



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

KEVIN HALL

Strategic Initiatives

May 2025 Report



Public Safety and Community Health Committee Briefing

May 2025

Excerpts of Commendations
(Personal Identifying Information has been removed)

I wanted to extend my deepest thanks for all the help **Officer [Xenon] Berkely** provided us tonight. At approximately 1800 we received a call on an erratically driven Jeep northbound SR 395 MP 170. The Jeep collided with three separate vehicles before leaving the roadway and colliding with a stop/street sign and sheering off a power pole at Wild Rose Road. One of the drivers the Jeep struck was transported to Sacred Heart for possible injuries. Officer Berkely was one of the first on scene and quickly established PC for impairment. Upon my arrival he volunteered to proceed to the hospital for further DUI investigation. He kept me updated on each step of the process to include applying for an executing a search warrant for blood. The preliminary BAC was .475. In addition, he offered to remain with the suspect and until she was cleared for release and would transport to SPSB for booking (Felony Hit/Run, and DUI). The time he saved us was immense. We currently have two Trooper Cadets working my shift and the training value they received by working through a felony collision scene was extremely beneficial. The collaboration between WSP and Spokane PD was tremendous, and I hope this continues.

Dear Chief Hall, I welcome you to Spokane. Last week, some of your leaders and officers came to McDonalds. I met and spoke with them - all good people. I deeply appreciate your department's commitment to duty, honor, and public service. I feel safe with them on the job.

Dear **Detective [Tim] Schwering**, On behalf of our advisory council at Aging & Long Term Care of Eastern Washington, I want to sincerely thank you for taking the time to share your knowledge about trending online scams related to cryptocurrency. Your presentation was both insightful and engaging, equipping our volunteers with valuable information to help protect the older adults and individuals living with disabilities that we serve. We truly appreciate your expertise and the effort you put into making the session informative and relevant. Your insights will go a long way in helping us raise awareness and empower those in our community to stay safe online. Thank you again for your time and for supporting our mission. We hope to have the opportunity to collaborate with you again in the future.

Officer [Deanna] Storch and Lt. [Bart] Stevens, Thank you both again for coming to our neighborhood meeting last week. Officer Storch, I hope you realize the neighborhood is very happy to see you back again after many months away as our NRO. We welcome you back home to our Shiloh Hills Neighborhood. Lieutenant Stevens, we have and still appreciate(d) your presence at our meetings. You are ALWAYS welcome at our Shiloh Hills Neighborhood meetings. We thank you for all you have and still do for our neighborhood. I hope Chief Hall knows that his line officers are very much respected and appreciated by our Shiloh Hills neighbors. Please share our appreciation to all the SPD officers and staff who make our City and our neighborhoods safe.

I just want to give a sincere thank you to the Spokane Police Department and **Detective [Lydia] Taylor** for her hard work in looking into my burglary. They did steal some blank checks in addition to everything else. One individual is being charged with three counts of forgery and one count of 2nd Degree Theft. That will be four felonies. I just want to give a big thanks to Detective Taylor. YAY!



Internal Affairs Unit Update

January 1 through March 30, 2025, Commendations and Complaints

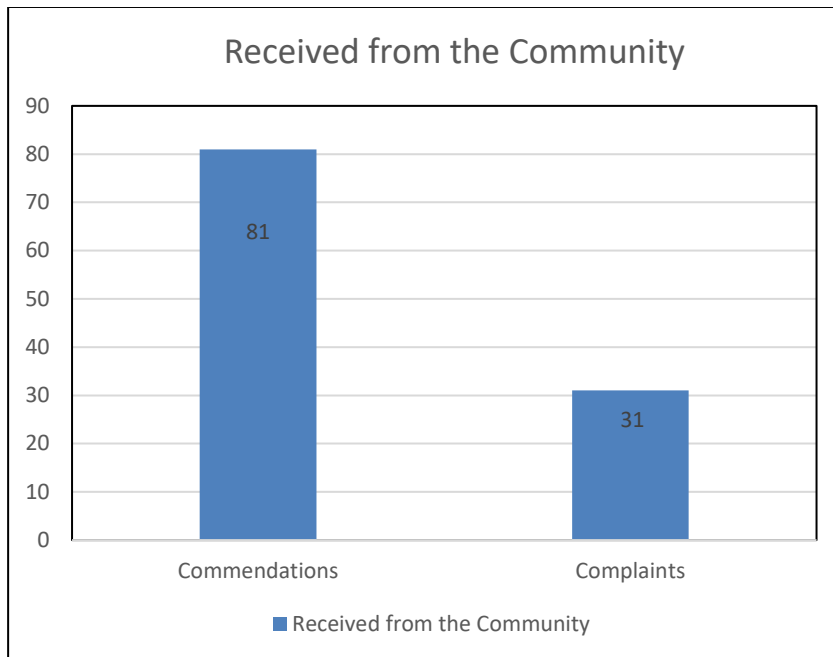
Commendations Received: **Total: 81**

Complaints Received: **Total: 34 (31 from community)**

Source of Complaints—January 1 through March 30, 2025

Received by the Office of Police Ombudsman	Total: 15
Received by the Spokane Police Department	Total: 19
Internally Generated by the SPD	Total: 3
Generated by the Community	Total: 31

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 March 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 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 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.

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

Adam Sector (Northwest)

Connecting with Service Providers

Adam Sector leadership has been busy connecting with service providers in the precinct area. Northwest Captain Tom Hendren met with staff at the American Indian Community Center, along with Chief Hall and Community Outreach. SPD leadership and Neighborhood Resource Officer Tyler Heiman attended the NATIVE Project's Open House for their new Children & Youth Service Building, a dedicated space designed to support and uplift the young members of our community through Youth Mental Health, Youth Substance Use, and Youth Wellness services.



Baker Sector (Northeast)

Enforcement in City Parks

Our parks have rules and hours that need to be enforced so that everyone in our city can safely utilize them. SPD's goals are to reduce violent crime and criminal activity, such as camping, drug usage and hazardous waste left in parks. Based on last year's success of having officers assigned to specific parks, Captain Shawn Kendall will be deploying officers in high visibility patrols during all hours. Officers will be issuing citations where needed. 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."

In the summer of 2024, focused enforcement of parks resulted in a positive response. Officers made 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 experienced less violent crime than many areas in the city. In July 2024, calls for service in all Baker parks were down compared to July 2023. Officer-initiated activity in parks was three times higher compared to July 2023. We expect to see positive results in the summer of 2025, using these same methods.

Charlie Sector (South)

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



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.

David Sector (Downtown)

Neighborhood Resource Officer Making Connections

Neighborhood Resource Officer Micah Prim is assigned to the South and Downtown areas. He reports work on Crime Prevention by Environmental Design (CPTED) at the following locations: STA plaza, Gonzaga Prep High School, Mod Printing, 165 S. Pine St, Comstock Park, Sunset Grocery, Sunset Food Mart, and the High Drive Bluff staircase.

Officer Prim also taught students about Therapeutic courts and the Intersection of Police and Behavioral Health at NEWTech Prep and conducted outreach for hard of hearing students at Hope School.

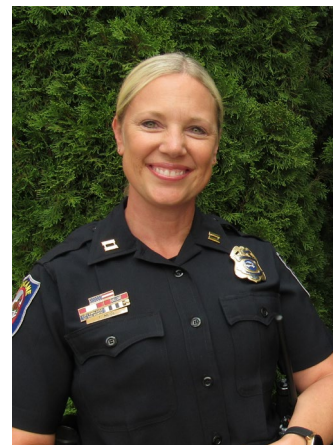
Captain Tracie Meidl Recognized for Women's History Month

Celebrating Women's History Month with Spokane Police

https://www.kxly.com/video/celebrating-womens-history-month-with-spokane-police/video_a5e47a0f-fb92-552b-9541-2babd8609fc5.html

Captain Tracie Meidl talks about strong communication skills and helping victims and survivors.

"Being able to touch and help people heal and being able to change the trajectory of what that traumatic event does for them, is probably the most impactful thing that I can do as a police officer."



Recruiting for SPD Employees and Volunteers

April Recruiting Events

- April 9: Joint Base Lewis-McChord
- April 10: Washington State University (Pullman)
- April 11: Meet the Employer at Fairchild AFB
- April 23: Spokane County Career Expo (County Fairgrounds)
- April 25: Meet the Employer at Fairchild AFB

Spokane Police Hiring Commonly Asked Questions - <https://vimeo.com/1063384071>

New Officers Sworn In, April 14, 2025



Spokane Police Department welcomes new officers:

Connor Spiering
Kristian Davis
Sean Yeager
Nick Presley
Michael Barnett
Leila Benzinger
Jacob Goodness



SPD's New Dialogue Team

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. Officers in blue shirts and police vests, rather than tactical gear, will maintain a presence throughout rallies and protests. These officers are called Dialogue Officers, and they are part of Spokane's Tactical (TAC) Team. This program, based on the ENABLE model program in Columbus, Ohio, is meant to build trust with the community while ensuring safety for people engaging in First Amendment rights activities.

The ENABLE Dialogue model helps police manage crowds more effectively and prevent conflicts from escalating. The ENABLE project is a partnership between Ohio State University, Keele University in the UK, and the Columbus Division of Police, funded by the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, along with the City of Columbus. The ENABLE model focuses on de-escalation, open communication, and respect for First Amendment rights. Dialogue officers strive to establish rapport and engaging in transparent and open dialogue with protesters. Dialogue officers do not replace TAC Team members; dialogue officers add another layer of communication to the TAC response, coordinating with tactical team officers and incident commanders as well as protesters. During the events, bicycle squads help direct and protect the crowd, and enforcement teams are responsible for use of force and arrest actions if those responses become necessary.

For more information, please see:

<https://www.facebook.com/SpokanePD/videos/3793022884335167/>

SPD Employees Recognized

2024 Officer of the Year

Officer Drew Chappell



2024 Civilian Employee of the Year

Communications Supervisor Kim Blashill



SPD Outreach in Schools

SPD enjoyed interacting with kids at the 5th Grade Career Fair. 2,400 5th grade students participated in the Career Fair this year.



National Crime Victims' Rights Week

April 6-12, 2025 was National Crime Victims' Rights Week. This is a time to recognize progress achieved and to help raise awareness of victims' rights and services. Spokane Police Department is proud of the ongoing service and assistance provided to those in need locally. SPD Major Crimes Unit has a Victim Advocate who is assigned to that team. Beginning in Fall 2023, Victim Advocate Cheyenne Gillespie was added to the unit to work closely with detectives to provide services to victims of crime and their families. Cheyenne's work is made possible by working with partner agencies such as Lutheran Community Services Northwest, YWCA, and Partners with Families and Children. At right, Victim Advocate Cheyenne with SPD Investigative Captain Tracie Meidl, Special Victims Unit Sergeant Mike Russo and staff from Lutheran Community Services.



Cheyenne also works closely with the SPD Domestic Violence Unit. Led by Sergeant Dave Adams, the unit strives to provide assistance to survivors of Domestic Violence through its partnership with the YWCA. SPD shares office space with the Family Justice Center at the YWCA. They follow up with DV survivors to make sure they have legal assistance, safety, basic life necessities, counseling services, and partners to navigate the criminal justice system. At left, Sergeant Dave Adams and YWCA staff.

SPD in the Community

SPD Chief Hall, Assistant Chief Dave Singley, Assistant Chief Matt Cowles, and Reserve Officer Ed Richardson attended the fundraiser for Northeast Youth Center.



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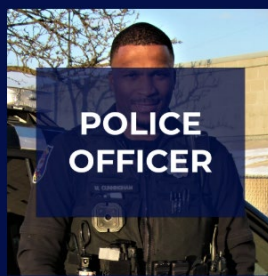
A career with the Spokane Police Department offers many advancement opportunities and diverse career paths. Every day is a fresh experience, a chance to make a difference, and an opportunity to uphold our mission. Officers value the community outreach opportunities and the ability to make an impact helping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

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