



# **SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

## **CHIEF OF POLICE**

### **KEVIN HALL**

## **Strategic Initiatives**

### **June 2025 Report**



## **Public Safety and Community Health Committee Briefing**

### **June 2025**

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

I completed my SPD Ride Along Friday night with **Officer Luke Jester**. The experience went above and beyond my expectations! I arrived at 7:50 p.m. and finished at about 3:45 a.m. Officer Jester was welcoming, kind, and informative. He answered all of my questions, walked me through some of the paperwork, and debriefed the calls to which we responded. I never felt like any of my questions were dumb questions. I also never felt like my questions and participation were less valued because I did the ride along strictly to observe and learn from a citizen standpoint. It is clear Officer Jester cares about Spokane and the people in our community. I was exposed to a range of calls officers deal with on any given night and was even able to get out of the vehicle and watch from a distance. The night started with a wellness check on someone who Officer Jester had visited a few weeks prior, and the night ended with an arrest and booking. I was so impressed with how Officer Jester interacted with and treated each individual – especially the individual who was arrested at the end of the night – all were treated with dignity and respect. I'm grateful to have had this experience and my respect for the individuals who do this work has deepened.

I have known **Officer Larry House** for well over fifteen years while I would fill in for the front desk assignment for the Sheriff's Office. With my current assignment as the Court Security Deputy, I find myself working even closer with him on a day-to-day basis and he is basically my district partner on campus. During both scenarios, I have found it very enjoyable and easy to work with and around him. I found Officer House to be a very calm and great de-escalator during some very intense encounters with citizens on campus. He has helped to remind me why we are here and how we can best help the community. He listens very well to citizens and seems very invested in their stories. We deal with a lot of mental illness on campus; he builds a mutual trust with them to find out how he can best guide them to help. Officer House has always helped in any way possible and has even sat in courtrooms when a law enforcement presence was required in more than one location. Also, if the Sheriff's desk deputy is away assisting me with the courts, he will try to assist citizens waiting at the Sheriff's front desk. Officer House is a good inspiration and role model for how people view the Spokane Police Department.

**Sergeant [Kyle] Heuett**, Your interaction with Aaron was definitely the highlight of his night. Thanks for sharing your time and energy with folks from the disability community!

I want to take a moment to commend one of your outstanding employees, **Mat Allen**, from the Spokane Police Department, for making a positive impact in our students' lives. My most recent interaction with Mat occurred during our Spring 2025 semester internship fair. I was particularly impressed by his extensive knowledge of Whitworth's programs of study and how they align with career paths and internship opportunities at the Spokane Police Department. I hadn't realized that there were so many career options available within a police department. Throughout the event, Mat and his team's table was the most popular, attracting many students. He made a genuine effort to educate not only students but also our organizing staff and professors from various undergraduate programs. One of my students later told me in our one-on-one that after visiting the SPD table, she felt extremely enthusiastic and determined to plan on joining the Spokane Police Department once she reaches the required age. I was truly impressed by Mat's professionalism and enthusiasm during our interactions. Please extend my humble gratitude to all the members of the City of Spokane's finest.



## Internal Affairs Unit Update

### January 1 through April 30, 2025, Commendations and Complaints

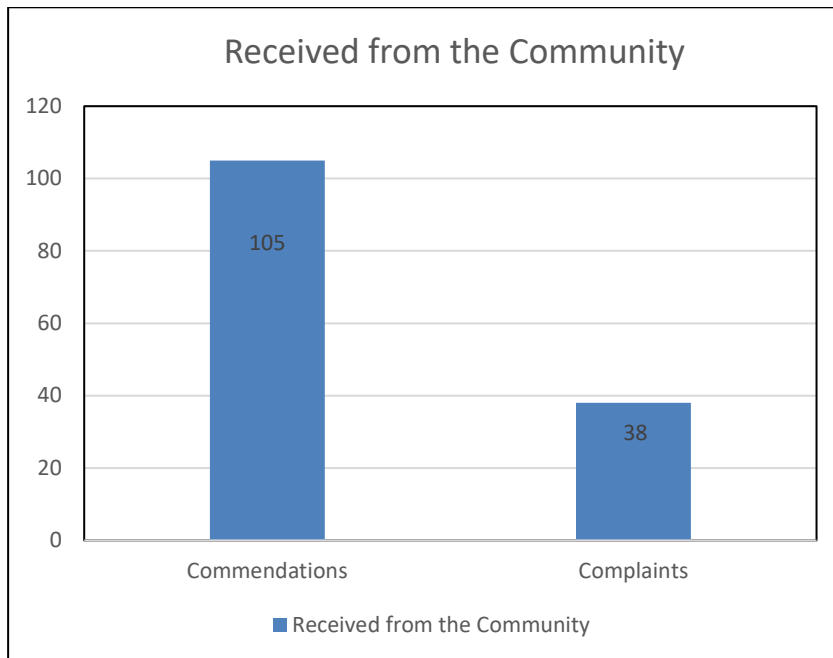
Commendations Received:     **Total: 105**

Complaints Received:             **Total: 45 (38 from community)**

### Source of Complaints—January 1 through April 30, 2025

Received by the Office of Police Ombudsman	<b>Total: 20</b>
Received by the Spokane Police Department	<b>Total: 25</b>
Internally Generated by the SPD	<b>Total: 7</b>
Generated by the Community	<b>Total: 38</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. The chart below shows commendations versus complaints from the community in April 2025.



## Deadly Force (Officer-Involved Shootings) Update

### 2025

From January 1 – February 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 Prosecutor Review):** Incident 2024-20267061 took place on December 29, 2024, in the 800 block of W Cora. The Spokane Independent Investigative Response (SIIR) conducted the criminal investigation. The case is with the prosecutor.

### 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.



## Impaired Driving Coordinator Update

### Phlebotomy Program

Officer Mike Thomas reports he, Sgt. Teresa Fuller, and Carrie Christiansen have been spending a significant amount of time working on getting SPD's new Phlebotomy program going. They are in the final stages of setting up the program and getting the first of 4 classes to train our officers in drawing evidential blood. Each officer will be doing 2 full days of classroom work, then a day of practical blood draws, where the officers will need to conduct 40 draws, to be able to be signed off, and able to be licensed by the Department of Health as a Medical Assistant, allowing them to draw blood.

We will have 3 more Phlebotomy classes, one in July, and two in August. We are not only training SPD officers, but also other surrounding agencies, to include Pend Oreille County, Spokane County, Spokane Valley PD, and Yakima PD in these classes. We have a grant from Washington State Traffic Safety to help fund these trainings and supplies to get project off the ground.

### Impaired Driving Emphasis at Hoopfest

Officer Thomas is preparing the annual Hoopfest Impaired Driving Emphasis, where we will be having officers from across the State, come to Spokane to help keep our roadways safe, by taking impaired drivers off the roadways. Washington State Traffic Safety and WSP are supporting much of this emphasis. We will have the Mobile Impaired Driving Unit in the downtown area, to help with expediting in processing these impaired drivers, along with having a large law enforcement presence in the downtown area, keeping all our community safe so they can enjoy the fun family events during Hoopfest weekend.



Here is a photo of last year's Hoopfest Mobile Impaired Driving Unit.

### Recent and Upcoming Classes/Trainings

- Officer Thomas taught a Current Drug Trends Class up for ESD101 on April 30, with 45 to 50 people in attendance.
- On May 7, he gave a presentation for SW Region EMS Council Meeting discussing First Responders working with Law Enforcement at a collision scene.
- On June 10, Officer Thomas will give a Current Drug Trends class at Providence Sacred Heart's auditorium.
- Spokane will be hosting the Washington State Traffic Safety Summit July 15-17, 2025, where Law Enforcement officers, and other professionals, who work in traffic safety, transportation, roadway engineering, and many others, will be in the downtown Spokane, to attend this conference.
- Officer Thomas will give a presentation on current drug trends to all our regional Medical Examiners on July 30.



### Adam Sector (Northwest)

Adam Sector Captain Hendren and several officers attended the Holmes Elementary School Resource Fair.



“Dear Captain Hendren, I just wanted to take a moment to personally thank you and your incredible team for being present at the event at Holmes tonight. I am beyond blessed to have officers and a department like yours in our community—your willingness to engage with families and kids in our neighborhood truly means so much. Your presence made a real impact, and as you know, these moments of connection are powerful for the families we serve. Attached are some of the photos I took during the event. I hope they capture just a bit of the positive energy you helped bring to the evening. Thank you again for all you do.”

Neighborhood Resource Officer Tyler Heiman did a safety tour with the Transitions properties, and a bike safety presentation for On Track Academy.

## Baker Sector (Northeast)

### Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) Evaluations:

- Gonzaga Preparatory School

### Outreach in the Schools:

- Neighborhood Resource Officers Deanna Storch and Micah Prim will be teaching College and Career Readiness classes at Shaw Middle School.

## Charlie Sector (South)

### Collaboration:

- South Precinct Sergeant Kevin Reese and Officer Nate Donaldson assisted with the Grandview/Thorpe fire evacuation drill on May 3, 2025. They provided feedback on the exercise from a law enforcement perspective.
- Officer Micah Prim collaborated with the Superior Court Coordinator to teach at Medical Lake High School.

### Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) Evaluations:

- Sunset Grocery
- Sunset Food Mart

### Outreach:

- Officer Micah Prim attended Passages Family Support Community Resource Day
- Sergeants Reese and Kannberg, along with Neighborhood Resource Officer Micah Prim, recently visited the HOPE School for children who are hearing impaired.





## David Sector (Downtown)

Downtown Precinct officers are still doing the CORE project around 2nd and Division. The emphasis area has been expanded to the area around the Ridpath (Sprague and Stevens). Downtown officers have increased foot patrols and are patrolling on bikes. In addition to these projects, officers are working hard to keep the viaducts and the gateways to the city clear and clean. We are partnering with Code Enforcement and Downtown Spokane Partnership to clean up trash and graffiti.

Captain Kurt Reese reports, "We are seeing an increase in thefts and assaults downtown with the warmer weather. We are working hard to prevent these crimes, follow up on the ones that happen and try and make arrests when possible. We did have issues with juvenile groups committing crimes downtown, but that has been addressed, and we are not seeing anything at this time."

### **Investigations Update – Forensic Digital Lab**

Digital evidence is critical to many of our violent crime investigations.

#### Digital Forensic Evidence Examples

- Media files (photo, video, audio)
- Emails (content, senders' and receivers' information, attachments)
- Text and instant messages
- Transactions
- Internet histories
- Geolocation

In 2024, SPD's Digital Lab analyzed hundreds of videos and extracted data from hundreds of phones. Digital evidence was crucial in identifying suspects for the crimes of homicide, drive-by shooting, stalking, arson, and rape. Digital evidence also exonerated a person who was being framed by an ex-partner.

In February 2025, digital forensic evidence led detectives to identify and apprehend a sexual predator. A routine Domestic Violence call led to a search warrant for a video. Detectives found child sex abuse material. Detectives obtained another search warrant for the rest of the photos and videos. Using phone extraction software in SPD's lab, detectives logged 136 videos, and 1,139 photos of Depictions of a Minor engaged in Sexually Explicit Conduct in the 1st Degree. They found 33 videos and 2,075 photos of Depictions of a Minor engaged in Sexually Explicit conduct in the 2nd Degree, and six more videos involving children that carry felony charges. The suspect is in jail with bail set at \$1,000,000.00.

#### Digital Lab Recent Accomplishments

- Our lab staff members hold certifications in Call Detail Record Analysis, Cellular Device Extractions, Advanced Smartphone Analysis, Video Collection, and more.
- We increased the staffing from two staff capable of Digital Forensics to five.
- We have added cell site network scanners to our hardware list, converted to a new lab reporting system, and introduced phone repair capabilities.
- We have partnered with the Secret Service and regularly attend various classes which are offered by the National Computer Forensics Institute.





## SPD's Dialogue Team and May Day Protests

Spokane Police Department now has a specialized Dialogue Team to handle public demonstrations differently. The team aims to serve as a voice of reason during conflicts while ensuring constitutional rights are protected. By maintaining a non-threatening presence, the department hopes to build better relationships with demonstrators while fulfilling public safety duties.

Recently, with the May Day protest, TAC's Dialogue Team contacted the event organizers and obtained the march route and was able to coordinate with the peacekeepers to use crosswalks, stay out of the lanes of travel and encouraged self-policing. This was largely successful, and the large march stayed on the sidewalks (for the most part).

The ENABLE Dialogue model helps police manage crowds more effectively and prevent conflicts from escalating. A few examples of officers keeping events from escalating:

- Hostile Vehicle Incident: There was an incident near the Arena, where the large crowd was crossing the street and a vehicle attempted to drive through the crowd, likely because they did not want to wait. TWO TAC units were able to dissuade the driver from (slowly) driving through the crowd. This is a situation that could have turned contentious and dangerous should units not have been there to mitigate the danger.
- Small fire: Demonstrators set a small fire, in a tin pot as part of a ceremony at the locations. Dialogue, being in the crowd, was able to see that they were doing and communicate that it was not a danger to field command. Should police not have had that information, a random 911 call of protestors starting a fire (at the ICE Office) would likely have put patrol officers responding to the call in a precarious situation. This was definitely a Dialogue success.

There were no reports of violence or property damage. TAC was able to lessen the impact of the march on the motoring public and there were no reported collisions of vehicles or pedestrians. TAC made no arrests/citations. The Dialogue Team was warmly received by the demonstrators, and provided vital information that Field Command was able to use to aid in a peaceful, safe demonstration.

From a Community Member: *"Good afternoon, I wanted to pass along my appreciation for the police officers who supported the May Day March in Spokane yesterday. There was an aggressive driver that was intentionally targeting the PJALS volunteers who were helping manage crosswalk traffic. A Police officer in a vehicle immediately addressed the situation and got the aggressive driver to leave. Unfortunately, I did not see his badge to give him a personal shout out. I saw two other police officers doing a great job at monitoring and giving the assembly and speakers space. A big thank you to all the officers who supported safety at the event. I appreciate what you do for our community."* – K.O.

## Recruiting for SPD Employees and Volunteers

### May Recruiting Events

- May 9: Meet the Employer at Fairchild AFB
- May 14: Law Enforcement/Military Career Fair at Fairchild AFB
- May 20: Job Fair at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Montana



## Congratulations to our Academy Graduates

Spokane Police Department recruits just graduated from Basic Law Enforcement Academy (BLEA) on May 13, 2025. Congratulations to our officers! From left to right, Officers Brandon Arnold, Tiffany Brossoit, Kegan Young, Samantha Weirich, Kyle Gale, and Dwayne Quintanilla.



## K9 Advanced Handler Class at SPD Academy

Spokane Police Department hosted the K9 Advanced Handler course on May 4-8, 2025. This Washington State Police Canine Association (WSPCA) class was attended by 11 different law enforcement agencies, including some from Canada. For more than four decades, the Washington State Police Canine Association has advanced the practice of law enforcement and corrections officers utilizing K9s to protect communities. The nonprofit organization was founded in 1978 and runs two training seminars per year hosted by member departments and provides certification for all member teams.





## Officers Honored by Spokane Velocity

Spokane Velocity held a “Salute to First Responders” event on April 27. Officer Winston Brooks was honored as “Officer of the Quarter” and Officer Mike Thomas was recognized for his work with educating people on drugs and alcohol, as well as his recent lifesaving award. The officers received a standing ovation from the crowd!



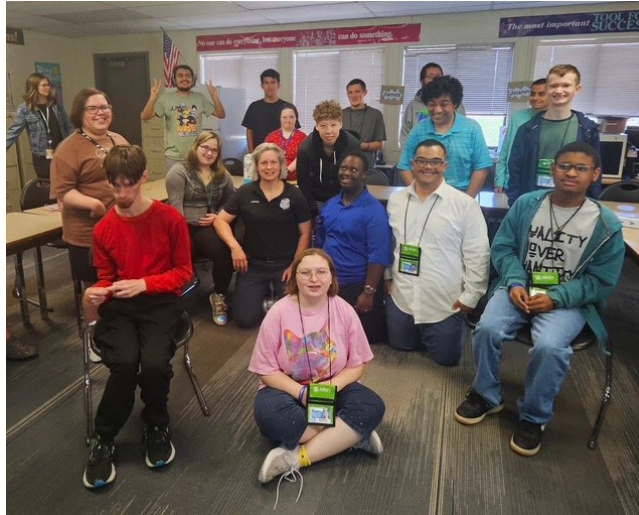
Four other officers attended the event and interacted with community members.





## SPD Outreach in Schools

- On May 2, officers visited the Secondary Transition Program to discuss safety.
- SPD enjoyed providing drug education to 6<sup>th</sup> grade students on May 7.
- Bike Safety at Garfield Elementary on May 8.
- On May 29, Spokane Public Montessori students got a tour of the Public Safety Campus.
- Lewis and Clark High School students had a tour and hands-on learning demonstration at the SPD Academy on May 30.



## Medication Take-Back Day Success



On April 26, 2025, SPD proudly partnered with West Spokane Wellness Partnership, Shadle Coalition, DEA, Walmart, and the Spokane Regional Opioid Taskforce for Medication Take Back Day!

Community members safely disposed of 83.9 pounds of unused, expired, and unwanted medications — helping protect our youth, families, and environment. We also distributed 24 Narcan kits and 12 medication lock boxes to support ongoing safety efforts.

Visit [www.takebackyourmeds.org](http://www.takebackyourmeds.org) to find a return site near you.

The week before, SPD participated in a Medication Take Back Day at Northeast Community Center. That event resulted in 59 pounds of medication.

## SPD in the Community

SPD Reserve Officer Ed Richardson had a blast at the Asian Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander Heritage Festival at Riverfront Park.



Below, Sergeant Kyle Heuett at the Arc of Spokane's Rock the Runway event.





## JOIN THE SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT



### INTEGRITY, PROFESSIONALISM, & COMPASSION

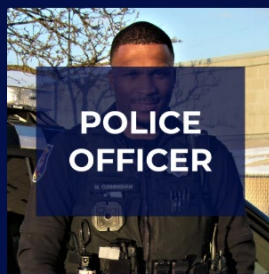
A career with the Spokane Police Department offers many advancement opportunities and diverse career paths. Every day is a fresh experience, a chance to make a difference, and an opportunity to uphold our mission. Officers value the community outreach opportunities and the ability to make an impact helping others.

We stand with our community, striving to build lasting bonds. Our mission is to serve the community with professionalism, integrity, and compassion so that with every single interaction we enhance trust, preserve safety, and model ethical policing.

### CURRENT OPENINGS WITH THE SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT



**POLICE  
OFFICER  
CERTIFIED**



**POLICE  
OFFICER**



**POLICE RADIO  
DISPATCHER I**



**POLICE  
RECORDS  
SPECIALIST**

*View Current  
Job Openings*



*Sign up for Job  
Notifications*



*Get an email when jobs open.*

*View a List of All  
City Positions*



City of Spokane Jobs | [my.spokanecity.org/jobs](https://my.spokanecity.org/jobs)  
civilservice@spokanecity.org | 509.625.6160

<https://joinspokane.org/>

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

Public Safety Building • 1100 W. Mallon Avenue • Spokane, Washington 99260-0001

