those skills that promote safe, positive recreational experiences. Several STEP students do their vocational training at the Public Safety Building. On March 4, 2024, STEP School came for a tour of the Public Safety Building campus.



Youth & Police Initiative at NEWTech Prep

For the second year, SPD is partnering with Tommy Williams, who leads the Criminal Justice program at NEWTech Prep. Many SPD officers completed the Criminal Justice program at Spokane Community College (SCC). As the SCC program is no longer running, the NEWTech Prep program is critically important in preparing local young people for careers in law enforcement.



In the NEWTech program, Cadets work with personnel in the criminal justice and public service agencies, including Spokane Police Department, Spokane County Sheriff's Office, prosecuting attorney's office, local and state courts, juvenile justice department, Washington Department of Corrections and federal law enforcement agencies. Students also engage with guest speakers from these agencies, and experience classroom instruction involving representatives from multiple criminal justice agencies. Skills and competencies taught will include an overview of the criminal justice system, law enforcement, community policing, criminal acts and impacts on society, the U.S. Constitution, criminal codes, work-readiness, investigations, responding to mock scenes and interpersonal communication and problem-solving skills.

SPD Community Outreach officers teach students about law enforcement, with in-depth discussion, videos, and scenarios. They also lead the Youth & Police Initiative (YPI) program with the NEWTech Prep students. The YPI program builds trust and rapport with students through dialogue, role-play and sharing perspectives. The program is designed to meet students where they are and help them prepare for their future.

YPI curriculum involves an honest discussion about peer pressure and positive decision-making. Students are asked to think about their choices at home, at school, with their peers, and in the community, and the long-term effects of those choices.

DEA Art Education with Youth at Boys and Girls Clubs

SPD is involved in a new art education program with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) for elementary and middle school youth. The DEA supplies an art teacher and supplies so that youth in Boys and Girls Clubs can experience art education. During the art education, SPD officers interact with the youth, providing information about safety and drugs, especially the dangers of Fentanyl and other opioids. SPD partners at ESD101 are helping teach as well.



This program takes place over the next two months at various locations.

Internet Safety Education

Community Outreach officers partnered with Homeland Security on an internet safety class for parents at Salk Middle School. The class educated parents on how teens can be targeted and exploited online. It showed parents how you use safety features and settings and issues with various applications and sites.



Crime Prevention Education

Detective Tim Schwering created a presentation about what he's seeing as he's investigating fraud cases, with people being victimized by crypto currency scams. Recent scamming methods often start out as a "wrong number" text or call, where the scammer tries to connect, or victims are targeted through social media and LinkedIn and dating sites. Detective Schwering explains how the scammers try to gain trust and then victimize people, how scammers try to get them to mail prepaid cards or invest in cryptocurrency, as well as what to do you if you are a victim. SPD has reached out to several community groups and all the neighborhood councils to see if they are interested in hosting a presentation.

SPD worked with Thrive International to have presentations with interpreters, with information for Slavic, Arabic, and Afghani communities. Thrive translated the Power Point documents into Ukrainian, Russian, Pashto, Dari/Farsi, and Arabic. These presentations are available to share via email.

Detective Schwering is also working with Mujeres in Action to create a presentation in Spanish that focuses on a wide range of online scams targeting Spanish speakers.

Presentations so far have included:

- SPD Patrol roll call
- Regional Special Investigation Unit Teams
- Spokane C.O.P.S. Staff
- Lutheran Community Services Northwest
- City of Spokane Public Safety and Community Health Committee
- Spokane Aurora Northwest Rotary Club
- Spokane United We Stand (Asian communities)
- West Hills Neighborhood Council
- Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council
- Nevada Heights Neighborhood Council
- Minnehaha Neighborhood Council
- Balboa/South Indian Trail Neighborhood Council
- East Central Neighborhood Council
- Later in Life and Vulnerable Adult Abuse Task Force
- Carl Maxey Center
- Spokane Regional Domestic Violence Coalition
- Spokane C.O.P.S. Volunteers
- Thrive International
- Mujeres in Action
- Harvard Park
- Cherrywood Place
- Lincoln Heights Terrace
- Hillyard Senior Center
- Park Tower Apartments
- Canterbury Court Senior Apartments

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- Coventry Court Senior Apartments
- Hifumi En Senior Apartments
- St. Andrews Court Senior Apartments
- Touchmark South Hill
- Cathedral Plaza Senior Apartments

If you are interested in having Detective Schwering present to your group, please contact him at tschwering@spokanepolice.org.

Drug Education for Educational Professionals and Medical Professionals



SPD's Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Mike Thomas teaches a Drug Impairment Training for Educational Professionals (D.I.T.E.P.) course. In the first quarter of 2024, he held classes for ESD101, a regional education unit, and Current Drug/Opioid Trends for Nine Mile School District. These classes are well-received by educational professionals.

Officer Thomas also taught a Current Drug Trends course for Medical Professionals at the WSU school of nursing for current Nurse Practitioners, Deaconess Medical Center Multi Care Nursing Staff, and Valley Medical Center Multi Care Nursing Staff. He also taught Current Drug Trends for New Horizon Treatment Facility.

SPD received has received numerous emails from professionals thanking SPD for the course. One email is displayed below.

I invited Officer Mike Thomas to present during our clinical staffing on designer benzodiazepines and his role as a DRE. We received more in-depth education than anticipated. Officer Mike's presentation was educational and informative. The updated and detailed information presented resulted in a positive open learning experience and engagement with my staff. I received positive feedback from my treatment team that includes mental health, license social workers and substance use disorder therapists. I want to thank Officer Mike for his dedication in understanding our profession with a nonbiased approach and education. Even though I teach on a regular basis on the new drugs that plague our city, my data, graphs, and charts are no comparison to the presentation we received yesterday.

On March 5, Officer Thomas was the keynote speaker at "Common Illicit Substances and Opioids: A Community Awareness Night" at Lakeside Middle School. See flyer at right.

**Common Illicit Substances and Opioids:
A Community Awareness Night**
"Listen, Learn, and Engage"

When
March 5, 2024
5 pm - 8 pm
Doors Open at 4:45 pm

Where
Lakeside Middle School
6169 Hwy 291
Nine Mile Falls, WA 99026

Free Spaghetti Feed 5 - 6 pm
Life Flight Helicopter Landing 5:15 - 5:30 pm

Keynote Speaker Mike Thomas;
Spokane Police Officer, Drug Recognition Expert 6 - 7 pm
Questions & Answers 7 - 8 pm

Vendors/Informational Resources 5 - 8 pm

Highlighting SPD Employees and Volunteers

Officer Michele Kernkamp was awarded 2023 Officer of the Year. Law Enforcement Technology Manager Shawna Ernst was awarded the 2023 Non-Commissioned Employee of the Year.



Reserve Officer Ed “Big Ed” Richardson was awarded 2023 Volunteer of the Year. Below, he is pictured with Chief Lundgren and Volunteer Sue Walker.



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