



**SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY**

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**Office of Professional Accountability**  
November 2014 Report

**Public Safety Committee Briefing**  
**December 15, 2014**



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### Selected Excerpts of Officer Commendation Letters

I wish to commend one of your fine officers, Sergeant Kurt Vigesaa, for a splendid job in capturing the pair of punks that broke into my Jeep. From the police report, Sergeant Vigesaa spotted the vehicle and made the arrest. I was told these two were involved in a series of other crimes as well. Thank the Sergeant for his great job and dedication to the Department.

*-Ken Fuller, Partner Emeritus, Music City Pianos*

Major Crimes Unit Detective Cestnik was a huge help to me when I was dealing with an extremely upset citizen. After I put her in touch with Detective Cestnik, she said she was very grateful to Detective Cestnik for his willingness to help find a resolution. He gets a gold star in my book! He was kind, listened, and successfully de-escalated the situation. He did not hesitate to help, even though I am sure he has a huge workload already.

*-Marissa Butler, Police Records Supervisor*

The Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission Basic Law Enforcement Academy would like to recognize the efforts of Officer Stanley Stadelman, who was elected Class Vice President by members of his session. Under challenging circumstances, Officer Stadelman served a variety of responsibilities and represented your agency as an outstanding recruit.

*-Commander David Bales, Basic Law Enforcement Academy*

Officer Adam Valdez captured a man outside our home. The man had run through three gates, and our little rescue dog had gotten loose. Officer Valdez chased our dog down on a 90 degree day and brought him home to us. Thank you so much, Officer Valdez. We love our little dog so much. You are such a fine man.

*-Robert and Micaela Sutphen*

I'm a supervisor with STA. I deal with a fair amount of police officers in a variety of situations and have been doing so for many years. I wanted to take the time to compliment Officer Derek Bishop. I encountered him at an accident scene; he is good at what he does. There was no ego, no artificial persona. He was extremely thorough, knowledgeable and approachable in general. He is most definitely a good front-line representative for the Spokane Police Department and projects a professional image for the public.

*-Steve Geisler, Spokane Transit Authority*

Hello Sergeant Kendall and K9 Officers:

The K9 Unit was truly one of the most talked about demonstrations at our event. Thank you for allowing your officers the time to spend with us. We would love to have you back next year.

*-Taryn Lambert, Hospital Manager, VCA Manito Animal Hospital #827*



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### Internal Affairs Unit Update

#### 2014 January 1<sup>st</sup> through November 30<sup>th</sup> Complaints

##### Source of 2014 Complaints\*

Received by the Office of Police Ombudsman	<b>Total: 83</b>
Inquiries	67
Citizen Complaints	15
Received by the Spokane Police Department	<b>Total: 46</b>
Inquiries	32
Citizen Complaints	14

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

Internally Generated by the SPD	<b>Total: 14</b>
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##### Categories of Complaints\*\*

Allegations associated with **Citizen Complaints** received between January 1st and November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Allegation	Number
Conduct Unbecoming	1
Demeanor	11
Failure to Report Domestic Violence	2
Failure to Take Report (Non-DV)	2
Sexual Assault***	1
Solicitation of Special Consideration	1
Excessive Force	5
Lack of or Inadequate Response	16
Failure to Take Reasonable Action	1
Exceeding/Abuse of Authority	2
Improper Search/Seizure	3

\*\*Note: Some investigations involve multiple allegations. Investigations do not include Inquiries.

\*\*\*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.



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Allegations associated with **Internal Complaints** received between January 1st and November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014

<b>Allegation</b>	<b>Number</b>
Absent Without Leave	1
Crime (Off-Duty Reckless Driving)	1
Crime (Off-Duty DUI Arrest)	1
Crime (Steroid Purchase)	1
Dereliction of Duty	1
Discourteous Treatment of Another Employee	a
Failure to Report DV	1
False Reporting****	1
False Statements*****	2
Integrity****	1
Lack of / Inadequate Response	1
Other SPD Policy Violation	4
Untruthfulness	1
Unlawful Search	1
Insubordination	1

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

### Current Status of 2014 Cases

#### Citizen Complaints

<b>Status</b>	<b>Number</b>
Exonerated	6
Sustained	4
Not Sustained	6
Unfounded	3
Resigned prior to Termination	1
Administratively Suspended	6
Changed to Inquiry	14



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## Internal Complaints

Item	Number
Sustained	7
Not Sustained	1
Referred to City Human Resources	2

**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.

### 2014 Deadly Force Incidents

2014 Investigative Reviews Year to Date Total: 5

June through October---None

November

Sgt. Braun responded to an officer-involved shooting case that occurred near the intersection of Montgomery and Post on November 8th, 2014. One officer fired at and hit a male suspect. The incident is under investigation by the SIRR team and Sgt. Braun will commence the administrative investigation upon their completion.



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### OPO Commission Initiated Investigations

Internal Affairs has reopened IA14-061 at the request of the OPO Commission for further investigation. The complaint involves an officer's interaction with the complainant pertaining to the sit and lie ordinance. The case had been previously closed as an inquiry.

### Records Unit Update

#### Public Record Disclosures as of 11/30/2014

Oldest request not completed:	8/21/14 (this is a request for 2944 reports)
New requests received this week:	209
Total requests started but not complete:*	3188
(25 of the requests are very large and the requestors have been provided with an extended completion date.)	
Total requests not processed:	19 (oldest date 5 days old, 11/25/2014)

### Outreach Update

#### Community Safety Education

Sergeant Terry Preuninger provided training to the following agencies:

- “Responding to an Active Shooter” to Spokane County Forensic Unit: Nov. 11
- Bank Robbery Training to Washington State Department of Revenue: Nov. 21

#### Community Outreach

Community Outreach Officer DeRuwe wrapped up the last Youth & Police Initiative (YPI) session of the year, with 110 youth participants and 45 officers participating in the program. She is meeting with Spokane Public Schools, working towards a restorative justice option in lieu of suspension, using YPI as a model.

Officer DeRuwe, along with Lieutenant Meidl and Officer Fuller, were recognized at the Spokane Chiefs hockey game when the Police Activities League (PAL) youth were selected to drop the puck at the opening of the game.

Officer DeRuwe worked with a specific family in the Chronic Offender program to navigate the system to obtain assistance with medication, food, clothing, and getting an identification card.



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Community Outreach activities this month included:

- Tom's Turkey Drive
- Signing up children for the Toys for Tots program at the Salvation Army
- Smart Justice Symposium
- Homeless Coalition- visiting agencies that help homeless populations
- Excelerate Success
- Promise Zone Designation monthly meetings
- Juvenile Court Coordination of Service presentations
- Reading to kids at the Martin Luther King Jr. Family Outreach Center every other week

Officer Ben Green, Teresa Fuller, Deanna Storch, and Corporal Bartlett took children shopping for the Salvation Army's Clothe-A-Child program.

### **Body Camera Implementation Project—Progress Update**

On November 21, SPD completed the hardware work for the Evidence.com upload connection, which is in connection with Comcast and City IT. We are now able to run 37 upload docks simultaneously at 3 Megabytes a second. Both City and County Prosecutors participated in body camera training.

Community outreach is ongoing. More than 70 outreach presentations have been scheduled during the pilot project and we have reached out to 160+ community groups and agencies.

As of December 15, 2014, Director Schwering presented to the following organizations:

- Nevada Lidgerwood Neighborhood Council: Aug 13.
- Police Advisory Committee: Aug 13.
- Inland Northwest Business Alliance BOD (LGBTQA): Aug. 20
- AmeriCorps Youth Build: Aug. 22.
- East Spokane Business Association: Aug. 27
- Rotary 21 Club: Aug. 28.
- Lutheran Community Services: Sept. 11
- Adult Victims of Sexual Assault: Sept 11
- Frontier Behavioral Health: Sept. 22
- Family Services Spokane: Sept. 22
- Professional Women's Networking Group: Sept. 25
- House of Charity staff and volunteers and other Catholic Charities employees: Sept. 25



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- Spokane AIDS Network- Sept. 30
- Spokane Elks Lodge: Oct 1
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Family Outreach Center: Oct. 3
- Spokane West Rotary: Oct. 7
- Rockwood Neighborhood Council: Oct. 7
- Friends of Centennial Trail: Oct 8
- Hispanic Business and Professional Association of Spokane: Oct. 8
- Our Kids Our Business (multi-agency): Oct. 8. Met with OKOB members from the following agencies: Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery, Volunteers of America, DSHS Children's Administration, Early Learning Advisory Council, Community Colleges of Spokane: Head Start, Early Head Start, ECEAP, Lutheran Community Services, Martin Luther King Jr. Family Outreach Center, Morning Star Boys Ranch, Spokane Regional Health District, WSU Nursing, and Spokane County Juvenile Court
- West Central Neighborhood Council: Oct 8.
- Rotary South: Oct 10
- Northeast Kiwanis: Oct. 10
- Volunteers of America (chronically homeless population and staff): Oct 14
- Crosswalk: Oct. 14
- Skills'kin: Oct. 14
- Spokane Housing Authority: Oct. 15
- Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA): Oct. 15
- YWCA Race and Social Justice Committee: Oct. 15
- Division of Developmental Disabilities (DSHS) case managers: Oct. 27
- Spokane Shadle North Lions Club: Oct. 28
- Mayor's Advisory Committee on Multicultural Affairs: Oct. 28
- Native Project: Oct. 28
- Providence Visiting Nurses Association: Oct. 28
- Aging and Long Term Care of Eastern WA (ALTCEW) Case Managers: Oct. 28
- Spokane Rotary East- Oct. 29
- Rotary Club of Spokane Aurora Northwest: Oct. 30
- Community Forum, Gonzaga University: Oct. 30
- Excelsior Youth Center: Oct. 30
- Rotary North: Nov 3
- Office of Police Ombudsman Commission: Nov. 4
- United Way Agency Executives (multi-agency): Nov. 6. This meeting included representatives from ARC of Spokane, Center Pointe, Lilac Services for the Blind, American Red Cross, YWCA, YMCA, Hospice of Spokane, Lutheran Community Services NW, Spokane AIDS Network, Salvation Army, Martin Luther King Jr Family Resource Center, Children's Home Society, Odyssey Youth Center, American Indian





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Community Center, Mid City Concerns, Second Harvest, Next Generation Zone, SNAP, Excelsior Youth Center, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Camp Fire, Communities in Schools, Center for Community Action and Service Learning at Gonzaga, Daybreak Youth Services, Northeast Youth Center, Salish School of Spokane, Spokane Public Schools, Project Hope, YFA Connections, Inland Northwest Early Learning Alliance, Hearing Loss Center, Providence Adult Day Health, Providence VNA Home Health, Frontier Behavioral Health, Blueprints for Learning, and Spokane Guild School.

- Community Assembly: Nov 7
- Homeless Coalition (50+ agencies): Nov. 11. The Homeless Coalition includes: Peace and Justice Action League, Center for Justice, Spokane Public Schools, SNAP, Salvation Army, City Gate, Brigid's Cloak, House of Charity, Community Colleges Spokane, Goodwill Industries, Frontier Behavioral Health, Spokane Valley Partners, Habitat for Humanity, YWCA, St. Joseph Family Center, New Horizon Care Center, Volunteers of America, Spokane Housing Authority, Spokane County Supportive Living Program, Municipal Probation, Spokane County ECEAP, Parent Child Assistance Program, Pioneer Human Services, Transitions, Lutheran Community Services, Mission Community Outreach Center, Coalition of Responsible Disabled, Shalom Ministries, Open Gate, Parent Representation Program, Hearth Homes, Common Ground, Community Detox Services, Community Health Association of Spokane (CHAS), Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), Family Promise of Spokane, Field of Diamonds House of Blessings, Northwest Justice Project, Salem Arms, SPARC Outpatient Services, Spokane AIDS Network, Spokane Housing Ventures, Spokane Low Income Housing Consortium (SLIHC), Union Gospel Mission, and Spokane County Community Services, Housing and Community Development.
- Emerson Garfield Neighborhood Council: Nov. 12
- Latah/Hangman: Nov 13.
- COPS Southeast: Nov. 13
- Municipal, District, and Superior Court Judges: Nov. 13
- Autism Society of Washington Adults with Asperger's Dinner: Nov. 16
- East Central Neighborhood Council: Nov 18.
- Logan Neighborhood Council: Nov. 18
- SE Lions Club: Scheduled Nov 19
- Veterans of Foreign Wars (Spokane post): Nov. 20
- County Prosecutors: Nov. 21
- Human Rights Commission: Nov. 25
- Spokane Central Lions Club: Dec. 2
- Chase Youth Commission: Dec. 2
- Spokane Community College: Dec. 3
- Children's Administration and Department of Child and Family Services: Dec. 3



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- Five Mile Prairie Neighborhood Council: Dec. 4
- Greater Hillyard Business Association: Dec. 4
- Jewish Family Services: Dec. 11
- GSI Board of Trustees: Dec. 15
- NAACP: Dec. 15

### Body Camera VIRTRA Trainings held at the Academy:

- Mayor's Cabinet: Sept. 11
- Rotary 21 /The Porch Church: Sept. 11
- Media Forum: Sept. 12
- City Council: Sept. 12, Oct. 7
- AmeriCorps: Nov. 7
- Lutheran Community Services Victim Advocates: Nov. 14
- Office of Police Ombudsman Commission: Dec. 5