



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Office of Professional Accountability
March 2014 Report

Public Safety Committee Briefing
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Selected Officer Accommodation Letters

“Officer Dan (Lesser) was the best. I couldn’t believe how awesome he was. He stayed at the hospital with me for hours and helped me get home. He made sure I could open my door because my arm was so badly hurt, and he showed he really cared. I was so impressed with him.”

-Craig Randleman was the victim of a pit bull attack when he saved an eight-year-old girl from the dog.

Our family would like to thank Officer Carroll for his kindness and compassion working with our son who suffers from a developmental disability. After a frightening incident, Officer Carroll took a statement from our son on April 1, 2014. It was such a relief to have someone who clearly cared to take time and thoughtfully ask questions and make our son feel comfortable while doing so. It was a great experience! Please pass the word along that he made a great impression on us and our son. Keep up the great work SPD!!!

-Jennifer Knutson

Responded to 3918 E. 4th reference a suicidal male with a gun. A subject called in an advised he was armed with a .357 handgun and was going to kill himself. He advised he had already gone outside and fired a round off to make sure the gun worked. The subject was extremely intoxicated and very uncooperative. Officers arrived on scene and established a plan. They moved up utilizing a vehicle for cover and ballistic shield. There was also an officer with a bean bag shotgun in case impact munitions became needed. Officers were able to safely verbally de-escalate the subject and get him out of the residence where he was taken to Sacred Heart to get the help he admittedly advised he needed.

-Comstat Report



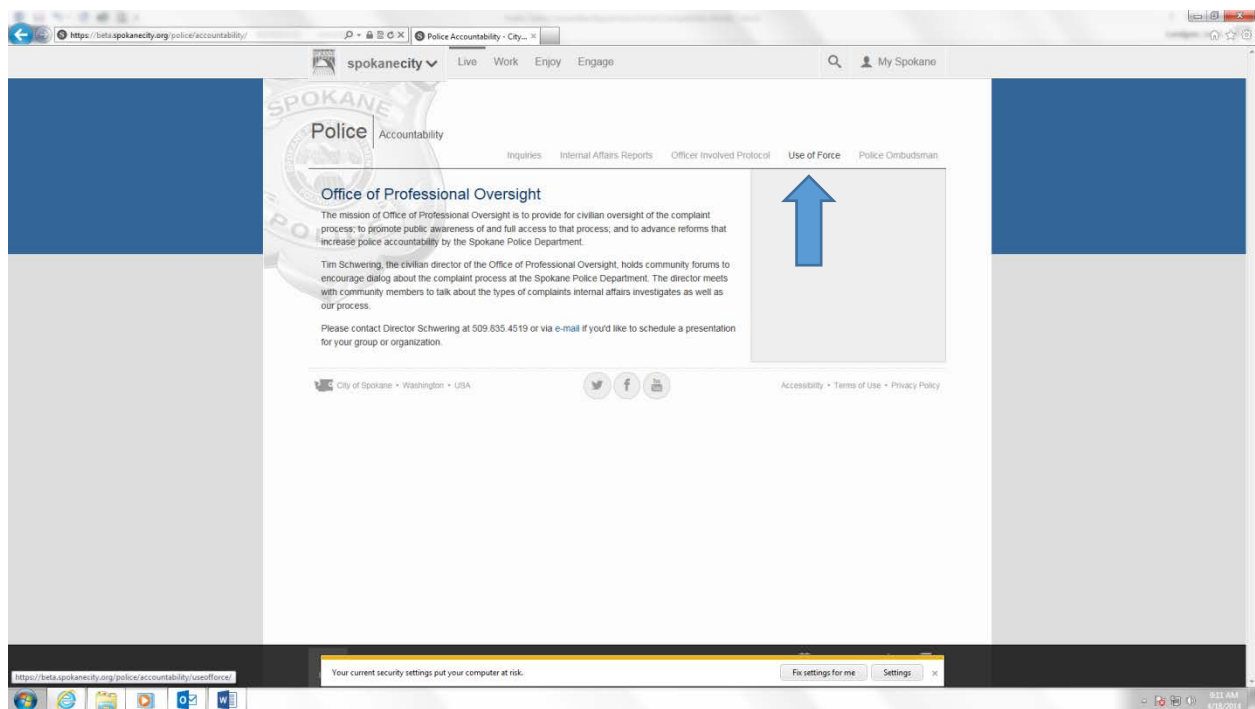
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Internal Affairs Update

Use of Force Reports Online

The Spokane Police Department Office of Professional Standards has begun posting Use of Force reports online at www.spokanepolice.org in the **Accountability** section. These reports include the administrative review paperwork as well as the officers' reports and other documents. Reports dating from January of 2013 forward are available for viewing.





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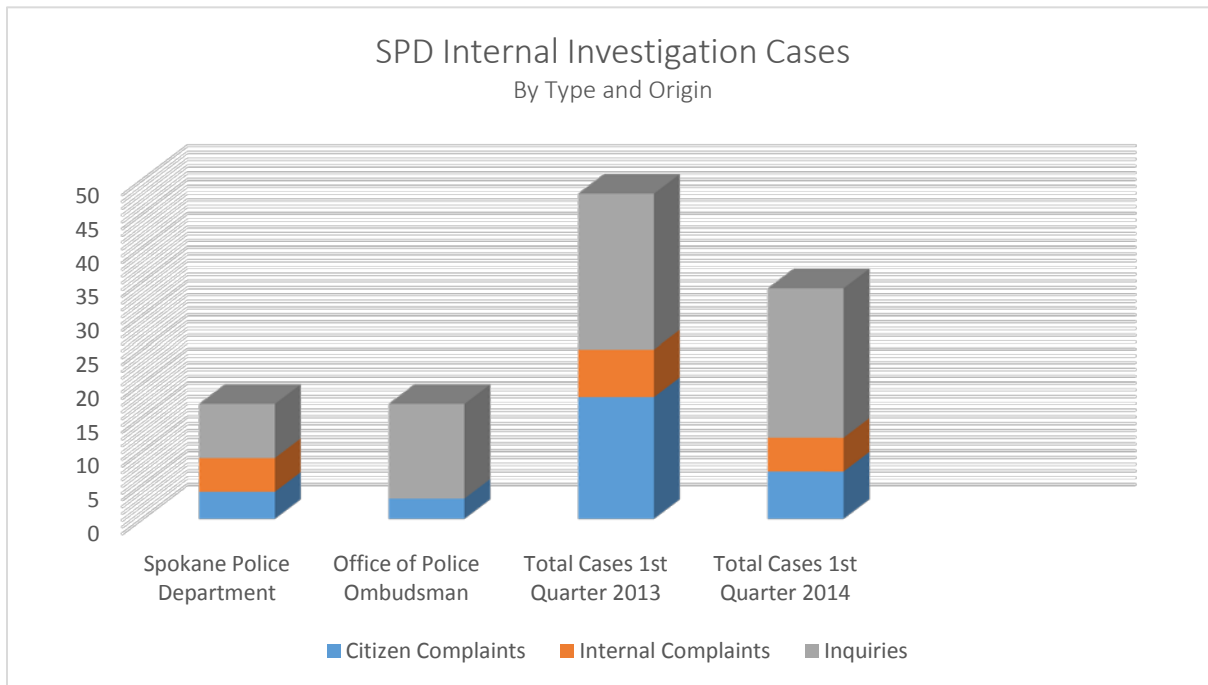
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January 1, 2014 through March 31, 2014 Complaints

Source of 2014 Complaints*

Received by the Office of Police Ombudsman	Total: 17
Inquiries	14
Citizen Complaints	3
Received by the Spokane Police Department	Total: 12
Inquiries	8
Citizen Complaints	4
Internally Generated by the SPD	Total: 5

*Note: Sometimes a citizen will report a complaint in multiple places, in those cases the place where the complaint was first reported is noted.





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Categories of Complaints**

Allegations associated with **Citizen Complaints** received between January 1st and March 31st, 2014

Allegation	Number
Abuse of Authority	1
Conduct Unbecoming an Officer	1
Demeanor	1
Violation of the Code of Ethics	1
Failure to Report Domestic Violence	1
Illegal Detention	1
Lack of or Inadequate Response	3
Sexual Assault ***	1
Unlawful/Improper Search	1

**Note: Some investigations involve multiple allegations

***Allegation was received during this period, but was alleged to have occurred in 2012. The accused officer is no longer an employee of the SPD. The case is complete and is being reviewed by the Spokane County Prosecutor's Office for charging consideration.

Allegations associated with **Internal Complaints** received between January 1st and March 31st, 2014

Allegation	Number
Absent Without Leave	1
Crime (Off-Duty DUI Arrest)	1
False Reporting****	1
False Statements****	2
Integrity****	1
Lack of Inadequate Response	1
SPD Policy Violation	2
Untruthfulness	1

****Investigation involved a civilian employee. The investigation was forwarded to HR and the employee was exonerated.



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Current Status of 2014 Cases

Citizen Complaints

Status	Number
Exonerated	1
Not Sustained	1
Under Investigation	1
Under Chain of Command Review	1
Reclassified as an Inquiry	1
Under Review by Prosecutor	1
Resigned prior to Termination	1

Internal Complaints

ITEM	NEEDED
Under Investigation	1
Referred to City Human Resources	2
Under Review by the Ombudsman	1
Under ARP Review	1

Unfounded - When the investigation discloses that the alleged act(s) did not occur or did not involve department personnel.

Exonerated - When the investigation discloses that the alleged act occurred, but that the act was justified, lawful and/or proper.

Not Sustained - When the investigation discloses that there is insufficient evidence to sustain the complaint or fully exonerate the employee.

Sustained - When the investigation discloses sufficient evidence to establish that the act occurred and that it constituted misconduct.

Training Failure - Deficiency in training was the cause of the alleged act.

Closed Due to Mediation - Is an alternative to the investigation, adjudication and disciplinary process.



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2014 Deadly Force Incidents

March 2014---Investigative Reviews

Total: 2

March 26th, 2014---Director of Strategic Initiatives Tim Schwering and Internal Affairs Lt. Lundgren responded to 1527 W. Grace Avenue after an Officer Involved Shooting. Officers were investigating the suspect's involvement in a series of Armed Robberies at the time of the shooting. Sgt. Braun will be the lead on the Deadly Force Review after the SIRR Team investigation and Prosecutorial Review are completed.

COMPSTAT

The Spokane Police Department conducts a weekly COMPSTAT meeting each Tuesday morning. SPD leadership come together to examine current crime data and develop focused strategies for reducing crime throughout each neighborhood in the city. The results of previous strategies are discussed and approaches are adjusted for maximum impact. Starting in May, SPD Internal Affairs will provide a monthly report detailing complaint data, officer collisions, and vehicle pursuits. This will allow department leadership to monitor any trends in the measured areas on a regular basis.

Continuing Education for Investigators:

SPD Internal Affairs consists of two Investigative Sergeants, one Lieutenant Investigative Supervisor, and one Administrative Assistant. All commissioned staff members were recently transferred to the unit. The Spokane Police Department has committed to providing a high level of training to those who are responsible for conducting Internal and Sensitive Investigations.

The following courses were completed or scheduled in the first quarter of 2014:

Sgt. Braun (Assigned to IA 11/10/13):

Institute of Police Technology and Management-*Police Internal Affairs Course*---40 hours

COMPLETED February 28th, 2014

Reid *Interview and Interrogation Basic and Advanced*---32 hours

COMPLETED February 21st, 2014

Force Science Institute---*Force Science Certification Course*---40 hours

SCHEDULED May 19th-23rd, 2014



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Sgt. Staben (Assigned to IA 11/10/13):

Institute of Police Technology and Management-*Police Internal Affairs Course*---40 hours

SCHEDULED May 5th-9th, 2014

Reid *Interview and Interrogation Basic and Advanced*---32 hours

COMPLETED prior to his transfer to Internal Affairs

Seattle Police---*Use of Force Investigation Training*---16 hours

SCHEDULED April 17th, 2014

Force Science Institute---*Force Science Certification Course*---40 hours

SCHEDULED May 19th-23rd, 2014

Lt. Lundgren (Assigned to IA 02/10/14):

FBI LEEDA---*Managing and Conducting Internal Affairs Investigations*---24 hours

COMPLETED March 7th, 2014

Visit to Los Angeles Police Department Professional Standards Bureau---3 days

COMPLETED February 27th, 2014

Seattle Police---*Use of Force Investigation Training*---16 hours

SCHEDULED April 17th, 2014

LAPD Performance Auditing Course---32 hours

SCHEDULED May 5th-8th, 2014



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Training / Academy Update

Hiring:

Entry Level Police Officers:

Hired: 0

In Process: 51

Declined: 23

* Entry Level P.A.T. scheduled for 4/24/14

Lateral Police Officers:

Hired: 8

In Process: 5

Declined: 9

* Lateral P.A.T. and additional testing scheduled for 5/5 thru 5/7/2014

Records Specialists:

Hired: 1

In Process: 3

Declined: 1

Entry Level Dispatchers:

Hired: 0

In Process: 3

Declined: 0

Lateral Dispatchers:

Hired: 2

In Process: 3

Declined: 1



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Current Staffing is 283 commissioned officers. The following officers are on probationary status:

Flynn	Stacy	working on own	Ppo.	04/29/13	1165
Yen	John	FTO car	Ppo.	05/19/13	1169
Brown-Beiber	Benjamin	working on own	Ppo.	07/22/13	1176
Briggs	Nicholas	working on own	Ppo.	07/22/13	1177
Groom	Daryl	FTO car	Ppo.	07/22/13	1180
Lesser	Chris	FTO car	Ppo.	07/22/13	1181
Eckersley	David	FTO car	Ppo.	07/22/13	1182
Matt	Joseph	FTO car	Ppo.	09/03/13	1185
Brown	Jordan	In Academy	Ppo.	09/16/13	1186
LeQuire	Christopher	In Academy	Ppo.	09/16/13	1187
Mohondro	Corrigan	In Academy	Ppo.	09/16/13	1188
Dunkin	David	On own	Ppo.	11/11/13	1189
Brooks	Winston	On own	Ppo.	11/11/13	1190
Fabian	Brandon	In Academy	Ppo.	11/11/13	1191
Lynch	Brandon	In Academy	Ppo.	11/11/13	1193
Lowe	Jeff	In Academy	Ppo.	12/23/13	1194
Bennett	Anthony	In Academy	Ppo.	12/23/13	1195
Kaurin	David	FTO car	Ppo.	01/06/14	1196
Phillips	Jeff	FTO car	Ppo.	01/06/14	1197
Scott	John	FTO car	Ppo.	03/02/14	1200
Killian	Seth	FTO car	Ppo.	03/02/14	1201
Shrier	Brian	FTO car	Ppo.	03/02/14	1202
Wells	Dale	FTO car	Ppo.	03/02/14	1203
Childress	Aaron	FTO car	Ppo.	03/02/14	1204
Brownell	Mark	FTO car	Ppo.	03/02/14	1206
Berrow	Seth	FTO car	Ppo.	03/02/14	1207
Rodriguez	Juan	FTO car	Ppo.	03/02/14	1212



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Records Update

The records department has put a tremendous amount of effort into getting the backlog of public records requests to “real time” and dramatically reduce the amount of time it takes for our customers to receive a report.

<u>Date Received</u>	<u>PRR Received in Previous 7 Days</u>	<u>Total Pending</u>
04/09/2012		1006
05/07/2012	76	1050
06/04/2012	58	1111
07/02/2012	110	1284
08/06/2012	110	1377
09/04/2012	141	1663
10/01/2012	141	1816
11/05/2012	158	1849
12/03/2012	142	1778
01/07/2013	95	1375
02/04/2013	160	1176
03/04/2013	102	976
04/01/2013	215	1015
05/06/2013	146	1012
06/03/2013	85	695
07/01/2013	242	332
08/05/2013	153	431
09/02/2013	155	386
10/08/2013	135	533
11/04/2013	149	419
12/02/2013	72	428
01/06/2014	189	363
02/10/2014	130	432
03/03/2014	131	444
04/01/2014	241	60