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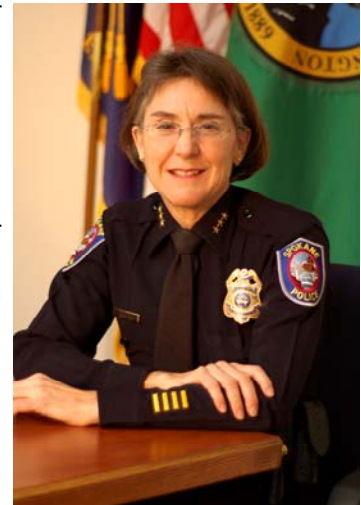
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CHIEF'S CORNER

By: Chief Anne E. Kirkpatrick

This month brings about a time in which we honor those officers who have been lost in the line of duty. For me, this is definitely a difficult time. In 2003, I lost an officer in Federal Way. It is hard to put into words what a sacrifice like this means—in our world, it is the ultimate sacrifice. How do you even begin to say thank you to someone who puts everyone else's life ahead of their own? How do you even begin to say thank you to someone who has put everyone else's life ahead of their own and been taken from us. In an ideal world, we would never have to add another name to a Law Enforcement Memorial Wall. As reality sets in, we realize that the possibility of having to add names to the memorial is real—and it is a reality we must face.



Fortunately, we have times like these to truly acknowledge and honor our fellow officers who have died in the line of duty. Not only do we have a wonderful memorial in Olympia, but Spokane is privileged to have our own memorial wall right here on our campus. Our annual observance is near and I would like to take this time to say how proud I am to be at a department like Spokane. This is a great opportunity for us all to honor and pay homage to those who we have lost. It was their duty to serve; now it is our duty to remember.



Remembering those who have fallen...

Currently there are more than 900,000 sworn law enforcement officers serving in the United States.

Currently, more than 18,000 names have been added to the National Law Enforcement Memorial Wall.

Today, we honor their spirit.
Today, we acknowledge their sacrifice.
Today, we remember...

As of December 31, 2007, the number of officer fatalities had increased by 20%; from 151 deaths in 2006 to 181 in 2007. As that number rises, it can only bring more solemnity and emotion to the fact that one may fall in the line of duty. Sadly, it is a possibility that all departments must face.

This month brings about a week that honors those men and women who have served and fallen. Tens of thousands of law enforcement officers, survivors of those killed in the line of duty and other supporters will gather in Washington, D.C. to commemorate National Police Week 2008—May 11-17th. The 16th Annual Candlelight Vigil will take place on the evening of May 13th at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial where the names of officers who died in the line of duty in 2007 as well as those who died in previous years, are formally dedicated on the Memorial's wall. The 27th Annual Peace Officers Memorial Day Service will be held on the grounds of the U.S. Capitol at 12 noon on Thursday, May 15th, 2008.



Tuesday, May 6th, 2008, marks Spokane County's Annual Law Enforcement Memorial Observance. Two names have been added to the memorial and will be unveiled at the ceremony.

Sgt. Peter Garland of the Klickitat County Sheriff's Office was killed in the line of duty July 18th, 2007 when he was struck head on by a driver trying to pass in a no-passing zone.

Petty Officer Ronald Gill of the United States Coast Guard was killed March 25th, 2007 when he was ejected from his patrol boat while conducting maritime homeland security operations in Puget Sound.

Tomorrow will indeed honor these two men for their great sacrifice as well as remember those who have gone before them. Honor guards from Spokane Police, Spokane County Sheriffs, Seattle Police and the United States Coast Guard will be present at the ceremony.

Please join us tomorrow morning at 11:30am at the Law Enforcement Memorial in the cul-de-sac to the east of the Public Safety Building to pay tribute to those fallen officers.

By: Jennifer DeRuwe & Kiley Friesen

THIS MONTH'S UNIT SHOWCASE ~ HONOR GUARD

By: Kiley Friesen

Their faces are solemn as they shed their street gear and don their dress uniform. They slip on their starch white gloves, adjust their hat and fall into formation. As each officer steps into line beside the man to his right; the man to his left follows suit. As Taps plays in the background, the officers count; one thousand one, one thousand two...as their hand slowly moves to their brow in a salute. A fellow officer killed in the line of duty is the hardest thing they can experience. Funerals bring poignant memories and mixed emotions. With the outpouring of support from the community and other law enforcement agencies; they realize that they are not alone, but belong to a family of officers.

They are the Honor Guard.



The Honor Guard is a group of police officers who volunteer their time to go above and beyond just paying their respects. "I look forward to the opportunity to honor someone who has served and fallen," said Officer Ron Tilley. Spokane Police Department currently has eleven members of the Honor Guard—and they are always looking for additional officers to join their team. Sergeant Giannetto, Sergeant Anderson, Detective Barkley, Officer Tilley, Officer Mann, Officer Draper, Officer Downing, Officer Byington, Officer Redmon, Officer Coleman, and Officer S. Kennedy make up SPD's Honor Guard. This group, along with the Spokane County Sheriff's Honor Guard, work closely together and attends ceremonies throughout Spokane. Sgt. Giannetto said, "I got involved with the Honor Guard after the death of Brian Orchard in 1983. After seeing the response from other agencies when one of our officers got killed, I wanted to pay respect to the families for the service they gave the City of Spokane."

Honor Guard has been requested to represent our departments during flag ceremonies at Spokane Shock and Spokane Indian games, B.L.E.A and other civic events. They are also present at funerals, not only for commissioned officers, but for any active member of Spokane Police Department, as well as ceremonies for retired officers. Detective Stephanie Barkley also sings the National Anthem at many of these ceremonies.



About a year ago, our Honor Guard began a new project that further pays respect to fallen officers. At a draping ceremony, ribbons with the officer's name, rank and date of death are attached at the top of a flag. The flag travels with the Honor Guard to different ceremonies and was recently at the memorial ceremony in Olympia. Although these officers are gone, the ribbons symbolize that they are far from being forgotten and will always be a part of our history.

Medal of Valor—Matt Rose

By: Kiley Friesen

How does one begin to define a hero? Bravery? Selflessness? Courage? Although these words only begin to describe heroes, they definitely illustrate that this featured incident is a true act of heroism. Before coming to Spokane, Officer Matt Rose worked for the Hayward Police Department in California. On December 2nd, 2006, Matt was involved in a critical incident. His actions that day were not only commendable, but completely deserving of the Medal of Valor; which Matt, along with his fellow officers, was awarded. The recipients of this medal are employees who distinguish themselves with extraordinary acts of bravery or heroism; above and beyond that which is normally expected in the line of duty. The following is a recount of that incident, read by the Hayward Chief of Police at the Medal of Valor ceremony:



From left: Officer Carlos Martinez, Officer Eric Hutchinson and Officer Matt Rose

The Street Narcotics team (SNT) members were investigating a known parolee wanted for weapons violations. The parolee was also a suspect in a marijuana cultivation and distribution network. This subject was located in the industrial section of the city by Officer Deplitch who advised the other members of the team. Sergeant Lundgren's team followed the suspect onto N/B 1880 and attempted a high risk vehicle stop. The subject began to comply by pulling over toward the shoulder lane. He was seen frantically reaching for something inside his truck. Officers Martinez and Rose advised the other officers of this movement, while taking precautionary measures. Without warning, the subject rapidly accelerated in an attempt to flee. The officers attempted to block the vehicle as the suspect began to open his door holding a handgun. The suspect pointed his gun and began firing at Officer Rose, striking the windshield and continuing into the passenger compartment of the vehicle. Officer Rose drove his vehicle through the ambush stopping four to five car lengths beyond the suspect.

**"The real heroes that day were my partners. We worked as a team and survived a very serious situation."
—Officer Matt Rose**

After firing at Officer Rose, the suspect abandoned his vehicle and approached on foot toward Officers Martinez and Hutchinson who were seated in their vehicle. Before these officers could escape from or move their vehicle, the suspect began to fire upon the vehicle striking the windshield several times. Officers Martinez and Hutchinson returned fire through the windshield, striking the suspect. The suspect continued to fire his weapon, striking Officer Martinez in his upper torso. Sergeant Lundgren, who drove a separate vehicle, witnessed the assault and ran from his vehicle toward the suspect. Sergeant Lundgren had the presence of mind to slow his run, gain a sound shooting stance, check his backdrop for innocent freeway travelers, take aim and fire two shots—fatally wounding the suspect and ending the assault. Officer Rose, Officer Hutchinson and Sergeant Lundgren turned their attention to the injured Officer Martinez. Officer Deplitch was the first to arrive at the scene and took immediate steps to secure the scene and ensure aid was being provided.

On January 8th, 2007, Matt Rose became one of our own. He currently works power shift on the north side of town and has also taken on the extra responsibility of being a public information officer (PIO). Aside from his career in law enforcement, Matt is an amazing photographer whose photos are often featured in SPD newsletters. Spokane is privileged to have Officer Rose protecting the streets of our city and our department is honored to work alongside him.

Police Officers Prayer

Lord I ask for courage
Courage to face and Conquer my own fears...
Courage to take me Where others will not go...
I ask for strength
Strength of body to protect others And strength of spirit to
lead others...
I ask for dedication
Dedication to my job, to do it well. Dedication to my
community,
To keep it safe...

Give me Lord, concern
For others who trust me
And compassion for
those who need me...

And please Lord

Through it all
Be at my side...



Pam Stanley Retires

By: Kiley Friesen



Officer Mike Roberge "arrests" Pam on her warrant

After a solid 30 years working for SPD, Pam Stanley has decided to bid us all adieu. April 11th, 2008 marked her day of departure from Records.

Pam began working with the Spokane Police Department in the Records Unit, on May 24, 1970, at the old police station on Riverside, as a Terminal Operator. In 1973 she met her husband, Nick Stanley, who retired an SPD Major Crimes Detective in 2000. In 1976 Pam left Police Records to begin working in the Chiefs Office. She worked in payroll and eventually did purchasing and inventory under the direction of Chief Wayne Hendren. In March 1983, Pam started working from home

for two months as she welcomed her two sons, Josh and Jared to their family.

In March of 1989, Pam was asked to fill in for 3 weeks in Police Records at the Gun Desk; but filling in wasn't enough and Pam ended up staying. Eventually, Pam transferred to the Traffic Unit where a co-worker referred to her as "Tornado Woman." In 2000, Pam transferred back to Police Records and again, began working full time at the gun desk. Pam continued to work at the Public Counter, until 2007 when she was rotated to the Data Entry work area.



From left: Ret. Chief Wayne Hendren, Chief Kirkpatrick, Pam Stanley, Ret. Chief Robert Panther

Pam has been a tremendous asset to the City of Spokane and the Police Department. She will be missed by all who know her and have worked with her.

Detective and then Sergeant—all in a day!

By: Kiley Friesen



Sgt. Stevens and Chief Kirkpatrick

Bart Stevens woke up Monday, April 21st, 2008 as a patrol officer. By 9:00am, he had been promoted to Detective. By 9:05am, he was a Sergeant! Stevens began his career as a police officer in April of 1997. He started out working in Cheney until July of 1999 when he lateraled to Spokane. He remained on patrol with his team on the north side of Spokane until yesterday, when he began his role as a Sergeant for a graveyard patrol team. When looking to fill these two vacant positions, Stevens was at the top of both promotional lists. As far as Stevens' take on his new promotion, he is "looking forward to new challenges and the personal and professional growth this new position will bring." Family and friends

gathered at the promotion ceremony where Chief Kirkpatrick awarded Sgt. Stevens his Detective's badge followed by his wife pinning on his Sergeant's badge to match his new stripes!

Meet Your Traffic PIO & Photo Red Officer—Teresa Fuller

By: Kiley Friesen



Officer Teresa Fuller

Photo Red is a new program that will serve to reduce the number of red light runners in the city. Cameras will be placed at intersections to capture video footage of cars passing through and running the light. Based on the video footage, if it is determined that the driver did run a red light, the violator will be mailed their \$124 ticket as well as pictures of the car running the red light. Drivers will also be able to view video footage of the violation on the internet.

Now that Photo Red has been approved, the need for an officer to oversee the program arose. This past March, the traffic unit decided they would combine the Traffic PIO and Photo Red Officer as a single position. Originally, Cpl. Tom Lee had started doing morning traffic reports for KXLY 4 and News Radio 920 while he was the police department's PIO. Because of the positive feedback from the community about the traffic reporting, command staff decided it was a program worth continuing. On April 7th, Officer Teresa Fuller was selected for this position. She is continuing to develop the relationship with the KXLY broadcast group as well as keeping the community informed.

Listen for your morning traffic reports with Officer Fuller on KXLY News 4 and News Radio 9 starting at 5am!

1st Quarter Employee ~ Bill Flatt !!!!

By: Kiley Friesen

Employee of the Quarter nominations are based on either a specific act of unusual meritorious service; a specific project of significance to the community, City or Department, or sustained superior performance of assigned duties. William (Bill) Flatt, who is currently a member of the IS computer team, has clearly illustrated that he is most deserving of this recognition.

When the Spokesman review asked for some specific statistics, Officer Janice Dashiell realized that Crime Analysis does not keep statistics of the kind that the Spokesman was seeking. It was eventually determined that the only way to complete this task was to manually separate the cases by type. Officer Dashiell was referred to Bill to see if he could assist in the search for the needed information. Later in the day, Bill called Janice to tell her he had the statistics. A short time later, Bill called again only to say that he thought he might have missed something in his search and was going to redo it. Instead of leaving things as they were, Bill chose to go the extra mile in redoing the search. Bill never once said he couldn't help or it wasn't his job—rather, he had a positive helpful attitude the entire time. Officer Dashiell said, "William never sounded irritated or annoyed with me—he always remained helpful and professional. William is a perfect example of an employee that we can all look up to and aspire to be like."



Bill and his wife with Chief Kirkpatrick

William, because of your leadership and dedication, you have set a good example for all of our employees. We are fortunate to have such a dependable, innovative and dedicated employee as you have proven yourself to be and you are quite deserving of recognition.

Thanks for your Service, Pride and Dedication!

30 years of service ~

- ◆ Glenda Toptine



Chief Kirkpatrick, Glenda Toptine
and Chief Nicks

20 years of service ~

- ◆ Bill Drollinger

15 years of service ~

- ◆ Jeanne Culligan

10 years of service ~

- ◆ Brent Austin
- ◆ Eugene Baldwin

5 years of service ~

- ◆ Zachary Dahle
- ◆ Lisa Smith



Back Row, from left: Suzette Charbonneau, Rachel Carrier, Amy Jackson Kristi Jackson, Chief Kirkpatrick, Miranda Barber, Barbara Barber. Front Row, from left: Michelle Loucks and her son Tyler Loucks.

Kids Visit SPD!

Thursday, April 24th, 2008 was observed by the City as "Take Your Son/Daughter to Work Day." The purpose of this day is to focus on the professional aspirations of children and expose them to the various fields of work within the City, particularly the work of their parents. Several employees participated and allowing their children to accompany them on a day at the Spokane Police Department.

You may have seen the signs. It may have come up in conversation. So what is it? **eLert** is a new program that allows citizens to subscribe to receive real time alerts [**eLerts**, if you will] directly from our department via the Internet. Thanks to our analysts, who have designated the city into specific neighborhoods, residents have the option to choose to receive **eLerts** that are specific to their own neighborhood. This option falls in line with our Neighborhood Policing Plan.

How great would it be to know that your main route to work may not be accessible due to road closures or that there has been increased suspicious activity in your area? With **eLert**, you will be receiving updates of this kind. Our team of Patrol Public Information Officers [PIOs] along with our full time PIO Officer Jennifer DeRuwe will be able to issue traffic and emergency **eLerts** regarding road closures, police activity, suspicious persons, etc. via the Internet when crises occur. Our hope is to keep the community informed and continue to build our relationship with our citizens.

Subscribe today!

www.spokanepolice.org/elert



CITIZENS APPLAUD OUR EMPLOYEES

I would like to say how pleased I have been with Officer Marie Rosenthal's work on our robbery. Our home has been robbed three times since November and all of the officers who worked on these robberies have been very helpful. I wanted to single out Officer Rosenthal because she has had to deal with three 14 year old boys who were witnesses. I know she had to work very hard and be very patient to get information out of them. My husband and I want to thank Officer Rosenthal for her hard work and professionalism.

~Mr. and Mrs. John Wilkinson

I just wanted to say thank you and comment on the outstanding service we received the other day. "Grab n Runs" are a continual problem at our stores and are a major cause of inventory loss. On 04/11/08, we had another reported "grab n run." Officers J. Curtis, T. Douglas, J. Erickson, D. Strassenberg and Cpl. S. Oien responded within 45 minutes and were able to recover our property as well as property from at least one other retailer. The quick action of these Officers is greatly appreciated. This pro-active approach will undoubtedly send a message, at least to this group, that they aren't "home free" once they get out of the store. Thank you again!

~Steve Gonnella, Macy's

May I just take a moment of your time to compliment Officers Ryan Snider, Ken Applewhaite and Chris Lewis on their recent domestic violence presentation at Spokane Falls Community College. During their lecture it became apparent that several students had been victims of domestic violence. It was obvious that these officers not only knew their material, but knew how to present it to possible victims in such a sensitive and caring manner. The care and professionalism of these Officers was very much appreciated and will not be forgotten.

~Neil Goodman, United States Secret Service (ret)

The position of FTO is an extremely challenging and important job that has few rewards. In my time as the supervisor of this specialty unit, I have had the pleasure of working with SPO Tony Meyer. Tony has been an FTO since 2002 and has in that time trained between 15 and 16 new and lateral officers. Tony is a demanding but patient trainer and his attention to detail is exemplary. Tony is well respected by both his peers and his supervisors as an officer and an FTO. The FTO program is definitely a better organization because of the work ethic and commitment of Officer Meyer.

~Sgt. Martin Anderson, FTO Supervisor

I am writing to make you aware of the importance of Spokane Police Officer Ken Applewhaite being a part of our spring outdoor living field experience. Every spring we take members of my outdoor living class on a fishing trip. Most of the students have little outdoor experience and many come from dysfunctional families. During this trip the students get to know the adults and can associate with a person that has a successful life and experiences. It is also a chance for the students to associate with a policeman in a positive way; allowing them to get to know Officer Applewhaite as a person and an outdoorsman—not just as the policeman. Officer Applewhaite takes extra effort to work with students who have very few fishing skills and based on my experience, I feel that Officer Applewhaite is an essential part of our experience.

~Paul Neff, Outdoor Living Instructor

The Spokane Area Children's Chorus would like to thank Officer Shaney Redmon! We hired her through the extra duty officer program to provide added security at our concert. Officer Redmon was professional, courteous and very attentive. We very much appreciate her excellent assistance.

~Spokane Area Children's Chorus



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UPCOMING EVENTS

~ May ~

**Spokane Regional Reserve Police
Academy Graduation**
May 10th—2pm
Fire Training Center

**Law Enforcement & Firefighter
Monument Dedication**
May 15th—2pm
Riverside Memorial Park

Car Seat Check-Up
May 17th—10am-2pm
Albertsons-1304 N Liberty Lake Rd.

Lilac Festival Parade
May 17th—745pm

Meth Watch Retailers Luncheon!
May 21st—10am-2pm
4000 Randolph Rd, Spokane, WA 99224

19th Annual Motorcycle Officer Reunion
June 6th—6:30pm
Maxwell House Tavern
1424 N Ash, Spokane, WA



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www.spokanepolice.org. There
is a lot of other
interesting information and SPD
resources on the website as
well.*



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