



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT
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Strategic Initiatives
February 2026 Report



Public Safety and Community Health Committee Briefing
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Excerpts of Commendations
(Personal Identifying Information has been removed)

Hello, Chief Hall, Lieutenant Maplethorpe, and Lieutenant Spiering,

I wanted to reach out and give special thanks and appreciation to the **Spokane Police Department Traffic Unit**. The WTSC Research and Data Division often relies on the work and cooperation of your traffic unit in many different capacities, and I can always rely on your partnership. Several years ago, I was working on documenting the limitations of NHTSA's alcohol imputation method in fatal crashes and used the SPD jurisdiction as my example to show there is a reason for not performing toxicology testing on every fatal crash involved driver. I reviewed several years of SPD fatal crash investigation reports, which I knew would be thorough and high quality and is why I highlighted this region in my report. I was able to easily show that SPD appropriately gathered any probable cause that may indicate impairment involvement in your fatal crash investigations, including SPD's policy to deploy a Drug Recognition Expert to every fatal crash. You have an exemplary fatal crash investigation team.

We also greatly appreciate SPD's timely submission of PTCRs, and PTCR supplements when appropriate. When we have needed law enforcement representation on our committees, SPD has always stepped up and volunteered. The SPD traffic unit has provided a participant to our Fatal Case Review (FCR) program since the program began. The perspective and expertise of your traffic unit staff is invaluable. In addition, the curiosity and proactive approach of this team to understand the traffic safety issues in your jurisdiction is commendable. It is always my pleasure to provide data and information, which the SPD traffic unit regularly requests, or work on ways to improve our traffic records together. And most recently, the SPD traffic unit became the first local law enforcement agency to test a new telematics data platform, StreetVision. SPD is the first jurisdiction in the state to test the feasibility of this tool for enforcement planning and evaluation, and this happened because you all contacted me with interest, another example of that proactive approach that really sets you apart!

Finally, I knew I could count on the SPD traffic unit to provide DUI arrest records for a NHTSA research study identifying pre-stop clues for cannabis impaired drivers. When I reached out to Sgt. Fuller to request participation, the answer was an immediate yes and we only had to focus on the how. That effort recently completed, and your traffic unit's participation now ensures Washington information will be included in this research, making it more useful to our state once concluded. I was grateful to spend some time with Sgt. Fuller and Officer Thomas at our Traffic Safety Champions meeting in Wenatchee last week.

Those conversations really had me reflecting on our wonderful history of partnership, and I wanted to pass along my sentiments. So, another sincere thank you to the SPD Traffic unit and your leadership. I know, and you know that you are saving lives every day. Please share my appreciation and gratitude with your traffic unit team.



Officer-Involved Shootings and Transparency

From January 1 – December 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. The subject was a White male who survived his injuries.
- **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. The subject was a White male who survived his injuries.

The Spokane Police Department, in cooperation with the Spokane County Sheriff's Office and the Washington State Patrol, has established the Spokane Independent Investigative Response Team (SIIR) to mobilize and coordinate external investigative resources in the case of deadly force incidents. The SIIR team operates under an established protocol to investigate officer-involved fatal incidents. The protocol defines when and how the team is activated, its responsibilities and procedures relating to the investigation, reporting and public communication. The protocol is reviewed regularly and updated accordingly.

The protocol is available here:

<https://static.spokanecity.org/documents/police/accountability/siir-2023-protocol.pdf>

A list of all officer-involved shootings and fatalities from 2013-2025 is available on our website:

<https://static.spokanecity.org/documents/police/accountability/2013-2025-deadly-force-incidents-and-fatalities.pdf>

Memorial Sign Dedication

Former Spokane Police Captain Police John T. Sullivan was honored with a memorial street sign on January 7, 2026. Sullivan, who was named Acting Chief of Police in 1909, was murdered in 1911.



Below, Assistant Chief Steve Wohl, SPD Chaplains, and the Honor Guard stand under the sign.



While Acting Chief, Sullivan had initiated the custom of honoring deceased police officers by placing a rose on each man's grave on Decoration (Memorial) Day.

To read more about Sullivan, see Volume 1 (1881-1903) and Volume II (1903 – 1923) of the five-volume series of "Life Behind the Badge."

Courtesy of the Spokane Regional Law Enforcement Museum

Shop with a Cop for Mothers and Grandmothers

Thanks to a grant from Walmart, Spokane Police Department took mothers and grandmothers shopping for themselves after Christmas. SPD had adopted their families for Christmas, but this was something special just for the caregivers.



The Spokane Police Foundation donated additional funds for the families. A fantastic event was held at the North Spokane Walmart on Colton.



SPD Volunteers Achieve at the Explorer Academy

Six Spokane Police Department volunteers attended the statewide Explorer Academy in December.

SPD took home 5 awards.

- Amanda Dettner, who competed in the Intermediate division, received 1st Place Overall-Intermediate, 2nd Place Female Physical Agility-Intermediate, and 2nd Place Firearms-Intermediate.
- Kaden Fuller, who competed in the Advanced division, received 1st Place Male Physical Agility-Advanced and 3rd Place Academics-Advanced.



SPD Volunteers in the Community

Below, SPD Cadets conduct crime-prevention education in the Logan neighborhood. The college-age volunteers worked carefully with Neighborhood Resource Officer and Cadet mentor Deanna Storch and Crime Analyst Jaime Lamanna. Captain Shawn Kendall deployed students to areas where there had been an increase in residential burglaries. Volunteers spoke with community members about preventing property crime, and they left door hangers.



As a reminder, safeguard your vehicle:

- Place valuables out of sight
- Park in well-lit, active areas.
- Always lock and secure your vehicle.
- Use anti-theft devices.
- Never leave your car running unattended.

Safeguard your home:

- Keep your home well-lit.
- Use motion-activated lights.
- Use alarm systems and cameras.
- Prune your landscaping.
- Put valuables, like tools, away.
- Ensure doors and windows are secure.
- Bring in mail/packages and garbage cans promptly.
- Use signage "Under video surveillance."
- Get to know your neighbors.
- When you are traveling, arrange for someone to check on the residence, shovel snow off walkways/driveways, or mow the lawn.

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