



# **SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

## **CHIEF OF POLICE**

### **KEVIN HALL**

## **Strategic Initiatives**

### **September 2025 Report**



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

### **September 2025**

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

To Kris, Dale, Jacob, Carl, Park Rangers, **Officer Micah Prim**, Jackson and any others who are doing a fantastic job with keeping our parks clean and well taken care of! I just want to do a follow up on what I have witnessed in the last couple of months since my first letter about the homeless camps and People's Park and other park areas! I have been going once in a while to People's Park and other Parks around Spokane and they are beautiful and cleaned up. Wow!! People's Park is amazing!! It looks like a whole new park and there was no tents and trash around at all. Thank you so much for keeping it clean and safe. Thank you for the tireless hours that must have been done in the cleanup of all the parks. I felt safe and comfortable walking my dog in and around People's Park especially and even other parks. I just wanted to send you this follow up and to let you know that I appreciated all the efforts to answer my questions and concerns and to let you know that I when I see such great work being done.

Whilst I was having a mental health crisis, I ran away from home and called 911. **Officer [Luke] Jester** was the one to respond to the call. Officer Jester did an amazing job at calming me down, giving me mental health resources, and a ride home. Officer Jester is the reason I will now be starting therapy! He's made my mental state absolutely amazing by showing how caring he was towards me.

I've lived in downtown Spokane for several years now. I've witnessed a lot of change—some good, but unfortunately, much of it for the worse. That said, I want to take a moment today to highlight something positive—something that, to me, feels like the beginning of a real turning point. Just the other day, as I was standing outside the front of my apartment building, I saw something I've been hoping to see for a very long time: two Spokane Police officers walking the beat on foot. I had the chance to talk with them, and they were both incredibly friendly and professional. They told me this is part of a renewed focus on downtown patrols—and I just want to say thank you. Thank you to those officers, and thank you to the entire Spokane Police Department Downtown Precinct for finally doing something that truly makes sense. For years, I've been saying this is exactly what we need—officers on foot, present in the community, visible, and engaged with the people who live and work here. I've also seen officers on bikes lately, which is another great step forward. The impact is already noticeable. I also want to personally thank **Officer Casey Jones**—someone I've mentioned before—because officers like him are exactly what Spokane needs downtown: approachable, caring, and truly in touch with what's happening on our streets. Now, let me be honest: we still have a long way to go. Around where I live, overdoses are still far too common. There are still large groups of homeless individuals, many of them openly using drugs, blocking sidewalks, intimidating residents, and creating unsafe conditions. Just recently, I had to call Crime Check because 20 or 30 people were literally blocking the sidewalk, using fentanyl right out in the open. These situations are still happening far too often. But seeing officers walking downtown, interacting with the public—that gives me hope. It's the first thing in a long time that feels like real, practical progress. I hope this continues and expands across more areas of the city. So once again, thank you to the Spokane Police Department for stepping up and making a real effort to improve downtown.

**[Public Records Specialist] Jenetta Alford** has been great to work with and has handled all my requests quickly and has helped every time I have called with questions.



## Internal Affairs Unit Update

### January 1 through July 31, 2025, Commendations and Complaints

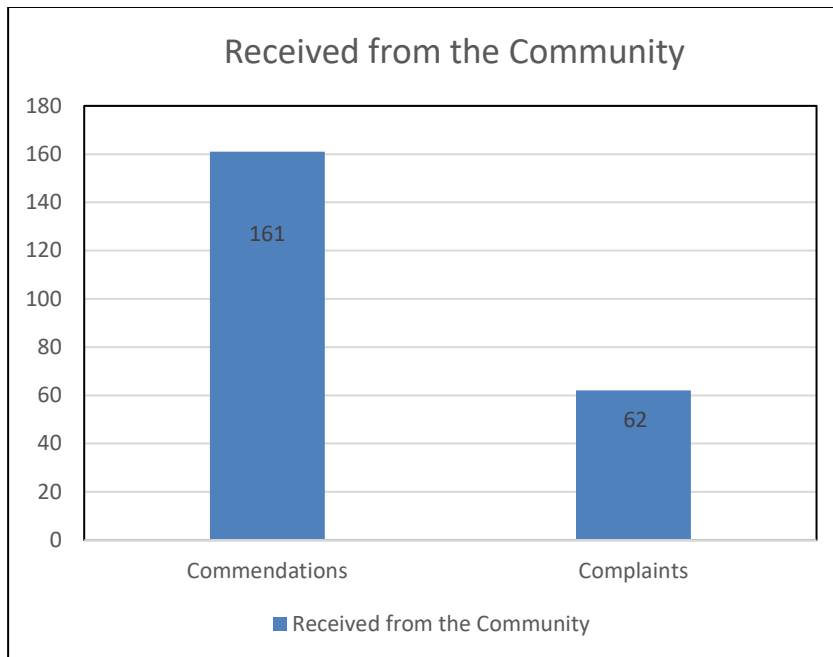
Commendations Received:    **Total: 161**

Complaints Received:        **Total: 72 (62 from community)**

### Source of Complaints—January 1 through July 31, 2025

Received by the Office of Police Ombudsman	<b>Total: 35</b>
Received by the Spokane Police Department	<b>Total: 37</b>
Internally Generated by the SPD	<b>Total: 10</b>
Generated by the Community	<b>Total: 62</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 July 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 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 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 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 2023-20238146 (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:

July focus area: Maple/Maxwell.

- Goal: Reduce open air drug use/dealing at DSHS and 7-11. Provide a safer environment for young ladies attending summer camps at Girl Scouts.
- Tactics: Prowl checks, voluntary contacts with offers of service, and enforcement when needed.
- Results: An evaluation of a 1,000-foot radius reveals the following. We had the hot spot open for nearly 1.5 months. The prior 1.5 months were similar in numbers of assaults, disorderly person calls, drug calls and fights as were reported during the open hot spot. Since the hot spot closed, we have had 2 weeks to evaluate. During this time, we have seen no reporting of disorderly persons, fights, persons with weapons, shootings, stabbings or robberies. There were 4 drug calls, trending slightly lower than the prior 3 months.

August focus area: 24-hour hot spot at the 800 block of N Washington (Hoopfest courts/parking lot on North end of Riverfront Park).

- Goal: Eliminate gatherings that are occurring with juvenile and young adult crowd which has led to fights and Shots Fired calls. Several of these subjects have been armed with handguns. There is significant concern a shooting/fatality could occur. Most of the activity is occurring around dusk into the overnight hours.
- Tactics: SPD officers are conducting hot spot patrols, providing presence when possible. Park rangers have begun closing the parking lot at 2200 hours (2 hours prior to the park closing). Neighborhood Resource Officer Heiman contacted a business regarding another lot in the area being used by the same group. The business confirmed they will prosecute trespassers (loitering beyond parking and coming or going to vehicle). Officer Heiman obtained an updated trespass authorization letter from the business. Captain Hendren met with City Parks Department leadership to explore long term adjustments to discourage the activity described.
- Results: Under evaluation.

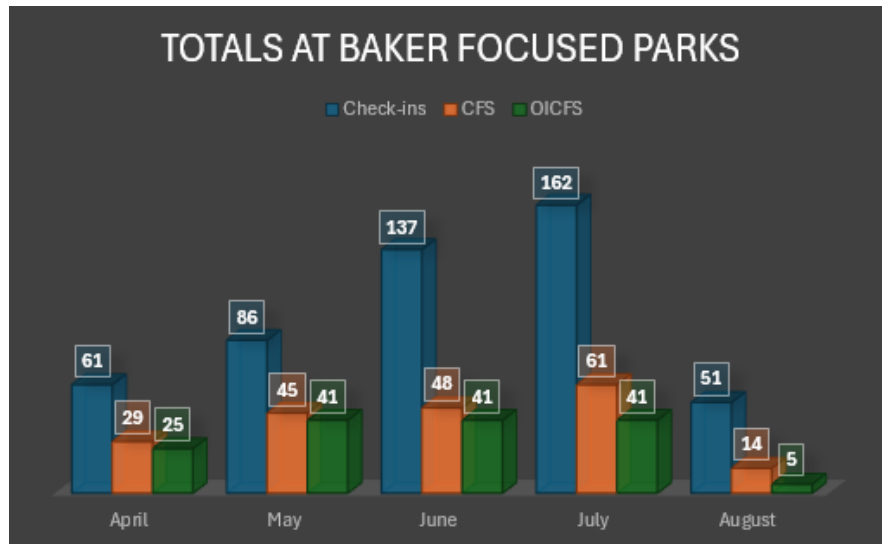
Nuisance Properties: Neighborhood Resource Officer Tyler Heiman was involved in the successful closing of a nuisance property on Maxwell.

### Baker Sector (Northeast)

#### Special Enforcement Mission: Northeast Park Emphasis:

Increased activity in the park and several criminal incidents recently has prompted a patrol team emphasis addressing park rule violations and other observed criminal activity in all city parks. Last summer, the City Council passed an ordinance making it a misdemeanor for people to be in a City park between the hours of 10 pm – 6 am (except for Riverfront Park which is closed from midnight – 6 am). The ordinance effectively gave police officers a tool to detain people who are trespassing in the parks or who may be committing crimes. Parks are closed from 10 pm – 6 am (except Riverfront which stays open until midnight). Captain Shawn Kendall reports that the increased patrols have been effective in reducing crime and calls for service. As the chart below shows, officer check-ins (also known as proactive officer contacts) are prolific, compared to calls for service.





#### Issues on Division:

The Northeast Precinct has recently seen a huge amount of activity in the Franklin Park Mall after hours to include a shooting. The owner was instructed to put up No Trespassing signs. SPD instituted a patrol emphasis on this location due to the increased CFS and activity seen. According to officers, the lot has improved tremendously.

Nuisance Properties: Northeast Precinct is monitoring 26 nuisance properties as of August 2025. Neighborhood Resource Officer Deanna Storch reported success with two properties in early August. She issued a Chronic Nuisance in May on a property that was plagued with drug issues and was the location of a shooting. The property manager was compliant with the nuisance process. The manager filed for an eviction, which was finalized at the end of July. In a second location on Astor, she issued a Chronic Nuisance on an address associated with juveniles causing issues in the neighborhood, committing Felony Assaults and Malicious Mischief. These same individuals also tormented downtown with their antics. After issuing the CN in April, Officer Storch got compliance from the property manager. The manager filed for an eviction, which was finalized at the beginning of August.



#### Charlie Sector (South)

Captain Jake Jensen and his staff have been involved in a lot of neighborhood outreach in July and August. On August 9, Captain Jake Jensen, Officer Micah Prim, and Reserve Officers Ed Richardson, Mat Allen, and Talia Gray enjoyed helping at the Community Celebration, sponsored by The Way to Justice and SERA. This amazing community event featured a bike raffle, contests, prizes, and free shoes, backpacks, and school supplies.

## More pictures from the Community Celebration



Thrive International Back to School Event: On Friday, August 22, at 11 -1 pm at the Thrive Center, Captain Jensen, Officer Prim, and members of our Volunteer Services Unit welcomed kids who are returning to school.



## David Sector (Downtown)

### Downtown Precinct Current Projects

- Addressing trespassers in business doorways and on private property
- Focus on keeping the viaducts clear and trash free
- Reducing Open Drug use in all of downtown
- Ridpath Block / Symons Block Emphasis
- Working with DSP and code enforcement to clean up trash
- Enforcing no camping and sit and lie/ped interference daily
- Post Street Construction Site – Focusing on unlawful campers and open drug use
- Focus on Browne Street Viaduct
- Improving Gateways into the city and discouraging panhandling

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## National Night Out

SPD staff and volunteers enjoyed attending National Night Out events all over town. In the Northwest section of town, there were 12 National Night Out events.

<https://my.spokanecity.org/police/community-outreach/national-night-out/>



## SPD in the Community

Below, Officer Winston Brooks and Reserve Officer Ed Richardson visit the Fundamental Skills Camp, put on by Michael Bethely and Bobby Jack Sumler.



Below, Assistant Chief Matt Cowles and Reserve Officer Ed Richardson visit the Spokane Eastside Reunion Association (SERA) basketball camp, put on by Michael Brown. Officers spoke about leadership with the kids.



Our volunteers were involved in all kinds of community events this summer. SPD Sergeant Trevor Winters and Reserve Officers Mat Allen and Ed Richardson came out, along with Fire Chief Julie O'Berg and several Fire personnel, to support the Lilac City Warriors Special Olympics program.



Below, Sergeant Richie Plunkett, Reserve Officer Ed Richardson, Reserve Officer Talia Gray, and our Explorers represented at the "Scoop! There It Is" Fundraiser for the Wishing Star Foundation.

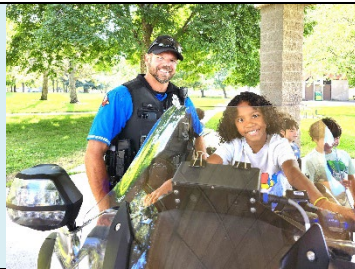


#### Spokane Police Activities League

Earlier this summer, SPD held the Police Activities League, providing positive activities, drug and alcohol prevention, internet safety, and family safety plans. Throughout the season, youth participants focus on five core values: honesty, integrity, leadership, sportsmanship and respect. The PAL program takes a holistic approach to crime prevention, focusing on reducing drug and gang involvement, as well as making positive decisions. PAL is a collaborative program of the Spokane Police Department, Spokane Police Foundation, Spokane Parks Department, Spokane Parks Foundation, YMCA, West Central Community Center, Spokane Public Schools, WSU Snap-Ed, and many other organizations working together to supply a myriad of resources in a central location.

## 2025 SPD Police Activities League (PAL)

200  
Unduplicated youth



### Core Values

Respect  
Honesty  
Leadership  
Sportsmanship  
Integrity



Bowling  
Graffiti Paint Over  
Games in Gym  
Chess  
Generation Alive Event  
Celebration in the Park



444  
SPD & volunteer hours



99%  
Effectiveness in drug  
education, according to youth  
surveys

100%  
Youth surveyed agreed that  
PAL helped them trust  
officers



### **Graffiti Paint-Over Event**

The Chaplains helped with the PAL program again, especially with the graffiti paint-over event. Chaplains Chris Murphy, Kellie Rizzi, and Kevin Piatt provided their time and expertise. A+ Masonry Cleaning & Sealing, Inc. pre-power washed the buildings to prepare for the painting.



### **Generation Alive Food Bank Activity**

We teamed up with Generation Alive to have the kiddos create apple cinnamon oatmeal packages for area food banks. Some of the participants have likely experienced food insecurity while others have never had to worry about hunger, but kids from all backgrounds worked side by side and packed 3,116 meals. The kids were very proud of their work. One of the participant's parents wrote us later to tell us that the program had a huge impact on her son.



## New Activities like Bowling and Chess

Participants also got to go bowling and play chess with cops!



And, as usual, the kids got to play in the park, where they were treated to a K9 demo, Mounted Patrol horses, the Law Enforcement Museum, Isaac the Comfort Dog, etc.





Thank you to all the volunteers who made this program possible! Special thanks to RESCU, ESD 101, WSU Snap-Ed, Providence, Numerica Credit Union, and Spokane Police Volunteer Services Unit.

Later this summer, the PAL program will include outdoor adventures with Peak 7 and martial arts with Master Kim, thanks to the generosity of the DEA Foundation.

### Jobs at Spokane Police Department



### INTEGRITY, PROFESSIONALISM, & COMPASSION

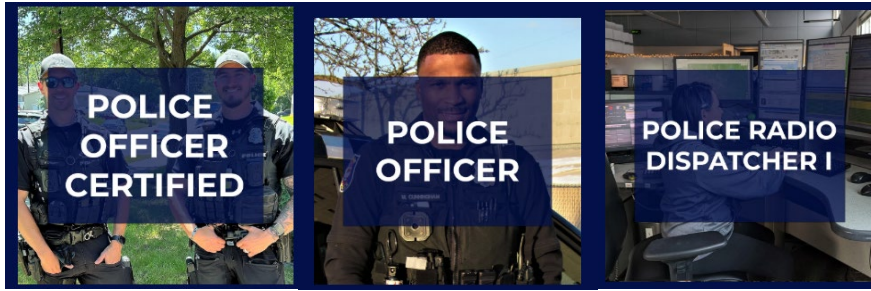
A career with the Spokane Police Department offers many advancement opportunities and diverse career paths. Every day is a fresh experience, a chance to make a difference, and an opportunity to uphold our mission. Officers value the community outreach opportunities and the ability to make an impact helping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

### CURRENT OPENINGS WITH THE SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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