

**Public Safety Committee Meeting
May 17, 2010
Office of the Police Ombudsman
Monthly Report
For
April 19, 2010 through May 17, 2010**

COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

- **Complaints Received/Initialized: 9**
 1. April 22, 2010: Excessive Force, False Arrest
 2. April 23, 2010: Failure to Investigate
 3. April 23, 2010: Failure to Accept Complaint
 4. April 24, 2010: False Court Testimony
 5. April 24, 2010: Excessive Force of Handcuffed Arrestee
 6. May 08, 2010: Failure to Contact Parents of Detained Juvenile
 7. May 10, 2010: Child Custody Placement
 8. May 10, 2010: Harassment
 9. May 14, 2010: Failure to Complete Report

- **Certified Investigations: 3** (Investigations deemed as timely, thorough and objective by the Office of Police Ombudsman)

- **Cases Resolved Through Mediation: 1**

- **Referrals Made: 8**
 - * Spokane County Sheriffs Office: 3
 - * Spokane Valley Police Department (Spokane County Sheriff's Department): 2
 - * Liberty Lake Police Department: 2
 - * Spokane Transit Authority Security: 1

- **Internal Affairs, Officer Interviews: 10**
- **Internal Affairs, Witness Interviews: 6**
- **Critical Incident Responses: 0**

- **Complaints Against Ombudsman: 2**
 1. **Internal: Policy Interpretation**

2. External: Refusal to Amend Complaint

- **Corrections:** In the 2009 OPO Annual Report it was reported that SPD used the taser 23 times. This number was incorrect. In 2009 SPD had 27 incidents where the taser was utilized 31 times. The error was by the OPO and was recognized through the audit which is in progress
- **Other:** Mr. Tim Szambelan was recently appointed as the Office of Police Ombudsman's Legal Counsel

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Launching of The Office of Police Ombudsman Website
- Attended the Escalating Violence In The Work Place Training Presented by Spokane Police Department on Tuesday, April 27, 2010

IN PROCESS

- Audit of SPD Taser Use in 2009
- Receiving Correspondences of Interest for Perspective Ad Hoc Committee Members

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Thursday, May 13, 2010 COPS South East Presentation (7p-830p)
- Thursday, May 13, 2010 Meeting with SPD Guild President (430p-5p)
- Wednesday, May 12, 2010 West Central Neighborhood Council Meeting (630p-830p)
- Tuesday, May 11, 2010 Meeting with PJALS Coalition (530p-7p)
- Tuesday, May 11, 2010 Meeting with SPD Detectives to Review OPO Annual Report (830a-9a)
- Friday, May 7, 2010 Community Assembly Presentation on 2009 OPO Annual Report (15 minutes), (4p-6p)
- Friday, May 7, 2010 Washington ACLU Phone Conference Call with Assistant Director Jennifer Shaw (11a-12p)
- Monday, April 26, 2010 Partners with Families and Children, Meeting with Karen Winston (1030a-12p)
- Saturday, April 24, 2010 West Central Neighborhood Day Festival OPO Informational Table (10a-2p)

- Friday, April 23, 2010 SPD Patrol Officer Shift Briefing Regarding 2009 OPO Annual Report (6a, 10a, 430p, 8p)
- Thursday, April 22, 2010 Meeting with PJALS Coalition to Review OPO 2009 Annual Report (530p-730p)

NEXT STEPS

- Creation of Ad Hoc Committee for the Office of Police Ombudsman
- Establish Satellite Office Hours at The House Of Charity

2010 OVERVIEW

Complaints Received/ Initialized

Since January 18, 2010, 17 complaints have been initialized, the complaints involve:

- 5 Inadequate Response
 - 2 Harassment
 - 4 Demeanor
 - 1 Policy/Procedure
 - 2 Excessive Force
 - 1 Ethics
 - 0 Ethics, Unlawful Arrest and Improper Search
 - 2 Racial/Bias Policing
 - 0 Inquiry
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- 8 Complaints were referred to the Spokane County Sheriff's Office
 - 2 Complaints were referred to the Liberty Lake Police Department
 - 2 Complaints involved the Spokane Valley Police Department and were referred to the Spokane County Sheriff's Office
 - 1 Complaint was referred to The Department of Corrections
 - 1 Complaint was referred to the Spokane Fire Department
 - 1 Complaint involved the Spokane Transit Authority Security Officers

Contacts

Since January 1, 2010, 103 Contacts have been received. The Contacts received have involved:

- Inadequate Police Response: 8
- Harassment: 12

- Procedural Questions: 18
- Racial Bias: 0
- Adult Protective Service Questions: 0
- Child Protective Service Questions: 1
- Department of Corrections Questions: 1
- The Court System Questions: 1
- **STA: 1**
- Misc Info.: 45
- Unknown: 15

- Commendations: 1