



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

KEVIN HALL

Strategic Initiatives

October 2025 Report



Public Safety and Community Health Committee Briefing

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Excerpts of Commendations
(Personal Identifying Information has been removed)

All, I just wanted to reach out and say thank you for all the sacrifice, all the commitment, and safety you bring to our community. And all the sacrifices not only the officers make but their families and children too. We all at No-Li appreciate it. We support you 100% publicly, privately, whatever. We're proud to be part of your events every year. We need you and you have our support.

It's wonderful to see how involved the Spokane Police Department is with the community; I frequently see your team at various events.

On September 1, 2025, I was involved in a vehicle accident on Fourth and Maple in Spokane. Your police officer by the name of **Justin Walker** was so polite and so thorough and very professional and because of his kindness he took away my anxiety that I had due to the car accident. He is an asset to the police force and I just want to say thank you very much Mr. Walker. I really appreciate you and I appreciate your hard work.

SPD, we just want you to know that we appreciate all you do. Keep up the good work and know we support you! We appreciate all you endure for our community.

We just wanted to let you know how much we appreciated the efforts of your department, and especially **Officer [Adrian] Howell** yesterday when our e-bikes were stolen from our car. We realize that in the big scheme of things that a couple of old ladies with stolen bikes is a low priority, but after giving our information to Officer Howell, he took it upon himself to let others know to look out for the bikes and they were recovered by the end of the day. Thanks also to officers **[Kolton] McKittrick** and **[Karl] Richardson** for their efforts. They helped turn a bad day into a celebration and left us with a much more positive feelings about Spokane, not to mention saving us thousands of dollars in replacement costs. Job well done - thank you!!!

Officer Mike Thomas, I wanted to send an email to let you know how valuable I found this Drug Trends training. I attended earlier this week and have been sharing components of it with people since. The training is engaging and informative. I learned many things I had no idea about and will help me in both my professional and personal life.

Officer Deanna Storch, Just wanted to reach out and follow up and thank you for forwarding [my concern] to the homeless outreach team. Within a day or two they were out there handling that full block encampment. The businesses and residents around that area are very pleased as I've heard great feedback from a few people I know in that area including my father-in-law who works at that truck yard. Again, thanks for bringing attention to that. Hope to see you soon.



Internal Affairs Unit Update

January 1 through August 31, 2025, Commendations and Complaints

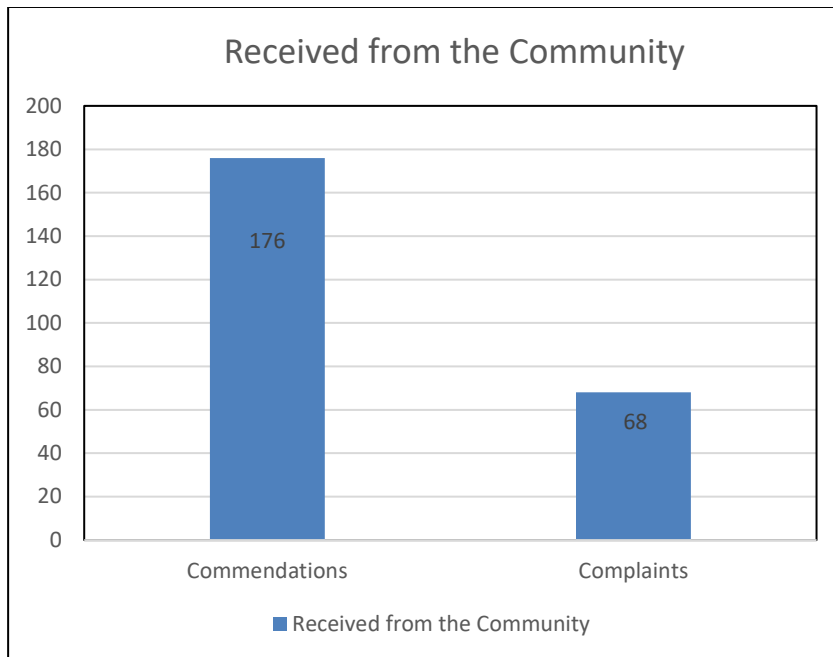
Commendations Received: **Total: 176**

Complaints Received: **Total: 78 (62 from community)**

Source of Complaints—January 1 through August 31, 2025

Received by the Office of Police Ombudsman	Total: 36
Received by the Spokane Police Department	Total: 42
Internally Generated by the SPD	Total: 10
Generated by the Community	Total: 68

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 August 2025.



Deadly Force (Officer-Involved Shootings) Update

2025

From January 1 – July 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 Administrative Investigation):** Incident 2024-20027307 took place on February 12, 2024, near Howard and Riverside. 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 2024-20060204 (Pending Administrative Investigation):** 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 prosecutor ruled the use of deadly force was justified. Internal Affairs will conduct an administrative 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.
- **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 2023-20238146 (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.



Precinct Updates

Adam Sector (Northwest)

Special Enforcement Missions:

- The Northwest had a spike in residential and garage burglaries in September. Leadership created a hot spot for proactive policing at Lincoln/Maxwell in response.
- The Precinct created hot spots at Northwest schools for the first week of school with an emphasis on traffic control and student safety.
- The HOT Team will be checking on some unlawful camping that is taking place at Clark Park.



Outreach:

Lt. Braun continues to conduct outreach at Garfield and Indian Trail elementary schools and visited the first week of school. Sergeant Brannon met with the principals at Salk, Glover, and Flett middle schools.

Baker Sector (Northeast)

Recent News: **SPD Special Investigations Unit (SIU) search warrant uncovers large quantity of drugs, cash, guns, and explosives**

Recently, members of the Special Investigations (SIU) served a search warrant in the 2600 block of North Freya. The search warrant yielded a large quantity of drugs, money, firearms, and explosives. The explosives were found to be a foreign military hand grenade, a training bomblet that was once part of a cluster bomb and a modified firework. Due to the presence of the explosive material, members of the Explosive Ordinance Disposal Unit (EDU) responded to safely remove the explosive items. EDU later rendered the items safe at a separate location.



At the completion of serving the warrant, the following was taken into evidence:

- \$255,000.00 in cash
- 63 firearms, 3 of which were stolen
- 1 pound of fentanyl powder
- Approximately 5 pounds methamphetamine

Charlie Sector (South)

Captain Jensen is coordinating Officer interviews for the gun violence research project being conducted by the National Institute for Criminal Justice Reform.

Captain Jake Jensen and his staff have been involved in neighborhood outreach. Officers attended neighborhood council meetings with Rockwood, Cliff/Cannon, Grandview/Thorpe, and South Perry Business District. They also met with Providence Health.

Special Enforcement Mission: Parks Patrol Emphasis

Areas of concentration: All city parks and natural areas in the South Precinct.

Goals: Education, Community Caretaking, Compliance with Park Laws, Compliance with Unauthorized Camping Laws, Reduction of Crime in the Area, Improvement of Quality of Life for Surrounding Neighbors.

Tactics: Graveyard teams will patrol parks after hours. Mid shift teams will drive through Parks with issues to ensure no gatherings are starting to take place after hours. Officers are taking enforcement action on park hours – the hours of closure are 10 pm to 6 am (SMC 12.06A.040). Officers continue to experience issues with teens partying at various areas of our city. Most recently, we had a shooting in the area of 57th and Hatch where numerous teens had been partying and two subjects were shot. Officers are on the lookout for large teen gatherings at parks or public lookout areas.

“H.O.M.E. Starts Here” Implementation

Areas of concentration: The following areas have been identified as having unauthorized camping issues: LCHS area, Sunset Bridge area, Spokane River areas, Ben Burr Trail/Liberty Park, Chief Garry Park, Underhill Park, and I-90 corridor in East Central.

Goal: Engage, educate, and help navigate individuals camping or obstructing access to public property to appropriate resources through an engagement-first and enforcement-second model. The City Council expects a thorough review of the implementation of this ordinance and expects to receive a report and briefing from administration staff at the Public Safety and Community Health Committee following ninety days of implementation.

David Sector (Downtown)

Recent News: **Downtown arson suspect is in custody**

In the early morning hours of August 21st, 2025, SPD patrol officers responded to a series of fires in the downtown corridor. Three separate properties located in the 400 block of West Main, 400 block of West Riverside and the 300 block of West Spokane Falls Boulevard were damaged by intentionally set fires. Patrol officers worked diligently to secure evidence and were able to identify a person of interest. On August 22nd, Major Crimes Unit Detectives (MCU) were able to secure the needed video footage from



surrounding businesses and arrested Troy A. Silk (45) for 3 counts of 2nd Degree Arson. Silk was already in custody at the Spokane County Jail at the time of his arrest for unrelated crimes. The suspect in the string of arsons set in the Downtown area on August 21 remains in custody after the courts issued a \$50,000.00 bond after first appearance.

Wellness Training

SPD began Struggle Well training in September 2025. SPD has chosen Boulder Crest Foundation's Struggle Well program for officer mental health support and posttraumatic growth curriculum. Struggle Well is a prevention-focused program based on the science of Posttraumatic Growth designed for first responders.

It is a training that addresses mental health issues like posttraumatic stress, depression, and anxiety, and it provides tools for making struggles into strengths. The PTSD Foundation partners with Boulder Crest, as does UCF RESTORES, a nationally acclaimed nonprofit clinical research center focused on trauma recovery. Boulder Crest is a nationally recognized charity organization known for developing and delivering Posttraumatic Growth-based curriculum and programs that enable participants to thrive after trauma through research-supported, evidence-based methods. In a study of Boulder Crest's Warrior PATHH posttraumatic growth program, graduates reported 58% reduction in PTSD symptoms. <https://bouldercrest.org/>



Boulder Creek Foundation states that their posttraumatic growth "training programs teach our participants how to make peace with their past, live in the present, and begin planning for their future." Healing from trauma can look different for everyone, but in many cases, people dealing with trauma feel isolated from others and struggle with feeling connected with their loved ones and team members. They often turn to unhealthy things to cope with trauma. They may feel broken and ashamed that they are struggling.

Struggle Well is about building an environment of trust and connection in which people feel safe to heal through the five parts of posttraumatic growth. Education, learning about the painful and normal impacts of trauma, reduces fear and shame. Regulation is learning wellness practices that promote calm and clarity, that help people regain control of their lives. Disclosure is being able to process the trauma. Story is being able to

find a fresh perspective to start a new chapter after trauma. Service is about finding courage to help others and give back. Struggle Well also teaches about five domains where growth can occur: new possibilities (embracing hope); deeper relationships (good relationships are critically important when you are struggling); personal strength; appreciation for life (i.e., gratitude and knowing what's important); and spiritual and existential change.

Senior staff leadership took the class in September. SPD received grant funding from the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission to provide three more classes for officers and professional staff.

Congratulations to our new Graduates

Congratulations to our eight officers who graduated from the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission's Basic Law Enforcement Academy (BLEA) on September 9, 2025. Class #918 will now undergo post Academy instruction before starting the Field Instructor Training phase.



"Know Your Limits" Education Campaign

SPD is increasing awareness about DUIs. The Spokane Police Department partnered up with the Greater Spokane Substance Abuse Council for the "Know Your Limits" program.

In recent weeks, the traffic unit's DUI officers have been visiting multiple bars and restaurants with breathalyzers, educating people about how impairment can affect them and the safety of drinking responsibly. Officers asked people if they knew how impaired they were. People who volunteered guessed their blood alcohol level, and then blew into a breathalyzer to find out if they were above the legal limit to drive.

SPD added that if you would like more information on the "Know your Limits Program" or to invite one of our officers into your drinking establishment, contact the Spokane Police Department Traffic Unit at spdwebmail@spokanepolice.org.

Chess with a Cop

SPD is starting a new youth outreach program called Chess with a Cop. Sponsored by the Spokane Police Foundation, the program is a partnership with the Greater Spokane Chess League. This is a great chance for officers to engage in conversation and build trust while reaching out to 6th – 12th graders. We will be using public libraries throughout different neighborhoods within our community.

GREATER SPOKANE CHESS LEAGUE PRESENTS

CHESS WITH A COP



Once a month we host Chess with a Cop at Spokane Public Libraries and Spokane Public Schools. Our aim is to have open events to students 6th - 12th grade. Students can play chess with Law Enforcement in partnership with Spokane Police Foundation and Spokane Police officers. This promotes police engagement with youth to learn new skills, build trusting relationships and promote thinking differently.

SCAN TO REGISTER

MAKING SAFE MOVES

DATES

August 16th - Spokane Public Library - Hillyard

September 13th - Spokane Public Library - Liberty Park

October 11th - Spokane Public Library - South Hill

November 15th - Shaw Middle School

December 6th - Spokane Public Library - The Hive

January - NO CHESS

February 7th - West Central Community Center

March 7th Spokane Public Library - Hillyard

April 18th - Rogers High School

May - 1st TBD

Spokane Police Foundation and Greater Spokane Chess League chess tournament and social

FREE EVENT!

Snacks and drinks provided

11AM-1PM FOR THE EVENT

6th - 12th grade students pre-registration is required

Tournament lasts 90 mins

4 Rounds
10 minutes time control (not rated)

prizes are provided for top 3 players

Last 30 mins. is social engagement with local police officers

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Shop with a Cop Events

In August 2025, SPD participated in four Shop with a Cop events, with Baker Construction & Development, with the Police Activities League program, with Embrace Washington, and Salvation Army.

Baker Construction & Development funded an event for youth in foster care. Not only did they provide \$250 per teen, but they also prepared backpacks full of school supplies for each youth.



Celebrating Respect, Honesty, Integrity, Leadership and Sportsmanship: This event rewarded kids for their behavior. Out of over 200 youth participants in the Police Activities League, these 10 kids showed the values above consistently, helping other children, helping officers, and being role models. Thank you to Walmart for the grant!



Pictures from the Embrace Washington Shopping event and Salvation Army event, below.



SPD in the Community

SPD Volunteers Join Liberty Lake event to raise funds for Special Olympics athletes

Liberty Lake Police highlighted the event's value for public interaction with law enforcement and car enthusiasts while supporting the Special Olympics. The event was directed and coordinated by the police ambassador, with the help of volunteers. Vehicle owners donated at least \$10 to participate in the show. All proceeds supported Special Olympics athletes.

Reserve Officers Ed Richardson and Talia Gray attended.



SPD Tactical Team



Jobs at 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.

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