



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

KEVIN HALL

Strategic Initiatives

December 2025 Report



Public Safety and Community Health Committee Briefing

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Excerpts of Commendations
(Personal Identifying Information has been removed)

To our awesome police department, Our son passed away. Your officers, Ryan and Jordan **[Officers Ryan Andrews and Jordan Schott]**, were so respectful to us and to our son. They answered our questions and kept us informed, especially when the medical examiners came. All of them were simply wonderful, and we can't thank you enough.

Officer [Jackson] Henry, On behalf of the Washington Traffic Safety Commission, I wanted to thank you for a job well done on a [special enforcement detail] you worked on 8/30/2025. You worked 8 hours, made 27 contacts, issued 21 NOI charges and 1 warning for speeding, 2 NOI charges for using electronic devices, and a few other charges and warnings. Speeding and distracted driving continue to be at the top of contributing circumstances for fatal and serious injury crashes in Washington State. Your work definitely sent a message to those contacted drivers about their behavior and will save lives! Please keep up the good work and stay safe!

Lt. Kernkamp, Attached is a letter I wrote. We at Sacred Heart are very thankful for the ongoing partnership with Spokane Police Department and in this specific case, the **SWAT team**. They were an integral part of our active shooter training for the year. We have hosted an active shooter exercise at three Providence Hospitals this year: Holy Family Hospital; Sacred Heart Medical Center; and St. Lukes Rehabilitation medical Center. Through the various sessions we were able to connect with hundreds of our Caregivers about active shooter response for themselves and expectations from law enforcement.

I would like to thank the officers who assisted me last Saturday, particularly the initial arriving officer who was there responding to a vehicle collision. The situation was absolutely traumatic, and I have not necessarily been fond of SPD in the past due to our city's fractured history. However, the officer was extremely professional yet real, and I don't think I would have been able to manage the situation without his help as well as the other female officers who responded. If I could recall their names, I would thank them personally. I hope that you can find the reports and deliver this message to them, the experience did change my view on our police force some, though there is still a lot to repair. His service was undeniable what SPD should exemplify and look to achieve on a daily basis. [Regarding a Hit and Run call and subsequent attempted suicide. **Officers Adam Anderson, Madison McDonald, Mackenzie German-Johnson, Jacob Collins, James Velikodnyy, and Sgt. Shaidon Storch.**]



Internal Affairs Unit Update

January 1 through October 31, 2025, Commendations and Complaints

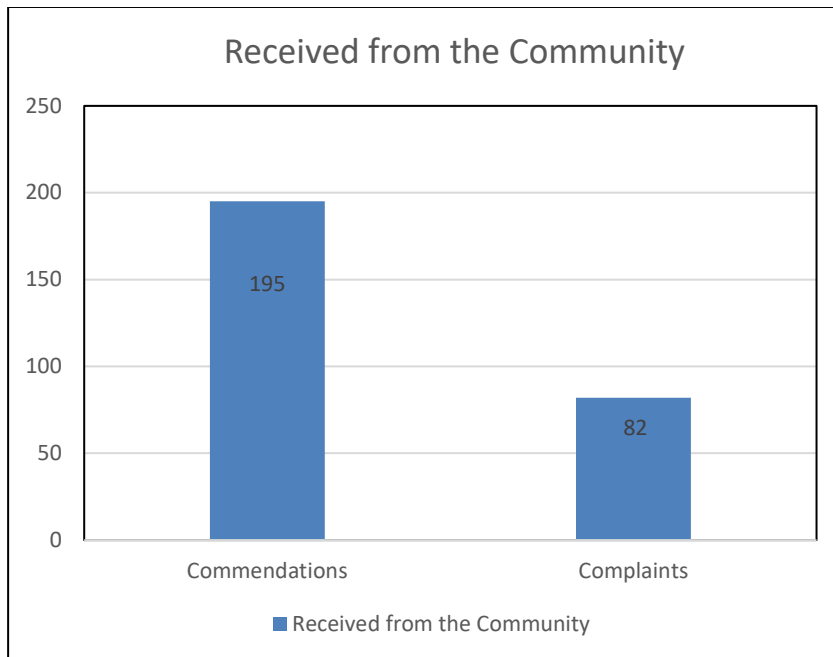
Commendations Received: **Total: 195**

Complaints Received: **Total: 94 (82 from community)**

Source of Complaints—January 1 through October 31, 2025

Received by the Office of Police Ombudsman	Total: 46
Received by the Spokane Police Department	Total: 48
Internally Generated by the SPD	Total: 12
Generated by the Community	Total: 82

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 October 2025.



Officer-Involved Shootings

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

- **Incident 2025-20016302 (Pending Prosecutor Review):** Incident 2025-20016302 took place on January 24, 2025, in the 200 block of East Sanson. The Spokane Independent Investigative Response (SIIR) conducted the criminal investigation. The case is with the prosecutor.
- **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.

Spokane Police Chief's Statement on Officer Misconduct

On Monday, November 3, 2025, Chief Kevin Hall made the following statement, regarding former officers Toby Bryer and Christopher Conrath.

“The Spokane Police Department has concluded internal investigations into allegations of serious misconduct involving two former officers, who have since resigned. Both were found to have engaged in inappropriate relationships with victims of domestic violence while on duty. Their actions violated departmental policy, betrayed community trust, and failed to uphold the oath they had sworn.

This conduct is unacceptable and does not reflect the values or professionalism of the Spokane Police Department. As Chief, I want to assure our community that these individuals no longer serve as police officers and have surrendered their law enforcement certifications. The department took swift and decisive action to investigate and address their behavior as soon as it came to light.

While this news is deeply disappointing, I have ***complete confidence in the integrity, compassion, and dedication of the men and women who serve Spokane every day.*** The majority of our officers uphold the highest standards of duty and respect for those we protect.

We remain committed to transparency, accountability, and rebuilding trust through our actions. The Spokane Police Department will continue to serve this community with honor and integrity.”

Fraud Warning

The Spokane Police Department would like community members to be aware of a new fraud/scam making its way across the country. Home title/deed theft is a crime where criminals target a home. By stealing the owner's identity, the criminals create and falsify documents, transferring the home title to another person for financial gain. Criminals will use forged documents such as fake identification to start a real estate transaction. Once that is done, they can file paperwork with the county register of deeds to transfer ownership of the home to themselves or a third party. At that point, criminals can borrow against the value of the home or sell it outright. Often, the legal owners of the home are not aware of what has happened until it is too late, and the home ownership is lost.



There are things community members can do to be on the lookout for crimes such as this.

- Frequently check the county register for your property. (There are also monitoring services that offer home title monitoring, but they are usually fee-based. You can check on your own for free.)
- Look for any filings that you did not initiate and look for any liens that may be listed.
- If you suspect fraud, report it immediately.

This type of fraud not only focuses on homes but also focuses on land parcels. Being proactive goes a long way to avoid being a victim of this type of crime.

SPD Enforces New Camping Ordinance

Spokane Police Department has begun enforcing the recently approved the Safe and Accessible Public Spaces Emergency Ordinance. The ordinance, which passed on October 27, 2025, prohibits camping citywide and offers homeless individuals a choice between citation or accepting a ride to treatment and services. The new ordinance addresses public camping, by banning camping on all public property including sidewalks, business entrances, stairs, medians, plazas, bridges and transit facilities.

In the first week of enforcing the new ordinance, 34 out of 300 people contacted by police for unlawful camping accepted services. If services are rejected, officers can issue a citation, allowing the person to leave. As of November 7, 2025, the department had issued more than 100 citations for camping in public spaces.

"With the previous ordinance, we had zero engagement interactions where treatment was taken. So far, in the past six days, we've had nine people receive engagement from the officers and then accept treatment with the officers facilitating that," Hall said. "It's the first time since I've been here. I've seen all of the actors, in the City, work together to recognize that there was an issue, and that needed to be corrected."

A key component of the new enforcement strategy is the Cannon Street Navigation Center, where officers can bring individuals to connect them with treatment services.

"The people say, just tell me where you want me to go, and I'll go there. Well, there was no place for them to go. Now, there's a place for them to go," Hall said.

However, Hall emphasized that the ordinance serves as another tool for officers rather than a complete solution to homelessness.

"If we leverage all of these different components that we now have in place, I think we are making meaningful steps toward solving the underlying causes of the problem," Hall said. "What I've seen so far and my confidence in my officers is, they're going to use this judiciously, like I said, to try and get people into treatment."



SPD Employees Recognized

SPD recognized Officer Kellsey Torres as the Officer of the Quarter, and Records Supervisor Marissa Butler for Professional Staff of the Quarter.

From Officer Kellsey Torres' Nomination:



Her attitude at work is outstanding and she is amazing to work with. She constantly takes big calls and answers up to help any way she can. Her efforts have been noticed by her teammates and those in the Detective's office. She works extremely hard, gives maximum effort, and is an extremely dependable officer. She shows empathy and compassion with all individuals she deals with. She represents the values of the department in everything she does—Integrity, Professionalism, and Compassion.

We have multiple problem spots on the south side of the city. One of our areas of concern is in the area of Havana/Sprague. Drug use and vagrant crimes have caused many concerns for residents and businesses in the area. Kellsey has made this a high impact area and constantly patrols for crime. When dealing with homeless individuals here, she balances being compassionate with enforcing laws. This has built rapport with individuals in the area, and they have been willing to talk and work with her further. She has found numerous subjects with felony warrants who have eluded law enforcement for months. She has also located numerous Idaho felony warrants here and even a few US Marshals warrants.

Kellsey has handled many big investigations this year which have turned into Major Crimes callouts on graveyard. She has received high praise from Detectives regarding her investigation skills and work ethic.

From Marissa's Nomination:



Marissa is a long-standing supervisor for records, which is longer than any other supervisor to hold that position. Marissa currently oversees the PRD team and is the resident expert regarding anything public disclosure, creation of public records and appropriate redaction of public records.

Marissa's team consistently gives high praise for her work and leadership, including the most recent ones here:

I wanted to let you know that Marissa Butler is really an amazing supervisor, and I consider myself lucky to be a member of her team. She supports our team all while also managing her own incredible workload. Marissa has also created a working environment where we feel valued, supported, and understood. Our team dynamic is one of the best team environments I have ever been a part of, and so much of that credit goes to Marissa.

I just want to give a big shoutout to Marissa for all the amazing support and leadership she gives our team. She makes work such a positive, safe, and encouraging place where everyone feels valued. She's always approachable, happy to answer questions, and willing to share her knowledge to help us grow. She leads by example and makes it clear that we're all in this together. Her dedication not only helps us do our best work, but also makes coming to work a better experience for everyone. I'm really grateful to be part of her team and to learn from such a supportive and thoughtful leader.

Marissa is an exceptional leader/boss whom I feel should be given a major shout-out or even the Employee of the Quarter award if that's possible. I have worked for many bosses in my career and I can say definitively Marissa stands at the top of the list of Best Overall Bosses. She epitomizes the true meaning of leadership.

I feel the best sign of a great leader is when they are able to bring out the best of their team, elevate them to the next level and show them what they are capable of and more. Marissa has this gift- and has made us a great team. Not only are we blessed to have her as our boss, and friend, but Spokane PD is blessed to have her as not only a great boss/leader but also she excels at her own customer service and skills she gives to the clients she works with.

SPD Receives Federal Wellness Grant

The U.S. Department of Justice's Community Oriented Policing Services has awarded a \$186,250 grant to the Spokane Police Department for mental health and wellness services. The Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) program funds these services for law enforcement officers and their families through the implementation of peer support, training, family resources, suicide prevention, stress reduction, and clinical support. The LEMHWA grant awarded to SPD will fund Struggle Well classes, as well as training on nutrition, sleep, stress reduction and mindfulness, and financial wellness.

"In order to take care of our community, our officers must also take care of themselves. The Spokane Police Department is grateful for this grant, which will allow us to invest in the wellness and mental health of the officers who serve our community every day," Police Chief Kevin Hall said.

SPD in the Community

SPD employees and volunteers attended several Trunk or Treat events around Halloween.



Gonzaga University and SPD Host Dialogue Policing Training

Gonzaga University and Spokane Police Department co-hosted a weeklong training event for Dialogue Policing. The training program, developed by the Columbus Police Department, is a comprehensive, evidence-based, 40-hour course designed to equip law enforcement with communication skills to facilitate in the interaction with community members during large scale gatherings.

The course is based on a foundation of fostering communication, understanding and collaboration with law enforcement and the community members they serve. Multiple agencies in/around the Spokane area attended.

The attending officers are introduced to the Dialogue Policing model as well as a class on the perspective of community activists. This portion of the training also consists of a Q/A session not only with local activists, but also with members of the media. The class also focuses on de-escalation techniques and science-informed crowd psychology. To ensure officers understand the material provided, they take part in training scenarios to further enhance their communication skills before completing the certification requirements at the end of the weeklong training.

"Serving our community with Integrity, Professionalism, and Compassion"

