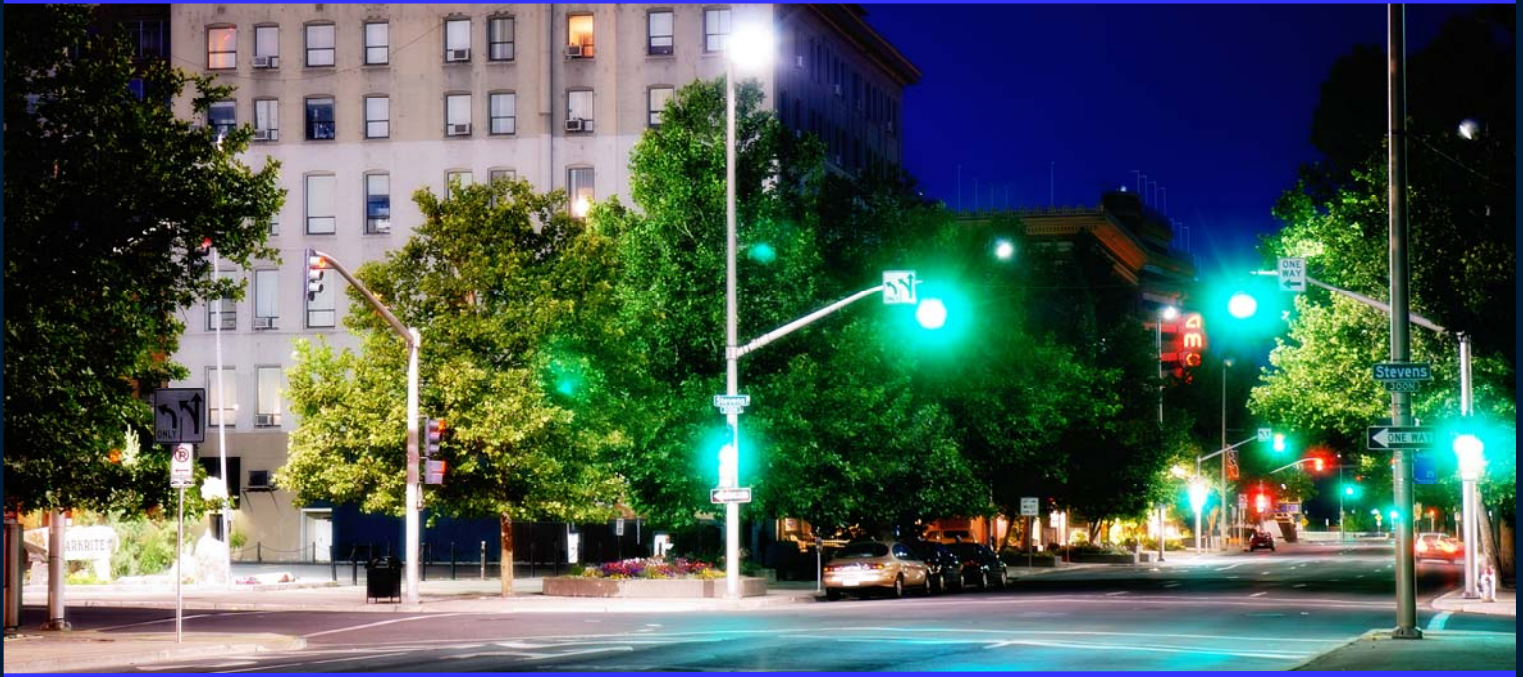


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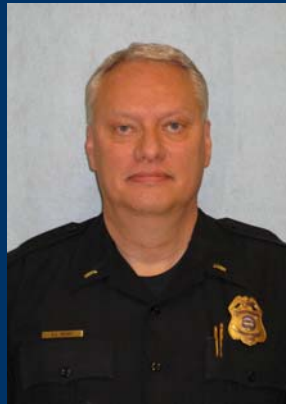


As I write this newsletter article, it is a reflection on a nearly 31 year career with the SPD and I have only one more full work day left. To say that time flies when you are having fun is the understatement of the year! Where does the time go? Part of me tells me I am still young enough to do this job – and then I look in the mirror and see the graying hair and the face I might not have recognized as mine 31 years ago.

In my time here, there are lessons I have learned – sometimes twice (OK – or more), and sometimes more painfully than was perhaps needed. I would like to share some of those lessons from the point of view of someone heading out the door after a long career. Take these for what they are worth – preachy? Perhaps – practical? Certainly...but I do hope that one or more of these touches one of you and is meaningful:

As you all do your jobs, day in and day out, please remember:

- Pass what you've learned on to others – they are the future of SPD.
- Every day you come to work, try to be an example in your performance.
- Never compromise your character or integrity – not even once – not even a little bit.
- Keep your personal sacrifices in perspective. Your family and friends – over the long haul, are the most important things in your life. You cannot do this halfway – you are either going to buy in 100% or 0%. Make this decision today.
- Don't learn leadership, practice it.
- Remember the values you have today and review them occasionally.
- Act like you are being observed in everything that you do.



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- Be consistently fair and fairly consistent. People do need to know what to expect from you.
- Work with the community and the community will work with you.
- Wherever you are assigned, develop a real sense of importance for that task.
- Learn from others' experiences (good and bad), and realize that the time WILL come for you to move on to other assignments and responsibilities – maybe even to move on period (I think I know where THAT came from!)

I can only poorly express here the pride and honor that I have experienced in working with each of you and in the assignments that I did. This department has the BEST personnel in ALL areas, and you all should take immense pride in that.

I wish you all success in your careers...keep in mind that 30 years passes in an eye blink, so enjoy every day you come to work.

– Capt. Glenn Winkey

Captain Glenn Winkey Retiring After 30 Years!



Glenn A. Winkey was hired by the Spokane Police Department on August 17, 1980.

Glenn was promoted to the following ranks throughout his career: Detective on August 10, 1986, Sergeant on March 6, 1988 and Lieutenant on March 1, 1992. Glenn was promoted to Captain on June 13, 1999 and his latest position was the Administrative Captain.

Glenn has served for over 30 years with the Spokane Police Department.

Congratulations, Glenn!
We wish you all of the best in your retirement years!



Badge Pinning Ceremony March 17, 2011



Craig Meidl was hired as an Officer with the Spokane Police Department in 1994. He has been a member of the TAC and SWAT teams and was a motor officer. Meidl was promoted to Detective for a short time before promoting to Sergeant in 2001. He was assigned to and supervised various units including; Patrol, the School Resource Officer Program and the Traffic Unit. Meidl was promoted to Lieutenant in January 2007. As a Patrol Lieutenant, he supervised the K-9 Unit and assisted in bringing the Crisis Intervention Team back to the department. In January 2009, Meidl was assigned to the Internal Affairs Unit where he served for two years. With this promotion to Major, Meidl will oversee the Operations Support Bureau.

Alan Arnzen was hired as an Officer with the Spokane Police Department in 1983. He was promoted to Patrolman First Class in 1988. In 1991, Arnzen was assigned to the Traffic Unit to work on a Federal grant with WSP on Photo Radar and Laser speed gun enforcement technologies. Arnzen was one of the first officers in the state to be certified as a Laser instructor. He promoted to Detective in 1992 where he worked in a variety of assignments until 1997 when he was promoted to Sergeant. As a Sergeant, Arnzen supervised all four shifts in Patrol, the Volunteer Services Unit and for the last five years he was the Administrative Sergeant. With this promotion to Lieutenant, Arnzen will be assigned to graveyard patrol.



Tony Meyer was hired by the Spokane Police Department in November of 1999. During his time as a police officer, he has spent time working on the TAC team, the Meth Lab Team and was a Field Training Officer. He is also a Criminal Procedures instructor for the academy and worked as a member of the Spokane Violent Crime Gang Enforcement Team. Meyer was promoted to Corporal in December 2009 and worked the graveyard shift. Meyer was a CO-OP volunteer and a Reserve Officer for the Spokane Police Department, serving for three and a half years as a volunteer. With this promotion to Sergeant, Meyer will be assigned to swing shift patrol.

Dean Sprague was hired by the Spokane Police Department in 1983 and was promoted to Patrolman First Class in 1988. While in patrol, Sprague was certified as an instructor and taught at both the Police Academy and Spokane Community College. He promoted to Detective in 1990 and three months later was promoted to Sergeant. As a Sergeant, Sprague helped create the Neighborhood Resource Officer and Truancy Officer programs. He also taught Community Oriented Policing and Problem Oriented Policing to other law enforcement agencies throughout the area. Sprague promoted to Lieutenant in 1997 and oversaw several patrol shifts as well as dispatch and property. In 2006, Sprague returned to the rank of Detective, serving in the Investigative Division until 2010 when worked as an acting Sergeant for five months on day shift patrol. Sprague has been involved with the Special Olympics since 1984. With this promotion to Sergeant, Sprague will be assigned to day shift patrol.



Congratulations Major Meidl, Lieutenant Arnzen, Sergeant Meyer and Sergeant Sprague on your promotion!

CITY OF SPOKANE EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH MARCH 2011

Holt Widhalm, Spokane Police Department

Congratulations to Holt Widhalm, Senior Police Officer, for being selected as the Employee of the Month for March 2011.

Holt is a Patrolman assigned to the downtown area of Spokane. One of his many duties includes dealing with the transient/homeless individuals in the area.

By any measure, Officer Widhalm is an outstanding officer who performs his duties with great care and professionalism. He has arrested many “bad guys” and assisted many citizens. It is clear that he loves his job and cares for our City and its citizens. These are the duties we expect him to perform, but this nomination is based on work performance NOT expected of him.

In November 2010, it was noticed that Holt had purchased a pair of winter boots for a long time “street person” who resides in the downtown area. This person’s boots were completely worn out and the weather was turning cold. Others have made similar gestures in the past, but this stands out because it took place shortly after Holt received notification of his impending layoff. It appeared, at that time, that he would not be employed as a Spokane Police Officer within six weeks of this gesture.

Officer Widhalm and his wife had just had a new baby, and they had recently purchased a new home. Despite his impending loss of employment and all the financial stresses associated with that, he still felt compelled to buy a cold man a new pair of boots—a remarkable act of selflessness.

Fortunately, Officer Widhalm’s job was saved, and he still patrols the streets for the Spokane Police Department.

Congratulations, Holt!

**Your service and commitment to the City of Spokane and
the community are greatly appreciated!**



JANUARY YEARS OF SERVICE

The years of service for January were inadvertently left out of the first newsletter of 2011. We would like to recognize those individuals in this issue.



Larry Bowman
20 Years



Loretta Carman
20 Years



Dan Ervin
20 Years



Bill Hager
20 Years



Dave Kennedy
20 Years



Bill Workman
20 Years



Steve Arredondo
10 Years



Kyle Heuett
10 Years



Dustin Howe
10 Years



Terri Jensen
10 Years

MARCH YEARS OF SERVICE



Martin Anderson
30 Years



Ty Johnson
30 Years



Al Wilson
30 Years



Dan Cole
25 Years



Terri Ferguson
25 Years



Jeff Harvey
25 Years



Sean Nemecek
25 Years



Chuck Reisenauer
25 Years



Scott Stephens
25 Years



Craig Bulkley
20 Years



Joe Denton
15 Years



James Erickson
15 Years



Shane Oien
15 Years



Kevin Berry
5 Years

Spokane Law Enforcement Museum 1st Anniversary Update & Celebration

The Spokane Law Enforcement Museum is proud to announce that we will be celebrating our 1st Anniversary by having an Open House, Tuesday, April 26 through Saturday April 30, 2011, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. We would like to invite all of you to come see our law enforcement history. We will have some new items on display and coffee and cookies available. Bring your friends and families.



We have had 679 people come through the doors since opening on April 27, 2010, either individually or as group tours. We have had rave reviews from all who have seen our museum. The best compliment we have had is: "This is the best law enforcement museum we have ever seen." And, the German officer who spent a month with our department, toured the museum and recognized a hat from his hometown!

Our volunteers have put in "over" 1,374 hours. We have signed up two new volunteers who have ties to local law enforcement family. They are being trained and we may be able to be open another day a week, possibly Tuesdays and Wednesdays. We still need more volunteers and hope to see family members come down and sign up to volunteer. Our volunteers have a lot of fun, and there is always plenty to do.

We are sponsoring two more historical monuments this spring: (We do plan two more this year, also, but those will be announced at a later date)

Monument #15: Thursday, April 14th, 2:00 p.m., Fairmount Memorial Cemetery, to honor a woman for March's Women's History Month, dedicated to Catherine Sager Pringle, a Whitman Massacre Survivor – an amazing story of strength and perseverance.

Monument #16: Thursday, May 12th, 2:00 p.m., Fairmount Memorial Cemetery, to honor Spokane Police Department's Chief of Police 1931-1933, Chief Arthur L. Hooper. His picture will be featured with his motorcycle squad on our next Volume III, *Life Behind The Badge, The Spokane Police Department's The Reforming Years, 1923-44*.

And, don't forget our Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial Ceremony, Tuesday, May 10, 2011, at 11:30 a.m. in the Spokane County Courthouse Courtyard. Our special guest speaker will be Chief Patrol Agent, Gloria I. Chavez, from the U.S. Border Patrol, Spokane Sector. We will be adding two or three to the monument: William H. Smith EOW: 12/23/1910 Centralia Police Department (forgotten); Jayme Lee Biendl, EOW: 01/29/2011, Department of Corrections – Monroe Correctional Facility; and, if determined to be a LODD death: Shandon Wright, Pierce County Sheriff's Department EOW: 03/03/2011

Is Your Mind For You or Against You?



By: Pam Ames

Does that seem like a ridiculous question? Did you know that you can actually heal your own brain? Scientific studies show that negative thinking physically affects your brain, while positive thoughts can physically heal your brain. I won't go into the whole science, since that would take a bunch of cutting and pasting from Google. Just take my word for it. So what are you thinking about right now? Is it on the glass half full or half empty side? The bottom line is not to forget to think about what you're thinking about. The Bible says, "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind" Romans 12:2. If you need to let someone know what's on your mind, why not call a Chaplain? Chaplain Ron's number is 768-5164 and Chaplain Beth's is 981-2883.

See back page for details on an upcoming cookbook fundraiser!

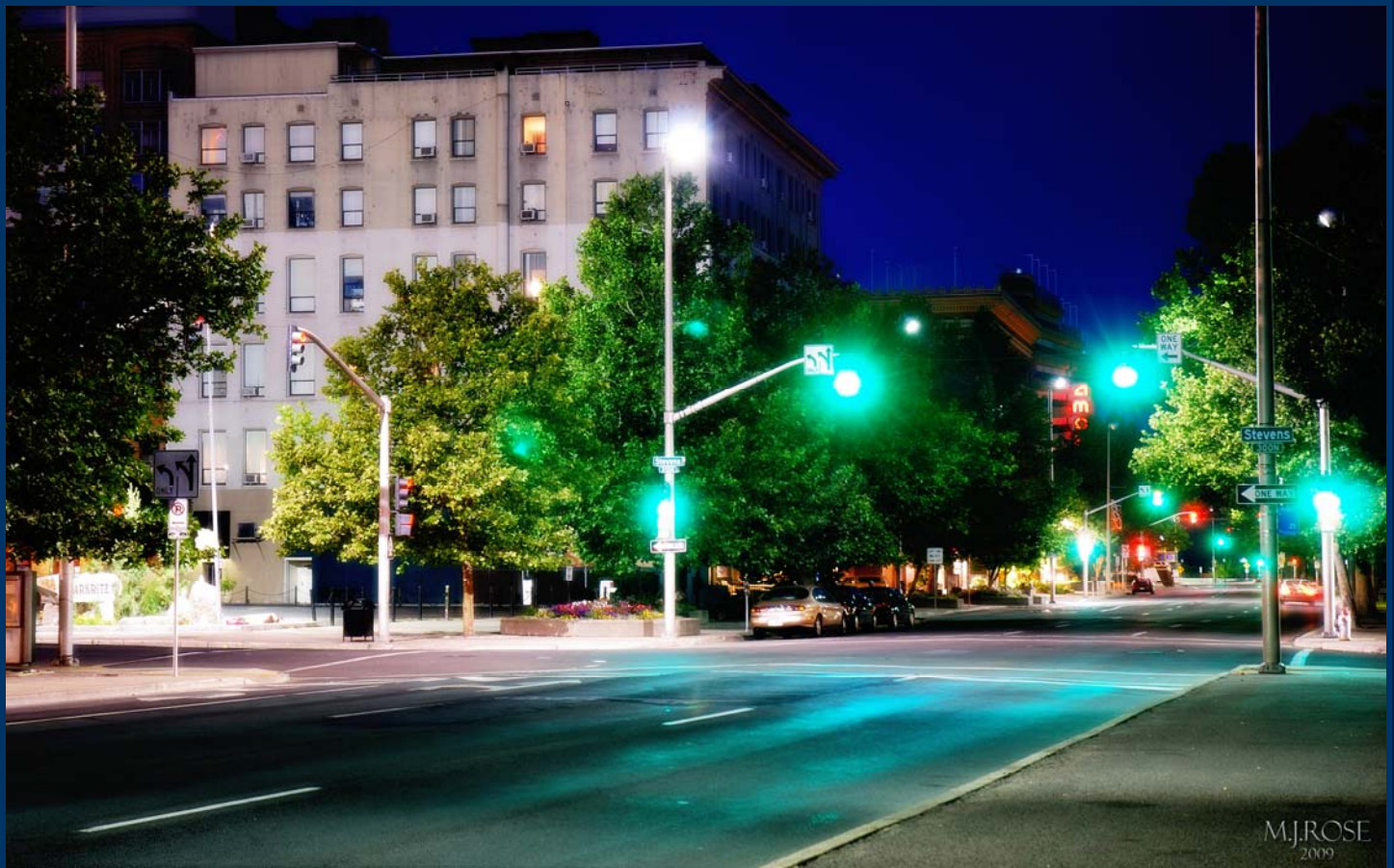
On 1/4/11, Ofc. John O'Brien responded to a burglary call. He wrote a great report and took the time to list several unique pieces of jewelry that had been stolen. He noticed shoe prints in the snow at the crime scene and had Cpl. Phil Lasswell photograph those shoe prints. On 1/7/11, Ofc. Eric Kannberg, Ofc. Terry Preuninger and Ofc. Bruce Palmer responded to a burglary in progress. Ofc. Palmer stopped the two suspects leaving the scene in a vehicle. Ofc. Preuninger found shoe prints in the snow at the crime scene which matched the shoes the suspects were wearing. Ofc. Kannberg found a diamond broach in one suspect's backpack. He felt the broach was real and an antique. When Ofc. Palmer and Ofc. Kannberg brought the suspects in for me to interview, Ofc. Kannberg told me about the broach, which I too felt was an antique. The shoes and broach were placed on property as evidence. I had Crime Analysis pull up all burglary reports listing jewelry as being stolen a month prior to this arrest. There were only seven reports that listed jewelry as one of the items stolen. When I read all the reports I was able to narrow it down right away to Ofc. O'Brien's report. He took the time to put details about the broach in the description and the victim identified the broach that same day. I had Cpl. Lasswell's photographs blown up to scale and the WSP crime lab confirmed the sizes and tread pattern were the same as one of the suspect's shoes. I believe there were probably more than seven burglaries committed in a month where jewelry was stolen, but that's all we could find. When Ofc. O'Brien not only took the time to put jewelry in the narrative, but listed several of the most unique pieces individually, he saved me at least a days worth of work. I know you guys don't hear this as often as you should, but I just wanted to say what a great job you did investigating these two burglaries. Thanks for making my job a lot easier.
- Detective Robertson



I would just like to say that Officer Kim Thomas our NRO in Hillyard has been a huge help to me. He has always returned my phone calls and emails regarding an ongoing problem and I am grateful for that. He has done a great job helping the community. I just want you all to know that he is needed desperately. Thank You.
- Mrs. Lewis

I just wanted to pass on my gratitude to Officer Chris McMurtrey, Officer David Stone and Officer Davida Zinkgraf for their quick responses to the calls I made last night and this morning from my place of work and for their friendliness and calm attitudes while discussing the reasons for the calls. While I cannot speak for Crosswalk, I can say that as an overnight shelter staff there, I am very grateful for the assistance those and other officers have given each time I have called. Again, thank you very much.





NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

— APRIL 10–16, 2011 —



CRIME VICTIMS' RESOURCE FAIR

Sponsored by the Victim/Witness Unit of the Spokane County Prosecutor's office

STA PLAZA

Thursday, April 14th from 10 am - 4 pm

Tons of great information, a visit from McGruff, and more!

Accepting Donations to Crosswalk Teen Shelter

(Hygiene supplies and \$\$ for bus passes needed! Donations can be dropped off at any Prosecutor's office)

The SPOKANE POLICE CHAPLAINS are publishing another cookbook. Our first cookbook was published in 2002 and was titled: A TASTE OF BLUE.



Be part of the plans and help us
NAME THE COOKBOOK.

All entries must be in by
April 15th, 2011.

The winner will be chosen by the Chaplain's Cookbook Committee and will receive a \$100 gift card to the Kitchen Engine at the Flour Mill.

Entries may be submitted by all Spokane Police Department Commissioned, Non-Commissioned and Volunteers.

Entries may be emailed to bwilson@spokanepolice.org or dropped off in the Spokane Police Department Chaplain's office.

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