



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT



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CHIEF'S CORNER

By: Chief Anne Kirkpatrick

People don't care how much you know, until they first know how much you care. I came across this axiom in my readings a few years ago when I first became a new Chief. It hit me between the eyes and I have embraced it ever since.

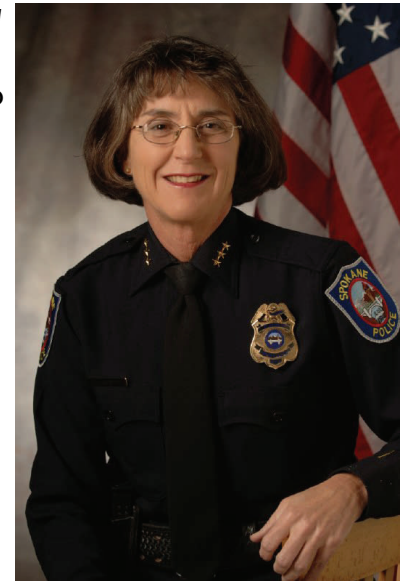
I recognize that our Police Department has taken several hits over the past few years that affect morale. I am concerned about that. I actually do care about you as individuals and the "collective you" as the department. Your morale is important to me.

I try to practice this principle by:

1. Having the one-on-one meetings with every member of the department. (By the way, some of you are wondering if I am still doing these and the answer is YES. I have met with about 150 of the 400 members. I first started with all the civilian staff and I have made it through most of the detectives at this time);
2. Being sure that you know that you have first place in my priorities like returning home when Sgt. Dobrow was injured;
3. Always speaking as this agency's number one advocate in every public speaking engagement I have;
4. Advocating for our needs behind closed doors with major decision makers;
5. Participating in roll call, ride-a-longs, and in-service;
6. And, communicating the reasons behind my major decisions.

Your morale is important to me. I am open for your feedback and suggestions that will help me be your champion. Feel free to drop me a line, come by the office or give me a call. My door is always open to you.

Chief Anne Kirkpatrick



POLICE SUBSTATION OPENS

By: Marlene Feist



Mayor Dennis Hession at the opening of the Browne Street Police Substation

Mayor Dennis Hession and Chief Anne Kirkpatrick officially opened the new Browne Street Police Substation April 30. The substation will address crime and nuisance activity in the area around Browne and Pacific. The Substation is located at 154 S. Browne, near the entrance to the Wilton Apartments. The neighborhood has seen an increase in drug activity, prostitution and other crimes in recent years. The Browne Street Police Substation is being opened initially for a 90-day trial. The expectation is that the additional police presence in this area will make a difference for businesses and neighbors. If successful, the project will be extended. The substation office hours are noon to 5:00, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. It will be staffed by a Police Volunteer. The substation telephone number is 994-0355.

Mayor Hession acknowledged Downtown Neighborhood Resource Officers Nate Spiering and Dean Draper along with Major Gill Moberly and Major Scott Johnson for their work in getting the substation opened. Chief Kirkpatrick thanked the many businesses and organizations in the area who helped including: Spokane Housing Ventures, Cassell Promotions and Signs, Allied Security, Quality Floors, Thomas Hammer Coffee, Spokane Transit, Spokane C.O.P.S., Washington State D.O.C., the 7-11 Store located on 2nd Ave. & Division St., and C.A.P.P.U.C.C.I.N.O.

TAMI FAUSTI NAMED EMPLOYEE OF THE FIRST QUARTER

By: Hilary Thompson



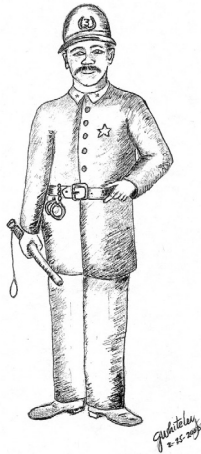
Officer Tami Fausti

Tami Fausti has been named “Employee of the First Quarter 2007.” Officer Fausti has been assigned to a light duty position in the investigative division since November. Sergeant Scalise wrote, *“She has worked on numerous cases that involve fraud and identity theft. She consistently identifies criminals who are committing numerous instances of fraud with multiple victims. She then builds strong cases against these criminals. If not for the limits placed upon her because of her light duty position, she would also seek out and arrest these same suspects.”*

Officer Fausti was also named “City Employee of the Month” for March.

HONORING SPOKANE'S FIRST CHIEF OF POLICE

By: Sue Walker



A monument honoring Spokane's first Chief of Police, Eugene B. Hyde, will be dedicated May 10 at Greenwood Terrace.

On November 29, 1881, Spokane Falls was incorporated with a population of approximately 1,000 citizens. A Mayor and seven member city council were temporarily appointed pending the first election. Hyde was offered the position of the city's first police officer and immediately accepted. He thus became the first Marshall, or Chief of Police. The job became an elected position and Hyde won the first vote by an overwhelming majority. He holds the distinction of being both the first appointed Chief as well as the first elected Chief. Hyde figured prominently in the history of the city, as did his siblings. Following his law enforcement service, he returned to the real estate business, investing in the construction of numerous commercial buildings. His three-story Hyde Block was destroyed in Spokane's Great Fire of 1889, but was rebuilt on the same site. The new six-story commercial building was one of the largest constructed immediately after the fire.

Due to his declining health, Eugene and his wife, Florence (Molinelli), left Spokane in 1912 for a warmer climate and at the time of his death at age 68 they were living in Los Angeles. His body was brought back to Spokane for the funeral and burial.

ANNUAL MOTORCYCLE REUNION

By: SPD Retired Paul Warrington

The "Annual" Motorcycle Reunion party came about in 1990 when Mel Griffiths and I started a police motorcycle club. In the late 40's, when Mel was a young motor officer, they had the Black and White Cycles Club. The name came from the motorcycles, which at the time were black and white Harleys. After some discussion, we decided to hold an annual party and invite former and active motorcycle officers from the city, county and state.

The first reunion was held at the Police Guild on May 5, 1990. Attending were 47 SPD, four SCSO, and five State Troopers, plus 30 wives. Things went so good, and everyone had such a good time renewing old acquaintances, the decision was made to hold an annual reunion for the next 10 years, and to schedule them for the first Friday in June. The Police Guild closed in October 1997, so the eighth Annual Reunion was held at the Maxwell House, where it is still held to this date. Mel started riding Police Motor in 1948 after being on the job for six months and continued until his retirement in 1981, holding a record that will never be broken or tied. That is 32 years!!! Back in those days we rode 12 months of the year. Mel was also a champion motorcycle hill climber, and some of his records still stand today unbroken. Harold Tucker says Mel began riding motorcycles at the age of four. Mel passed away in November of 1997, and at that time Paul decided in memory of Mel to continue the reunion tradition. The 18th Reunion will be held Friday, June 1 at 6:30 p.m. at the Maxwell House Tavern at 1424 N. Ash.



Mel Griffiths

“WE STILL HAVE A LONG ROAD AHEAD, BUT NOTHING WE CAN’T HANDLE”



Officer Aaron Douglas

Three days after being diagnosed, Aaron was admitted to the hospital and started his treatment process to win his battle with Leukemia. Aaron continues to make improvements in his condition and was released from the hospital on May 2.

An overwhelming flood of requests to help came pouring into the department. On April 18, the Crime Analysis Unit organized a hotdog feed to help with the costs of Aaron’s medical needs. The response was amazing! People came from everywhere, to show their support. Because of the amount of people responding, an additional feed was held the next day. With the combination of the hotdog feed and additional donations, a little over \$3,300 was raised for the Douglas family.

In a recent email from Aaron, he stated:

- “When confronted with your own mortality, it tends to focus the mind somewhat.”
- “Very quickly my priorities were established and my life has improved considerably as a result. All that matters now are: FAMILY – FRIENDS – MOTIVATION – DEDICATION”
- “Leukemia has enhanced my experience of these four elements so dramatically that my life is now incomparably BETTER. This has been worth every drop of pain, many times over, and if I could go back... I would pick it again.”

In addition to the monetary donations, two blood drives were held at the Communication Center to assist Aaron with his blood needs. Once again, there was an amazing response from people wanting to help. To date, we have had a total of 49 people donating blood to Aaron’s cause. You can still donate at any blood center and simply tell them you are donating to the City of Spokane bank. That way Aaron can utilize all the blood he needs and anyone else who is employed with the City can use it as well.

Great job everyone for joining forces to help overcome this unfortunate incident and showing support for one of our own. Let’s continue to keep the Douglas family in our thoughts and prayers.

The Douglas family thanks everyone for their donations, thoughts and prayers. Aaron ended his recent email with:

“Make no mistake, as an unwanted *physical* guest leukemia knocked on the wrong door, and I am kicking it’s a --.”

Article written by: Hilary Thompson

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' MEMORIAL

By: Sue Walker

On May 8 at 12:00 p.m., the re-dedication of our new monument will be held outside the Spokane Public Safety Building.

Early in 1984, planning started on a project to build a memorial to honor law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty in the State of Washington.

Following the death of Detective Brian Orchard of the Spokane Police Department in June of 1983, it was deemed proper to build a monument in Spokane and include the names of all the Washington officers who had died in the line of duty. The goal was to honor their memory and ensure that they were not forgotten. Many individuals and organizations donated funds and personal efforts to assist with the cost of the project. Construction of the monument was completed and it was dedicated on May 16, 1987. It was the first memorial of its type in the state.



Every May, during National Police Week, a memorial service is conducted at the monument located on the plaza in front of the Spokane Public Safety Building. Family members of fallen officers are invited to attend and the names of these officers are read at the ceremony. Reaching back to 1855, we now honor the memory of over 270 officers whose names are engraved on the monument. This year's ceremony will be held at the new memorial's site, located just east of the Public Safety Building. Many people assisted in making sure the new monument was constructed in time for this year's ceremony. Thank you to the Washington State Fraternal Order of Police for their donation of \$1,000, the Spokane Police Guild for their donation of \$2,500, the Spokane County Deputy Sheriff's Association for their donation of \$5,000, and the Washington State Patrol Troopers Association for their generous donation of \$20,000.

DAVE INGLE RETIRES

By: Hilary Thompson



Dave came to us from Boise Police Department where he was a police officer then a sergeant in Department's Planning Unit. He was hired in 1985 by the Spokane Police Department as a Police Planner. Between 1985 and 2004 his position was reclassified as Police Administration Services Supervisor and then Police Administrative Bureau Manager. In January of 2005 his title changed once more to Police Executive Director. Dave was instrumental in developing the C.O.P.S. program. This program is considered a model for police departments around the world. Dave still remains an active member on the Board of Directors. Dave always said "handling the budget is an art not a science."

CITIZENS APPLAUD OUR EMPLOYEES

Dear Chief Kirkpatrick:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to you and your officers for the assistance provided our agency in preparing for and conducting the funeral service of Walla Walla County Deputy Sheriff Mike Estes on February 21. We have never before been faced with organizing a funeral for a line-of-duty death; I pray this will be the last time. In a small department such as ours, the loss hits very close to home. Funeral planning was made more complicated by the fact that the service was to be held in Spokane rather than Walla Walla. However, the logistical nightmare was eased greatly by a number of members of your department, who were quick to offer their services in various areas of the planning process and throughout the service. I would like to extend a special thank you to the following: Lt. Steve Braun, who assumed the position of Incident Commander for the entire event and did an exceptional job of organization, ensuring that the entire event went smoothly. Cpl. Tom Lee took a great burden off our shoulders by functioning as PIO and dealing with the media. Lt. Bill Drollinger was tasked with the unenviable job of traffic control, both at the Opera House and for the funeral procession. Parking and preparing for the procession went smoothly, and every intersection through which the procession passed was well maintained, allowing the lengthy entourage to pass without delay. I am sure there are others deserving of recognition who are not mentioned here; again a heartfelt thank you goes to all of them. Due to the professionalism of all these dedicated individuals, the whole event went well. All in all, I think Deputy Estes would have felt very honored by the entire funeral, not just for himself but for all law enforcement. I am grateful for the help that we received from the many law enforcement agencies who came together to help us through this tragic ordeal. It is reassuring to know that we can count on you in a time of need. Should I or my department ever be able to be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to call me.

~ **Michael Humphreys, Walla Walla County Sheriff**

Dear Sgt. Arleth:

I am writing to express my thanks for the agency assist provided to our department by Detective Gallion related to a child sexual abuse investigation. This case involved the possible sexual abuse of a four year old boy in our jurisdiction during a custodial visit with his biological father. The child lived in the Spokane area with his mother. Once contacted by my detective, Detective Gallion made arrangements for a child interview at the Partners with Families and Children Clinic in Spokane. Once the child was interviewed, Detective Gallion went the second mile and made arrangements for a follow-up sexual assault exam at the same clinic. Detective Gallion forwarded his report, a copy of the child interview and exam to our department. This sort of commitment and professionalism is a compliment to your department and to the law enforcement profession. I am writing to thank you for accommodating our need for assistance, and to express our thanks to Detective Gallion.

~ **Lieutenant S. Shovlin, Investigations Division, Redmond WA Police Department**

Dear Chief Kirkpatrick:

Recently Adult Protective Services (APS) received a referral on a 88 year old woman who allegedly had money stolen from her home by a juvenile. There were several concerns regarding the woman's safety including the allegation that the juvenile had a weapon. On Friday, March 23, I contacted the police department to request prowl checks through the weekend. On Monday, March 26, I was informed by the concerned family member that the prowl checks did occur. I'd like to extend my appreciation to the team of Sergeants' Wohl and Teigen, who were on duty in the East Mallon area. It's reassuring to know that APS referrals are taken seriously and that vulnerable adults can feel safe.

~ **Ellen Rapkoch, MSW, Social Worker, Adult Protective Services**

Chief Kirkpatrick:

On behalf of the staff of CV Kindergarten Center, I would like to thank you for allowing a number of your sergeants and officers to take time out of their busy schedules to come to read to our students on Read Across America Day, Friday, March 2. The teachers were thrilled to have your following patrol members in their classrooms: Sgt. Jason Reynolds, Sgt. Steve Wohl, Ofc. Jennifer DeRuwe, Ofc. Chris Lewis, Ofc. Ryan Snider, Ofc. John Gately, and Ofc. Ken Applewhaite. They did a great job sharing the joys of reading with our students! They are truly an inspiration.

~ **Joanne Comer, Administrator, Central Valley Kindergarten Center**



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COMMENTS?**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

~ May ~

C.O.P.S. Substation General Meeting

Date and time varies, contact your local C.O.P.S.
Substation for details

**C.O.P.S. East Central Coffee
Fundraiser**

3rd Tuesday of each month
7 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Monroe Court Bldg. Lobby

**Spokane C.O.P.S. New Volunteer
Orientation Training**

May 21, 22, 23, and 24
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

For C.O.P.S. Volunteers Only

~ June ~

Annual Motorbull Reunion Party

June 1

6:30 p.m.

Maxwell House Tavern

Neighborhood Observation Patrol

Citywide Meeting

June 27

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Monroe Court Bldg. Ste 300

For C.O.P.S. Volunteers Only

