Public Safety Committee Meeting
December 21, 2009
Monthly Report
Office of the Police Ombudsman
November 16 through December 20, 2009

CONTACTS

- Complaints Received/Initialized: 6
    1. Inadequate response (2)
    2. Demeanor (2)
    3. Harassment (2)
- Inquiries Received: 4
- Resolved (Investigations deemed thorough and objective by the Office of Police Ombudsman): 7
    1. Demeanor (2)
    2. Bias
    3. Policy/Training
    4. Conduct
    5. Inadequate Response
    6. Unlawful Arrest/Improper Search
- Referrals Made: 2 (Spokane County Sheriff's Office)
- General Contacts: 11
- Internal Affair Officer Interviews: 0
- Internal Affair Witness Interviews: 0

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Monday, November 16 & 18, 2009, Attended Marshallese Awareness training provided by the Spokane Public Schools
- Completed the Spokane Regional Tourism Ambassador training program sponsored by the Spokane Regional Convention and Tourism Bureau
- Completed the Internal Affairs Investigation training program at the University of N Florida

IN PROCESS

- Opening of Office of Police Ombudsman at the Old City Hall (Projected January 25, 2010)

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Tuesday, November 17, 2009, Attended the East Central Neighborhood Council meeting
- Wednesday, November 18, 2009 met with Police Guild
- Wednesday, November 18, 2009, Attended the Public Safety Summit at The Native Project
- Thursday, November 19, 2009, Attended Spokane Homeless Coalition Food For Thought Community Dinner
- Saturday, November 21, 2009, Attended the Community Assembly Retreat
- Monday, November 23, 2009, Attended the Northeast Community center ground breaking ceremony
- Friday, December 4, 2009, Attended the Community Assembly meeting
- Wednesday December 9, 2009 Attended the West Central Neighborhood Council meeting

NEXT STEPS

- Meet with the Community Ombudsman, City of Boise February 4, 2010
- Establish Web Site

2009 OVERVIEW

Complaints Received/ Initialized

Since August 24, 2009, 22 complaints have been initialized and 5 complaints have been referred to the Spokane County Sheriff's Office for investigation. The complaints involve:

- 6 Inadequate Response
- 5 Harassment
- 6 Demeanor
- 2 Excessive Force
- 1 Ethics, Unlawful Arrest and Improper Search
- 1 Bias Policing
- 1 Inquiry
- 5 Referred to the Sheriff's Office

Contacts

Since August 24, 2009, 44 Contacts have been received. 7 of the 43 contacts have resulted in complaints being filed. The Contacts received involved:

- Inadequate Police Response: 6
- Harassment: 6
- Procedural Questions: 7
- Racial Bias: 1
- Adult Protective Service Questions: 2
- Child Protective Service Questions: 2
- Department of Corrections Questions: 2
- The Court System Questions: 1
- Misc Info.: 14
- Unknown: 3