



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

KEVIN HALL

Strategic Initiatives

April 2025 Report



Public Safety and Community Health Committee Briefing

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Excerpts of Commendations
(Personal Identifying Information has been removed)

[Spokane Police Department / Spokane Police Foundation] The very grateful staff at Lidgerwood Elementary School want to thank you for helping two of our families enjoy a truly blessed Christmas. This would not have happened without your incredibly generous support. During December 2024, you acted with resounding generosity by helping many children benefit from your kindness. Because of you, two of our Lidgerwood families were given the chance to experience the joy and peace of a lovely Christmas season. Along with our grateful families, we here at Lidgerwood want to applaud your generosity and thank you with humble hearts for your help.

Dear Chief Hall, I wanted to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude to you and your officers for their swift and professional response to the weapons call at the law School yesterday. Their efficiency and composure in handling the situation made all the difference in quickly and safely clearing the call. A special note of appreciation for **Sergeant Zack Storment** - his professional demeanor and approach were instrumental in ensuring a calm and effective resolution. Their actions not only brought the situation to a safe conclusion but also reinforced the trust and reassurance that our campus community has the support of our municipal partners.

Dear **Chief Hall**, I was so heartened to read in the Spokesman today the Chief's forceful and righteous reaction to the tragic death of the 13-year-old who was killed by gun violence last weekend. Thank you for having the courage to call out the issue for what it is, and to commit to using evidence and data to address the problem and develop solutions. I am one of those in the community who is concerned about gun violence, and I am thankful for this response. Personally, this gives me a new respect for the leadership at SPD, writing a fan letter to the police department is not something I ever thought I would be doing.

I wanted to give notice and say thanks for the work of **Officer Garrett Harris** (#1487), **Officer Madie McDonald** (#1474), **Officer Jacob Collins** (#1546), and **Officer Adam Anderson** (#1394). Their work has already helped prevent \$1121.03 from being stolen at the Target on 4915 S. Regal Street. All in less than a 24-hour period. The officers listed have worked with upstanding professionalism, patience, and adaptability. Target greatly appreciates the service you are all doing for the community and making the area a safer place!

I just wanted to reach out to you and acknowledge the amazing customer service experience we had from your team yesterday on an assault incident here at Sacred Heart. SPD Officer **[Corporal] Eugene Baldwin** arrived, and conducted a thorough investigation, reviewing video footage and interviewing victims and witnesses in a professional manner. He displayed compassion and empathy and made quite an impression on our caregivers and officers alike. Please make sure to tell Officer Baldwin how much we appreciate his support in combating the extraordinary violence we are seeing in healthcare. His hard work is valued and appreciated.



Internal Affairs Unit Update

January 1 through January 31, 2025, Commendations and Complaints

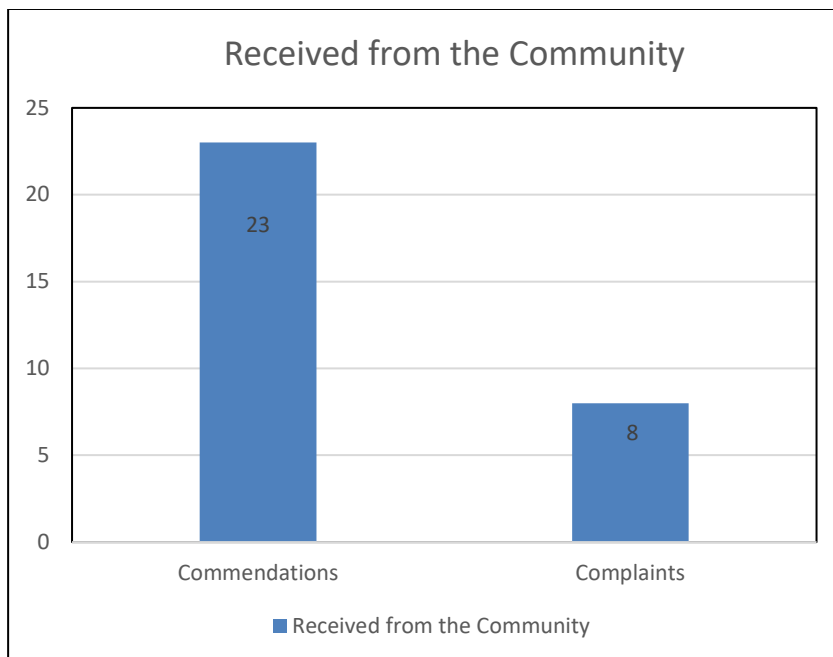
Commendations Received: **Total: 23**

Complaints Received: **Total: 8 (8 from community)**

Source of Complaints—January 1 through January 31, 2025

Received by the Office of Police Ombudsman	Total: 5
Received by the Spokane Police Department	Total: 3
Internally Generated by the SPD	Total: 0
Generated by the Community	Total: 8

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. The chart below shows commendations versus complaints from the community in January 2025.



Deadly Force (Officer-Involved Shootings) Update

2025

From January 1 – February 31, 2025, there were two deadly force incidents.

- **Incident 2025-20016302 (Pending Criminal Investigation):** Incident 2025-20016302 took place on January 24, 2025, in the 200 block of East Sanson. The Spokane Independent Investigative Response (SIIR) is conducting the criminal investigation.
- **Incident 2025-20027128 (Pending Criminal Investigation):** Incident 2025-20027128 took place on February 9, 2025, in the 3300 block of East 11th Ave. The Spokane Independent Investigative Response (SIIR) is conducting the criminal investigation.

2024

From January 1 – December 31, 2024, there were six deadly force incidents.

- **Incident 2024-20019659 (Pending Administrative Investigation):** Incident 2024-20019659 took place on January 31, 2024, near Stevens and Cliff. The Spokane Independent Investigative Response (SIIR) conducted the criminal investigation. The prosecutor ruled the use of deadly force was justified. Internal Affairs will conduct an administrative investigation.
- **Incident 2024-20027093 (Pending Prosecutor Review):** Incident 2024-20027093 took place on February 12, 2024, in the 1100 block of East Wellesley. The Spokane Independent Investigative Response (SIIR) conducted the criminal investigation. The case is with the prosecutor.
- **Incident 2024-20027307 (Pending Prosecutor Review):** Incident 2024-20027307 took place on February 12, 2024, near Howard and Riverside. The Spokane Independent Investigative Response (SIIR) conducted the criminal investigation. The case is with the prosecutor.
- **Incident 2024-20060204 (Pending Prosecutor Review):** Incident 2024-20060204 took place on March 31, 2024, in the 1800 block of West Dean. The Spokane Independent Investigative Response (SIIR) conducted the criminal investigation. The case is with the prosecutor.
- **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.
- **Incident 2024-20267061 (Pending Criminal Investigation):** Incident 2024-20267061 took place on December 29, 2024, in the 800 block of W Cora. 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 (Closed)**
- **Incident 2023-20238146 (Pending Administrative Investigation):** Incident 2023-20238146 took place on December 3, 2023, in the 9200 block of Colton Street. The Spokane Independent Investigative Response (SIIR) conducted the criminal investigation. The prosecutor ruled the use of deadly force was justified. Internal Affairs will conduct an administrative investigation.

2022

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



- **Incident 2022-20012711 (Closed)**
- **Incident 2022-20134271 (Pending Administrative Review Panel):** 2022-20134271 took place on August 3, 2022, near 2nd and Sheridan. SIIR completed the criminal investigation. The Prosecutor's Office ruled the use of deadly force justified. Internal Affairs conducted an administrative investigation. The investigation is being reviewed by the Admin Panel Review, prior to the Chief's review.
- **Incident 2022-20156670 (Closed)**
- **Incident 2022-20184192 (Pending Prosecutor Review):** 2022-20184192 took place on October 16, 2022, near 100 S Cedar. The Spokane Independent Investigative Response (SIIR) conducted the criminal investigation. The case is with the prosecutor.
- **Incident 2022-20214924 (Closed)**

Precinct Updates

Neighborhood Resource Officers Return

SPD is excited to announce the return of Neighborhood Resource Officers (NROs). March 3, 2025, marked the return of a vital community program for residents of Spokane. Three Spokane Police officers started their new positions as Neighborhood Resource Officers (NROs). The Spokane Police Department made the extremely difficult decision to eliminate the NRO program in 2023 to provide much needed support to the patrol division. In the fall of 2024, voters passed the Community Safety Sales Tax, championed by Mayor Brown and designed specifically to revive and strengthen the NRO program. Thanks to voter approval of the Community Safety Sales Tax, SPD is pleased to bring this valuable community resource back to the City of Spokane.

Our new NRO are Officers Tyler Heiman (Northwest), Deanna Storch (Northeast), and Micah Prim (South/Downtown).



Adam Sector (Northwest)

Adam Sector leadership held a meeting with Shadle retailers at COPS Northwest on February 19, 2025.

Baker Sector (Northeast)

Outreach

- Captain Kendall attended Shiloh Hills Neighborhood Council meeting, where he gave updates on retail theft and the talked about the new NRO program.

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- Captain Kendall also attended the joint Neighborhood Council meeting for Whitman, Hillyard, Bemis and Logan followed by the Minnehaha Neighborhood Council meeting. In both meetings, he gave updates on our retail theft efforts and results. He discussed the plan to stand up NROs in March. Minnehaha asked about the chronic nuisance process. He explained the process and emphasized the importance of formal reporting.

Coffee with a Cop

The Northeast Precinct hosted a Coffee with a Cop at McDonald's on 3416 N. Market on February 25, 2025.



Charlie Sector (South)

Recent News: Vigilant bank employee alerts law enforcement as robbery suspect enters location, officers quickly locate suspect after fleeing location

On March 5th, 2025, SPD responded to 3000 South Grand Boulevard after 911 received a call from a bank. Employees observed a suspicious male wearing a ski mask enter the location with his hand in his pocket. The male did not display a weapon or make any demands before quickly leaving the location. Officers were already in the area after a 911 call advised of a male possibly casing a different bank.



The bank manager provided 911 with a vehicle description (white Toyota Camry) and license plate of the car the suspect male left in. The vehicle in question was found to be recently stolen. As officers quickly responded to the area, the stolen vehicle was found abandoned a short distance away after it fled at a high rate of speed. Additional calls came into 911 advising a male was running and shedding his clothing near the area where the vehicle was found. The male also discarded a gun as he was fleeing. The weapon was later found to be a replica BB gun.

As calls continued to come into 911 about the incident, officers located the suspect in the backyard of a residence. The resistive male was taken into custody without incident. Cody L. Burgess (33) was transported to the Spokane County Jail and booked on two counts of 1st Degree Robbery, Theft of a Motor Vehicle, Resisting Arrest and 2nd Degree Criminal Trespass.

The quick arrest of the robbery suspect was the perfect collaboration of bank employees, community members and fast response of patrol officers.

The precinct also held a Coffee with a Cop at McDonald's on March 20, 2025.

David Sector (Downtown)

Recent News: Early morning stabbing sends one to the hospital, suspect in custody.

On March 3rd, 2025, at just after 7am, officers assigned to Downtown responded to a stabbing at a hotel located at 2nd and Washington. The initial complaint given to 911 was that a subject was armed with a weapon. Just prior to law enforcement arriving on scene, a stabbing took place. Officers quickly detained the suspect as he attempted to leave the area.

The victim was transported to a local hospital after sustaining multiple injuries that were considered life threatening. Initial information indicated that the involved parties knew each other and the stabbing resulted after an argument took place. Lee G. Myers (46) was taken into custody and booked into the Spokane County Jail for Attempted 2nd Degree Murder. This incident is an isolated event and there is no current threat to the public.

Chief Kevin Hall testifies to U.S. Senate supporting anti-drug trafficking bill

On February 26, 2025, Chief Kevin Hall testified at a U.S. Senate Committee Hearing in Washington D.C. regarding an anti-drug trafficking bill.

- Chief Hall's testimony <https://vimeo.com/1060585404>
- Edited segments of the hearing with Q&A with Chief Hall <https://vimeo.com/1060587231>
- Entire video of U.S. Senate Committee Hearing and downloadable testimony: <https://www.commerce.senate.gov/2025/2/interdicting-illicit-drug-trafficking-a-view-from-the-front-lines>

Recruiting for SPD Employees and Volunteers

February Recruiting Events

- Feb 1: Lunar New Year
- Feb 4: EWU Senior Capstone Presentation
- Feb 13: EWU Winter Career Fair
- Feb 28: Meet the Employer (Fairchild AFB)

March Recruiting Events

- March 8: West Central Community Center Business Expo
- March 12: Whitworth University Internship Fair
- March 12: Northeast Community Center Hiring Workshop
- March 14: Meet the Employer (Fairchild AFB)
- March 28: Meet the Employer (Fairchild AFB)
- March 29: West Central Community Center Job Fair



SPD will be holding more community hiring events in partnership with Civil Service over the next few months.

**SPOKANE POLICE
COMMUNITY HIRING EVENT**



MARCH 29TH | 12PM - 4PM
WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY CENTER

**THE SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT IS
HIRING UNIFORMED AND PROFESSIONAL
CIVILIAN POSITIONS!**

<p>Learn more about career opportunities with the Spokane Police Department.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police Officer • Dispatcher • Records Specialist 	<p>Get information about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hiring process • Job duties • Benefits • Testing requirements • Minimum qualifications
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Spokane Police Hiring Commonly Asked Questions - <https://vimeo.com/1063384071>

SPD Employees and Volunteers Recognized at Awards Ceremony

On March 19, 2025, multiple people received awards for their work in 2024.

Officer of the Quarter Awards

- 1: Officer Drew Chappell
- 2: Detective Ben Green
- 3: Officer Corey Miller
- 4: Officer Winston Brooks



Civilian Employee of the Quarter Awards

- 1: Records Specialist Brandi Belcher
- 2: Finance Temp Seasonal Employee Rikki Waters
- 3: Public Records Specialist Ellen O'Brien
- 4: Dispatch Supervisor Kim Blashill



Life Saving Awards

Officer Mike Thomas
Officer Andrew Wilson
Officer William Dowsing

Medal of Merit

Sergeant Dave Adams
Detective Kelly Mongan
Detective Tony Lamanna
Officer Michael Baldwin
Officer Michael Thomas
Crime Analyst Jaime Lamanna
Officer Madison McDonald
Officer Mackenzie German Johnson
Officer Deanna Storch
Officer Jason Tanascu

Distinguished Service Medal

Sergeant Dan Lesser
Sergeant Bryan Tafoya
Detective Shawn Pegram
Detective Erin Raleigh
Officer Ryan Snider

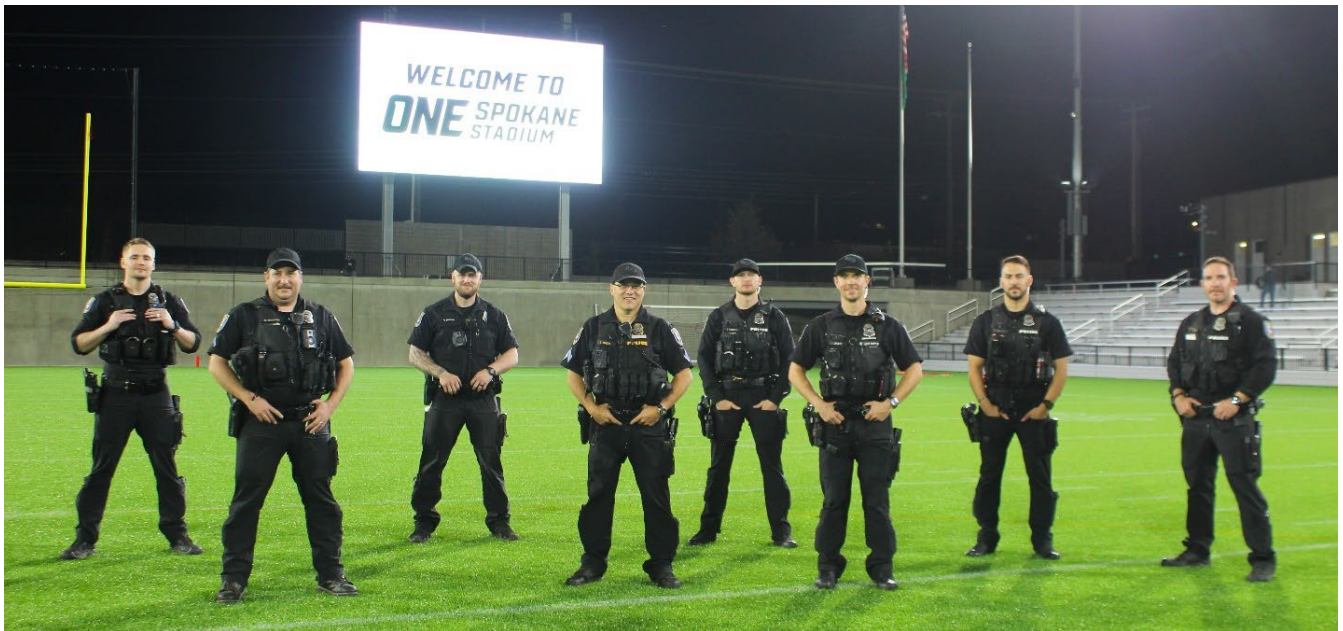
Chief's Citation Award

Reserve Officer / Recruiting Program Analyst Mat Allen
Air Support Unit
Abandoned Auto Unit
Patrol Team C3
Patrol Team A3

Excerpt from Team A3's nomination:

Since the markup of September 2023 through December 2024, Team A3 has consistently performed at a superior level. Thanks to the leadership of Sgt. Bryan Tafoya, Team A3 has developed a culture of problem solving, proactive enforcement and conducting superior investigations. Each team member has played a role in the success stories.

Officer Braten conducted a superior investigation into a burglary in the 3000 block of North Atlantic, leading to an arrest of the suspect for seven counts of Residential Burglary that resulted in a guilty plea and prison sentence. This investigation is one of the main reasons that there was an approximate 25% reduction in Adam Sector's residential burglaries at the end of November 2024 in the year-to-year comparison.



Officer Mike Baldwin, according to Sgt. Tafoya, is one of the best patrol investigators in the department. One of his 2024 examples involved a residential burglary in the Five Mile Area, with a loss of nearly \$4000.00 in property. His extensive canvass led to the identification of both vehicles, the suspects, and the location of the stolen property. The department located and returned the stolen property to the victim within a couple of days. Officer Justin Druitt and his recruit conducted an emergency ping on a cell phone of a suicidal mother with young children with her. Officer Corey Miller was instrumental. He determined a possible destination for the female, which led to officers locating the female.

Though these incidents identify specific team members, it is critical in this nomination to explain that the successes of Team A3 are not just that of the primary officer, but of each member of the team. Team A3 is very proactive with enforcement and addressing problems. The team has completed 123 field interviews

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and authored 60 non-DUI search warrants during the markup, related to residences, vehicles, cell phones, and social media accounts. These investigations have led to the arrest of dozens of suspects and significant seizures of weapons and contraband.

SPD Chaplain Recognized – Volunteers Count

Chaplain Todd LaRoche was recognized by KXLY News and Spokane Teachers Credit Union on February 26, 2025. A donation for \$1000.00 was made to the Spokane Police Chaplaincy on his behalf.



SPD Volunteers in the Community

Below, Reserve Officer Ed Richardson at the St. Patrick's Day Parade.



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