



**SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
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**Strategic Initiatives**  
September 2024 Report



**Public Safety and Community Health Committee Briefing**  
**September 2024**



**Excerpts of Commendations**  
**(Personal Identifying Information has been removed)**

I was involved in a Motorcycle accident. I accidentally hit the median in a solo accident. It was early morning and my dog and I were getting a ride in early that morning before the heat set in for the day. I drive a handicapped plated Piaggio (Modern day Vespa) and my dog is always with me. She rides in a zipped up and secured sling bag in front of me against my chest and behind the windshield on the scooter and it was your outstanding officers **Jordan Clare and Ryan Murphy** that I awoke to. I had been unconscious for 10 to 15 minutes. I awoke to two emergency vehicles and their crews, two squad cars and a motor officer. I suffered a serious concussion along with other bruises and road rash in the incident. I went to the VA hospital where I was admitted and then transferred to Sacred Heart with a bleeding brain trauma injury. I was dazed and confused to say the least at the scene of the accident and it was these two fine officers who stayed with me there until I was transferred to the VA hospital. I did tell these gentlemen that I would be contacting their supervisor. I was out of it for a while and the fact that these gentlemen stayed there with me, meant everything to me.

Two Spokane Police Officers really helped me and my family. **Officer Chris Smith** and his partner **William Braten** responded to our home because an alarm was going off. We were out of town but were able to communicate with him through our doorbell camera. He graciously searched our house to ensure everything was okay. Thank you very much for your time.

I had the opportunity to go on a ride-along with **Officer Brandon Mackabee**. I spent nearly seven hours with Officer Mackabee, and I found him to be courteous, professional, and competent in his work. Officer Mackabee handled several situations during this shift to include: a DOA at a residence, which included Chaplain Luce with family notification; a traffic stop with no driver's license, registration, or insurance; a welfare check, a DV-Argue; and a parted out/ abandoned vehicle. Officer Mackabee's experience and dedication to his profession was clear to see and his assessments and due care to follow-up investigation were laudatory. Officer Mackabee was unflappable as he quickly and methodically responded to this wide variety of calls for service which occurred during this shift. Further, I was impressed with the depth Officer Mackabee went to as he handled these sensitive situations while on scene as well as the significant attention he provided to investigation and follow up.

I have worked for the Department of Children, Youth, and Families for five years. I work with various agencies and community providers: Law Enforcement, mental health providers, Emergency Responders, Homeland Security, schools, and other State/government agencies. I enjoy collaborative teamwork and partnering with agencies and their workers to ensure child safety. I wanted to express the praise and work that **Public Records Specialist Jenetta Alford** does for DCYF. Out of all the professionals I engage with, Jenetta has set the Golden Standard. Jenetta has been consistent in her professionalism and is always responsive. She provides extremely thorough records, she will expedite an emergency request, and she quick with LE records requests. I am just one of many front-line workers that has the utmost respect and appreciation for all that Jenetta does for the Department and our families. Thank you.



**Internal Affairs Unit Update**

**January 1 through July 31, 2024, Commendations and Complaints**

Commendations Received:   **Total: 111**

Complaints Received:       **Total: 60 (49 from community)**

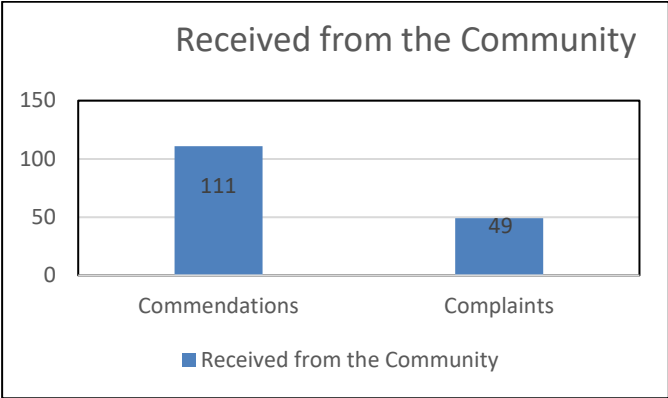
**Closed Complaints: 21 (As of July 31, 2024)**

**Source of Complaints—January 1 through July 31, 2024**

Received by the Office of Police Ombudsman	<b>Total: 32</b>
Received by the Spokane Police Department	<b>Total: 28</b>
Internally Generated by the SPD	<b>Total: 11</b>
Generated by the Community	<b>Total: 49</b>

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.

It's important to note that calls for service and arrests have increased, and yet commendations are up. The call for service volume through Quarter 1 of 2024 is remaining very high at about 57,000. Arrests are up about 10% from the Q1 year prior. The chart below shows commendations versus complaints from the community through July 2024.



## Deadly Force (Officer-Involved Shootings) Update

### 2024

From January 1 – June 30, 2024, there were five deadly force incidents.

- **Incident 2024-20019659 (Pending Prosecutor Review):** Incident 2024-20019659 took place on January 31, 2024, in the area of Stevens and Cliff. The Spokane Independent Investigative Response (SIIR) conducted the criminal investigation. The case is with the prosecutor.
- **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) conducted the criminal investigation. The case is with the prosecutor.
- **Incident 2024-20060204 (Pending Criminal Investigation):** Incident 2024-20060204 took place on March 31, 2024, in the 1800 block of West Dean. The Spokane Independent Investigative Response (SIIR) is conducting the criminal investigation.
- **Incident 2024-20073072 (Pending Criminal Investigation):** Incident 2024-20073072 took place on April 18, 2024, in the 2000 block of W Longfellow. 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 Administrative Investigation):** Incident 2023-20088146 took place on May 10, 2023, in the area of 5<sup>th</sup> and Browne. The Spokane Independent Investigative Response (SIIR) conducted the criminal investigation. The prosecutor ruled the use of deadly force was justified. Internal Affairs is conducting an administrative 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 Administrative Investigation):** 2022-20134271 took place on August 3, 2022, in the area of 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sheridan. SIIR completed the criminal investigation. The Prosecutor's Office ruled the use of deadly force justified.
- **Incident 2022-20156670 (Pending Administrative Investigation):** 2022-20156670 took place on September 4, 2022, in the area of 2900 E. Wabash Avenue. SIIR completed the criminal investigation. The Prosecutor's Office ruled the use of deadly force justified.
- **Incident 2022-20184192 (Pending Prosecutor Review):** 2022-20184192 took place on October 16, 2022, in the area of 100 S Cedar. The Spokane Independent Investigative Response (SIIR) conducted the criminal investigation. The case is with the prosecutor.
- **Incident 2022-20214924 (Closed)**



## Sector Updates

### Adam Sector (Northwest)

#### **Recent News: Spokane Police respond to a high volume of calls of persons with a weapon.**

Spokane Police officers responded to 20 calls regarding someone with a weapon between Friday - 8/1/24 and Sunday - 8/4/24. While the calls were generally unrelated, they show the number of volatile, dangerous incidents officers respond to on a regular basis. For comparison, the number of persons with a weapon calls during the same time frame one month ago, during the first weekend of July, was 11. These calls are high priority calls because of the inherent danger of such incidents.

One of the noted calls came on 8/2/24 when patrol responded to a report of a person with a weapon and multiple callers reported an argument that resulted in the discharge of a firearm in the 1200 block of W. Fairview. Responding officers learned an altercation took place at the address which resulted in an involved female threatening a couple with a knife. The male of the couple relayed he shot a warning round into the ground after the female threw a knife at his wife, narrowly missing her. A shell casing was located, and no one was injured from the discharged firearm. Probable cause was determined to arrest the female with the knife for 2 counts of Felony Harassment.

Isabelle E. Karst (22) was booked into the Spokane County Jail and had a first court appearance yesterday. Probable cause was established to charge her with 1 count of 2nd Degree Assault and 1 count of 4th Degree Assault. She was released on her own recognizance.

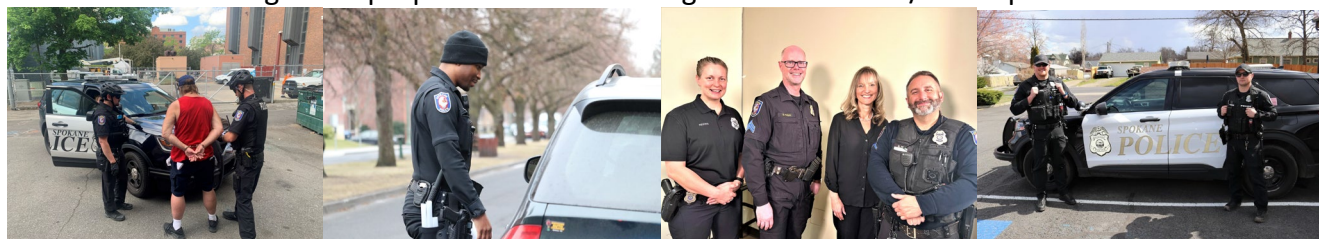
### Baker Sector (Northeast)

#### **Park Enforcement is a Success**

Captain Shawn Kendall reports that focused enforcement of parks is having a positive response. He assigned officers to each park in the Baker sector. Officers are educated on the history of violence in each park and residents' quality of life concerns. Captain Kendall explains, "Our primary goal is to impact the number of violent calls for service that occur in these locations. Enforcement on after-hours attendance of the parks is critical, as most of the violent CFS have occurred during nighttime hours." Over the summer, officers have made dozens of proactive contacts, educating people about park hours, arresting those involved in criminal activity, and apprehending people with outstanding warrants. Due to the enforcement, these parks have experienced less violent crime than many areas in the city. In July 2024, calls for service in all Baker parks are down compared to July 2023. Officer-initiated activity in parks is three times higher compared to July 2023.

#### **Nuisance Properties**

Baker Sector is working on 15 properties in various stages of abatement/cleanup.



**Recent News: Arrests made in shooting.**

On July 17th, 2024, SPD responded to a residence in the 2900 block of East Joseph Ave on a report of a shooting. The residents/victims advised several unknown subjects came to their door, demanding money. The victims did not know the suspects and attempted to explain to them they had the wrong house. The suspects assaulted the victims by spraying them with mace/pepper spray before walking away. The victims then advised law enforcement they heard gunshots before the suspects finally left. Officers obtained information as to the description of the vehicle the suspects left in.

The information on the suspect vehicle led up to the events that took place on July 19th as officers recognized the vehicle from the July 17th shooting and attempted to stop it before it fled and struck an SPD SWAT vehicle in the area of Oak and Carlisle, injuring multiple officers and a K9. Through the investigation into the collision and the occupants of the suspect vehicle, Major Crimes Detectives (MCU) and the Violent Crimes Task Force (VCTF) were able to identify several suspects in the shooting on Joseph Ave. Officers arrested them. JoJo Doney (42) was booked for two counts of 3rd Degree Assault and one count of 2nd Degree Assault. Joseph R. Bailey (46) was also booked for two counts of 3rd Degree Assault and one count of 2nd Degree Assault.

**Wanted DV suspect in custody after fleeing officers during attempted traffic stop.**

On July 31, 2024, at 6:46pm, an SPD Patrol Sergeant observed a motorcycle in the area of Indiana and Perry with an expired vehicle registration. The motorcycle fled as the officer attempted to make a traffic stop. The Sergeant made no attempt to chase the motorcycle due to safety concerns. The male operating the motorcycle lost control while driving at a high rate of speed and crashed a short distance away. Medics responded and the male was transported to a local hospital for treatment of minor injuries. Upon learning the identity of the male, it was discovered he was wanted for a felony domestic violence incident that took place roughly two weeks prior.

On July 17th, officers responded to the area of 900 E Queen after 911 was contacted by a female advising she had been assaulted. SPD contacted her and learned she had been burned by her boyfriend during an altercation. Officers observed an injury to her face that was consistent with burn injuries. The victim advised her boyfriend held a lit cigarette against her face, causing injuries. The suspect then left the residence before officers arrived and was not located. It was also discovered that the female was part of a DV protection order that prohibited the male from being around her. Officers completed charging documents that were forward to the court at that time.

After receiving treatment at a local hospital, the male was taken into custody. Brandon L. Biles (38) was transported to the Spokane County Jail and booked for a felony violation of a Domestic Violence Protection Order as well as two counts of 4th Degree Assault-Domestic Violence. Additional charges will be forthcoming.

**Drive By shooting suspect taken into custody**

On June 10, 2024, just before 11pm, Spokane Police responded to the area of 400 E Empire on a report of a shooting. Officers contacted multiple people at the home and were advised that several subjects arrived in a vehicle. The residents recognized them, and a physical fight quickly ensued. One of the males who arrived in the vehicle, produced a firearm and shot at one of the residents. The suspect fired the weapon several more times before leaving. None of the residents were struck by gunfire. Officers were provided information as to the identity of the male who had the gun.



Detectives with SPD's Major Crimes Unit (MCU) and the Violent Crimes Task Force (VCTF) took over the investigation and began efforts to locate the suspect. On August 1st, VCTF located the suspect at a residence in North Spokane County and multiple specialty units to include SPD SWAT and Hostage Negotiators responded to the home. The area was quickly closed off as the home was surrounded.

The occupants of the home exited and were taken to a safe area. A short time later, the suspect in the shooting walked out to law enforcement and was taken into custody without incident. Blaze L. Kenson (19) was booked into the Spokane County Jail for Drive By Shooting.

### Charlie Sector (South)

#### **Recent News: SPD arrests two suspects in a Sunday morning drive-by shooting.**

On 8/04/24 at about 3am, Spokane Police responded to a shooting call in the 1400 block of E. 7th Ave. Officers arrived to find a woman with a gunshot wound to her leg. Medics treated her on scene and transported her to a local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The investigation revealed two people were seen at the location, one with a gun, who left in a dark colored vehicle. Officers discovered a bullet hole in the wall of a residence that appeared to be the entry point for the bullet that hit the woman. Children were sleeping in the residence when the shot entered the home. A neighboring residence was also penetrated by gunfire as residents slept there. Additional bullet holes were found including one in a vehicle in the parking lot of the building and shell casings were located. Officers identified a suspect vehicle after speaking with witnesses and victims and reviewing evidence.

Additional officers were following up on the shooting later in the morning when one alert officer made a connection with a DUI arrest also that morning. Officers had responded to a DUI call in the 900 block of E. 2nd Ave where they found a male passed out in a vehicle with an empty, stolen handgun next to him. Further investigation revealed the male arrested for DUI was a shooting suspect in the drive-by. Follow-up work by patrol officers on Sunday afternoon took them to an apartment in the 600 block of S. Richard Allen Court where they located the second drive-by suspect and took him into custody without incident.

Jonathan Tokwia (35) was booked into the Spokane County Jail on 6 counts of 1st Degree Assault, 1 count of Drive-by Shooting, and 1 count of 1st Degree Unlawful Possession of a Firearm. Jacob K. Milne (18) was booked for 6 counts of 1st Degree Assault, 1 count of Drive-by Shooting, 1 count of 4th Degree Assault, and 1 count of 1st Degree Unlawful Possession of a Firearm.

Both Tokwia and Milne are convicted felons. Tokwia is being held on \$750,000 bond – Milne on \$500,000.



## David Sector (Downtown)

### **SPD arrests man who exposed himself at a Downtown hotel and attempted to grab a young girl.**

On Saturday evening 8/3/24 at around 6pm, SPD officers responded to reports of a male exposing himself in the parking lot area of a hotel in the 900 block of W. 3rd Ave. Responding officers learned the male had been causing problems at the hotel all day including throwing rocks at windows. He eventually left but came back later and multiple witnesses report he exposed and fondled himself by a number of cars. The owner of one vehicle reported the man broke into his vehicle where he continued his lewd behavior. During the investigation it was determined the male then approached a young girl sitting on the balcony of a room, moved toward her at a quick pace and reached through the balcony railing toward her. The girl's father saw the man's actions and ran toward him yelling at him. The young girl, who expressed she was very scared when the man came at her, was able to run back inside her family's room. The man then left.

As officers completed their investigation, a male fitting the description of the suspect returned to the hotel parking lot. Officers identified themselves and ordered the suspect to stop but he took off running. After a brief chase and resistance to arrest by the suspect, officers were able to handcuff him. They discovered a substance consistent with methamphetamine on the suspect. When in the patrol car, the suspect made lewd comments regarding the young girl, indicating sexual motivation.

Jody D. Cochran (39) was booked into the Spokane County Jail and is charged with Felony Indecent Exposure with Sexual Motivation, 4th Degree Assault with Sexual Motivation - related to his actions toward the girl, Vehicle Prowling with Sexual Motivation, and Resisting Arrest. Cochran is a 6-time convicted felon with convictions including Assault, Robbery, and Possession of a Controlled Substance. Additionally, he has 12 gross misdemeanor convictions to include Failure to Register as a Sex Offender, and 4 misdemeanor convictions including Indecent Exposure and Criminal Trespass.

### **SPD arrests woman in Downtown stabbing**

On 8/11/24 at 11:30pm police responded to a call of a stabbing in the 100 block of W. 2nd Ave. Officers arrived to find a male being treated by medics with AMR (American Medical Response) who were in the area when the male approached them stating he had been stabbed. The victim was transported to the hospital with serious injuries. Officers learned that the victim was in an alleyway near the Brown St. Viaduct when he randomly encountered a female and male with whom he briefly shared an apartment. The three got into an altercation and the male punched the victim. The victim then threw his backpack at the couple with the intent of giving it to them so they would leave him alone. Instead, according to the investigation, the female pulled a knife from the victim's backpack and stabbed him. The victim ran to the nearby AMR truck for help. Officers searched for the area for the suspect but were unable to locate her. The next morning, 8/12/24, Downtown Precinct officers, familiar with the suspect who frequents the Downtown area, located her and booked her into jail. Lavender L. Port (21) faces charges of 1st Degree Assault.





## Behavioral Health Unit (BHU) Update

The Behavioral Health Unit is a regional unit staffed with three Spokane County Sheriff's Office deputies, three SPD officers, an SPD sergeant, and three co-deployed mental health clinicians.

### July 2024 BHU Stats:

- Calls for service by BHU: 451 (includes Crisis, Suicidal, and Check Welfare.)
- Total time on-scene for calls for service: 16,282 minutes.
- Contacts of a person in crisis: 297
- 1.7% of contacts resulted in an arrest.
- 72% of calls resulted in an outcome other than jail or the hospital.
- 18% of calls ended in an involuntary detention.

### Anecdotal story about BHU:

An officer contacted a young man in February 2024 via Compassionate Addiction Treatment. He wanted treatment. The officer was not able to get him a bed but followed up with him the next day. The man had gone to court but still needed treatment. He was under DOC supervision and had an agreement to go to SRSC. There were no beds. The officer steered him towards STARS and got him into the Cub House Program. The man was not initially on board, but he eventually agreed to go. The man looked "like death" when the officer took him to STARS.

After 90 days of in-patient treatment, the man was able to succeed with sobriety. Currently, he is finishing up his credentials for Peer Support. He works for Compassionate Addiction Treatment now as a case worker. He has used BHU multiple times to assist get people into treatment and he can tell his story of how the Behavioral Health Unit greatly assisted him.

## National Night Out Against Crime

SPD Staff and Volunteers enjoyed attending National Night Out celebrations all over town with other City leaders.



## Community Celebration 2024

SPD Volunteers enjoyed interacting with the community at Underhill Park at the Community Celebration. The Community Celebration is presented by **The Way to Justice** and **Spokane Eastside Reunion Association**. This event provided free shoes, backpacks, and school supplies, as well as free food and drinks. Everyone had a wonderful time and the kids had fun checking out the police vehicles and equipment.



## SPD Volunteers at Community Events

Spokane Police Department volunteers at the Hillyard Street Fair.



## Police Activities League (PAL)

SPD's 2024 Police Activities League (PAL) Season ended on August 8, 2024. The PAL program was created in 2013 to help build trusting relationships between at-risk youth and local law enforcement. PAL offers positive programs such as soccer, football, basketball, lawn games, art activities, and educational activities. Youth enjoy presentations from various Spokane Police specialty units (K9, SWAT, Drone Unit), Spokane C.O.P.S. Mounted Patrol Unit (horses), and nutrition education and fresh fruit. The Drug Enforcement Administration provides martial arts. PAL is made possible by partnerships with many organizations. PAL allows police officers and community leaders the opportunity to mentor youth and provide education (e.g., drug and alcohol education, STEM, safety education).

The PAL program is made possible by the Spokane Police Foundation and a grant from Spokane Parks Foundation. SPD is grateful for the many community volunteers who help with PAL. Numerica, Providence, Garco, WSU, Acme Concrete, and ESD 101 contribute volunteers, in addition to the many SPD volunteers.



## 2024 SPD Police Activities League (PAL) Statistics

<p><b>357</b> Unduplicated youth</p>		<p><b>98%</b> Youth surveyed agreed that PAL helped them trust officers</p>
	<p><b>Core Values</b> Respect Honesty Leadership Sportsmanship Integrity</p>	
<p><b>648</b> SPD staff &amp; volunteer hours</p>		
	<p><b>65</b> Community volunteers</p>	
	<p><b>396</b> Community volunteer hours</p>	
<p><b>97%</b> Effectiveness in drug education, according to youth surveys</p>		

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