



# SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT



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## CHIEF'S CORNER

By: Assistant Chief Jim Nicks

District Policing, Sector Policing and now Neighborhood Policing. Many wonder what is this "new" Neighborhood Policing? Is it a repackaging of what we have done in the past or is it something new that will provide street level, proactive, problem solving policing? In many respects our past efforts have provided, to a degree, the street level problem solving that we as an agency desire. But with this new concept of Neighborhood Policing we hope to take our police service delivery to the next level.

The city of Spokane will be divided into four separate towns, or precincts, with a population of approximately 50,000 citizens each. The precincts will be run by a Precinct Commander who is responsible for all police operations, 24-hours per day, and 7-days per week. Precinct Commanders will report to the citizens through the existing City of Spokane Neighborhood Council and Spokane COP's. The Neighborhood Council and Spokane COP's will provide direction to the Precinct Commanders as to the level and type of service each precinct will receive.

It will take at least two years to fully implement the Neighborhood Policing Plan. The first phase will occur on the north side of the city in the Fall of 2008. The second phase will occur in the Fall of 2009 on the south side of the city. These timelines are dependant upon our success in hiring and training the additional officers. As we reach full implementation the police department will be staffed at 311 officers.

Chief Kirkpatrick has stated that we will not implement Neighborhood Policing until we have the appropriate complement of trained officers to effectively operate under this new structure. Hiring and training these officers will be the greatest challenge to full implementation of the plan. To reach the requisite staffing levels we will need to hire 44 new officers by the Fall of 2009. This equates to 24 new officer positions and an additional 20 officers that will leave employment by natural attrition. Such a substantial hiring process has not been attempted since the Worlds Fair of 1974.

The 24 new positions will be assigned as follows: 18-Police Officers assigned to Patrol Teams, 1-Corporal, 3-Neighborhood Resource Officers, 1-Property Crimes Detective and 1-Child Abuse Detective. These positions will be phased in over the next two years.

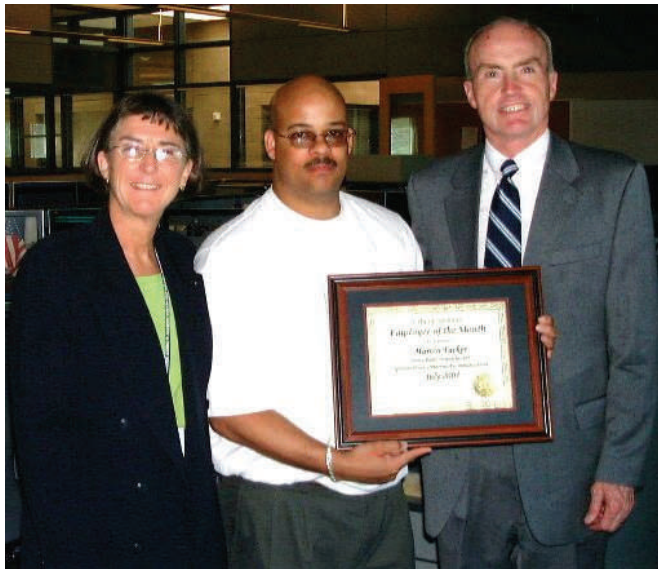
There are many details that still need to be worked out, such as when do we implement the new 11-hour patrol shift plan, what will be the chain of command for the various specialty units, etc. The Command Staff is currently working on the details and we anticipate having a completed plan by early September that will be available for your review.

Enjoy the remainder of your Summer.



**MARVIN TUCKER NAMED CITY EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH**

By: Hilary Thompson



Chief Anne Kirkpatrick, Marvin Tucker, and Mayor  
Dennis Hession

Congratulations to Marvin Tucker who was chosen as July's City of Spokane Employee of the Month! Marvin is currently assigned to the graveyard shift in police dispatch as a first level supervisor. His primary responsibility is to triage all of the calls received from 911 as well as officer generated calls for service. As a supervisor, he is the primary point of contact for outside agencies seeking information or help of some kind.

Marvin coordinates the training program for all new dispatchers. He greatly improved the six week classroom portion of the training and was able to deliver the information in a fun and upbeat manner. Marvin also reviewed and reformatted all of the policies and procedures relating to the dispatch center, well above and beyond the call of duty. He continues to exhibit great leadership skills and consistently receives positive feedback from his trainees.

Marvin is cheerful and upbeat every time he comes to work. His peers often seek him out for his solid advice and ability to communicate concerns to management. Marvin is well respected and admired by not only those who work next to him in Police Radio, but by the patrol officers in the field.

Congratulations Marvin!

**BREAKFAST AT YOUR DESK FROM KXLY AND McDONALDS**

By: Hilary Thompson



Sean McDonald - Information Systems Department

Sean McDonald from the IS Department won a free breakfast from KXLY. Mark Peterson from KXLY and his news crew arrived at the Spokane Police Department on the morning of July 30 to feed the entire IS Department, compliments of McDonalds. The IS staff explained their roles within the police department and then showed Mr. Peterson the computers used in our patrol cars. Much to his surprise, Mr. Peterson found out how our patrol computers are virtually indestructible and are touch screen capable. Mr. Peterson used our computers for his presentation and advertisement fill in "for more information, go to [KXLY.com](http://KXLY.com), click on Good Morning Northwest, and click on the link Breakfast at Your Desk".

## SPOKANE EXPLORER COMPETITION

By: Sgt. Chuck Reisenauer

On Saturday June 23, the Spokane Police Explorer Post #941 hosted a Regional Explorer competition. There were 37 explorers from six posts representing Bonners Ferry, Coeur d' Alene PD, Lewiston PD, Spokane County and Spokane PD. There were seven areas that the explorers were involved in during the competition. The morning was filled with action and physical activity. There were three firearms competitions and a very challenging obstacle course. The explorers shot a practical pistol course, a tactical pistol course, and a two FATS/laser shot scenarios. SPO Mark Howard developed the firearms stations. PFC Craig Bulkley, PFC Tracie Meidl, and SPO Army Ross each had one station to facilitate during the firearms competitions.

Then there was the obstacle course. The obstacle course brought several skills together. The teams had to contact two suspicious persons and conduct a Field Interview. A short foot chase followed with a very demanding obstacle course, then a body drag, finishing with a short air soft target shoot. The obstacle course was designed by SPO Jerry Anderson and SPO Brian Eckersley. The feedback from the competitors was, "finally an obstacle course with some challenges." During the noon hour break, the Explorers and the support staff were treated to lunch from David's Pizza. Mark Starr brought his traveling Pizza Semi and did his usual great job. During the lunch hour the explorers given presentations from K-9 and SWAT by PFC Kevin King, PFC Shawn Kendal, and DET Randy Lesser. They answered questions and were available for hands on interaction from 10:00a.m. to 2:00p.m.. We also had two guest speakers from FAFB, TSGT Phoenix Hanks and SRA Lonnie Bell. They talked about volunteering, training, law enforcement in the military, some of their many activities with the Air Force and encouraged them to continue on their paths working in their communities at all levels. The afternoon saw three mock scenes, a cold burglary report/contact, a building search, and a traffic stop. They also had to write a FI (field interview) report from the obstacle course held in the morning. SPO Tim Moses facilitated the burglary, SPO Doug Strosahl facilitated the building search, with SPO Blaine Kakuda and SPO Jerry Anderson facilitating the traffic stops. The field interviews were graded by SPO Brian Eckersley. There were awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in all events. Spokane County was awarded the 1st place Explorer post. Travis Joyce from Spokane PD was awarded the "Top Gun" award for the best overall explorer.

Many of the Volunteers also came out and assisted with the Competition, such as Senior Volunteer Don Magby, Wayne Lythgoe, Linda Wallick, Bob Botterbusch, Jim Bennett, Russ Hite, Gene & Jackie La Liberte, Hazel Vercruysse, Greg Zaccaria, Dan Tieney, and Dave Fyhr (our resident photographer) at different times during the day. Reserve Officers John Case, Terry Whitworth and Jim Dibble also assisted during the day. Chaplain Ron Alter was also on site throughout the day giving spiritual support and headaches to the explorers dealing with him as an actor in the mock scenes. Sandy Alter gave out volunteer



assignments and was in charge of scoring the competition and basically made sure the event ran smoothly. Jeff Wolf from the Boy Scouts assisted throughout the day as this was a joint venture between the Spokane Police Department and the Boy Scouts of America. We also had several sponsors. WACOPS donated \$1000 and WACOPS lobbyist Alia Griffing came over from Olympia and helped throughout the competition. The General Store donated ammunition, Action Sports made the T-shirts and David's Pizza provided lunch. The hope is to make this an annual event that grows and grows. Special thanks go out to Spokane PD Assistant Chief Jim Nicks and the Spokane Police Academy and its staff for allowing us to have this event and hold it at the Academy.

## PROMOTIONS

By: Hilary Thompson

Four members of the department were promoted on July 16th. Lieutenant Steve Braun was promoted to the rank of Captain. Captain Braun will assist Major Johnson with patrol issues. Sergeant Frank Scalise was promoted to Lieutenant and is now the graveyard shift lieutenant. Detective Dave Singley was promoted to the rank of sergeant and has been assigned to Team I. Officer Robert Mosman was promoted to detective and will be assigned to property crimes in September.



Captain Steve Braun

LT. Frank Scalise

SGT. Dave Singley

Det. Robert Mosman

## KING NAMED EMPLOYEE OF THE 2ND QUARTER

By: Cpl. Tom Lee



Officer Kevin King and Hero

19-year SPD veteran Kevin King was named the Employee of the Second Quarter.

PFC King has been a Canine Officer the past 16-years and is recognized for his expertise throughout the region. He is President of the Washington Police Canine Association and, as a certified Master Trainer, trains both patrol and narcotic canine teams.

PFC King was instrumental in the development of the Washington Administration Code (WAC) that regulates standards for all Police Canines in the state. He also wrote the curriculum for the first Advanced Patrol Dog School officered by the Criminal Justice Training Commission.

In addition, Officer King teaches the canine portion of the state's Basic Law Enforcement Academy and has taught at many SPD Citizens Academies.

Chief Kirkpatrick honored King for his accomplishments July 25 during a brief ceremony at the SPD Training Center. He will be formally recognized at the annual employee awards ceremony in February.

## THIS MONTH ON SPD TV

By: Mike Lavelle

The August edition of our SPD TV program is on identity theft and will air on City Cable Channel Five. Corporal Dave Adams discussed identity theft with guests Detective Stacey Carr of the SPD Fraud Unit and Jan Quintrall of the Better Business Bureau. Some excellent information was provided on the program on how citizens can protect themselves from becoming victims of identity theft. For those SPD members who do not have Comcast Cable, our SPD TV programs will soon be added to the department's web site. The airing dates for this program are as follows:



Detective Stacey Carr, Jan Quintrall of the Better Business Bureau and Corporal Dave Adams on the set of SPD TV.

<b>8/11</b>	8:30 p.m.	<b>8/21</b>	8:00 p.m.
<b>8/12</b>	10:00 a.m.	<b>8/22</b>	11:00 a.m.
<b>8/14</b>	8:00 p.m.	<b>8/23</b>	7:30 p.m.
<b>8/15</b>	11:00 a.m.	<b>8/25</b>	8:30 p.m.
<b>8/16</b>	7:30 p.m.	<b>8/26</b>	10:00 a.m.
<b>8/18</b>	8:30 p.m.	<b>8/28</b>	8:00 p.m.
<b>8/19</b>	10:00 a.m.	<b>8/29</b>	11:00 a.m.

In the continuing efforts to educate our citizens on our training and tactics, Chief Kirkpatrick and Chief Williams have agreed to air the excited delirium training provided to Police and Fire Department personnel this past spring on City Cable Channel 5. The two hour and twenty minute training will air on Channel five on the following dates: **8/11** 3:30 p.m. and **8/28** 8:00 p.m.

If you have any ideas, questions or comments for SPD TV, please contact Mike Lavelle at 625-4167.

## THANK YOU SPD CHAPLAINS

By: Cpl. Jon Strickland

During the Whitley Fire at Pittsburg/Buckeye, I had the opportunity to stop by Perry and Illinois when the SPD Chaplains were bringing food and drink. The chicken was excellent by the way! That afternoon the SPD Chaplains were having their annual summer BBQ which included their families. They had large bins of chicken, ribs, potato salad, etc. which they had ordered from Chicken & More. When the Chaplains got the call for help and that officers had been out in the 95 degree heat for hours and needed food and drink, the Chaplains gathered up "their" food from their BBQ. They immediately came to Perry and Illinois with the food. Because of this kind act, we had much needed food and drink within a short amount of time.

To all the Chaplains and their families, sorry to ruin your BBQ, but your kindness is greatly appreciated.



## CITIZENS APPLAUD OUR EMPLOYEES

On June 4, the Washington State Patrol investigated a motorcycle/semi-truck fatality collision on SR 195, approximately 35 miles south of Spokane, in Whitman County. As part of our investigation protocol, we are required to perform DRE evaluations on all surviving drivers. All WSP DREs (drug recognition expert) were unavailable and we requested the assistance of an allied agency DRE. Officer Paul Watson responded to the scene and provided valuable assistance to our agency. On behalf of the investigators at the scene, thank you to the Spokane Police Department and Officer Watson for all the help.

**~ Captain Jeffrey M. Otis / Washington State Patrol**

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My name is Paul Staeheli, Recycling Supervisor for the City of Spokane. I was the onsite supervisor at the scene of the fatal collision involving our recycling driver. I would like to commend your officers at the scene. Everyone of them treated us with respect and professionalism. I am sorry I only got the names of a few of them. Officers Applewhaite, Olsen, DeRuwe, and your reconstruction officer were exceptional with the care they treated us with. This was a very difficult time for us. My driver and his wife, and I spoke mostly with an officer named Paul Watson. I do not know if he was dispatched to the scene because he is so good, but if not, he should be. I realize it is tough duty. The care, kindness and compassion he treated us with were exceptional. He knew just what to say and how to say it. The respect I have for him is immense. I know he must be a good officer; he could be a world class counselor or pastor. What he did for us was appreciated more than you and he will ever know. We thank you and give you our heartfelt salute for the quality of your officers. I really wish I could convey to you how much it all meant. I wish I had the words. Please convey our thanks to your people.

**~ Paul Staeheli / Spokane Recycling Division**

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I want to commend Sergeant Eric Olsen for the outstanding job he has done with regards to the Photo-Red Ordinance. He has done extensive research, compiled data, and made informative presentations to the public and City Council. His actions have brought great credit to himself and to the Spokane Police Department.

**~ Joe Shogan / Chair, Public Safety Committee, President City Council**

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I have the greatest respect for all Law Enforcement Officers as I think the way they handle the dangerous situations they can find themselves in is first class. I have no doubt that apart from the excellent training they receive and the use of their own common sense it is also due to the excellent support and backup they receive from people such as yourself and your senior officers. I think that your men and women officers do a great job. It must be very stressful for the wives and husbands of all law enforcement officers, not knowing if their partner is going to return home safely from their shift of work. I am now 73 years old and well retired, and I couldn't face doing your job now. I have several friends in the America Police and Sheriff Department and I am very proud to call them my friends. I have just returned from a wonderful holiday in America. We traveled across America by car and we came to visit your lovely city of Spokane and we met several officers and I have never known such friendliness and kindness although they were busy they still made time to talk to us. The local people were also very friendly. Although your officers have such a stressful job, they still retain a great sense of humor. God Bless You.

**~ D. Schuurman / England**

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On May 4, approximately 4 p.m. Officer Gordon Grant assisted me on North Division at Magnesium Road. I was heading to get a new battery when my car stalled on the hill. Officer Grant stopped to assist me. I suggested he push me with his car and he felt that it would not be good for the chrome. So together we pushed it by hand back down the hill and into the U-Haul parking lot. He was a big help to me and he got traffic moving again. Thank you.

**~ From a North Side Resident**



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

~ August ~

**Training ~ Courtroom Testimony**  
8/13 - 8/14

Cost - **Free**

**SCSO Training Center @ SCC**

1810 N. Green, Building #7

For Registration, contact Deputy Dave Ellis @  
509-477-3290

**Cops & Kids Car Show**

8/18

7 p.m. - Midnight

Corner of Washington and Riverside

**Training ~ Smith & Wesson Pistol**  
**Armor School**

8/2/8 - 8/30

Cost - **\$475** (Plus additional **\$150** for tool kit)

**Spokane County Public Safety Bldg.**

1100 W. Mallon

For Registration, contact Deputy Dave Ellis @  
509-477-3290

**Car Seat Check -Up**

8/25 10 am - 2pm

Cost - **Free**

**Dishman Dodge**

7700 E Sprague

~ September ~

**Neighborhood Observation Patrol (NOP)**  
**Training**

9/12

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

**For C.O.P.S. Volunteers Only**

Monroe Court Bldg.

**Crime Free Multi-Housing Training**  
**Seminar**

9/20 9/21

8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Monroe Court Bldg.

**\*Registration required\***

