



Meeting Agenda

Date: May 14, 2014

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Location: ESD 101 Meeting Room, 4202 S. Regal

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PRESENTATION

Tim Burns, Spokane Police Ombudsman

Talked about his 2013 Annual Review

Burns said Law enforcement performed above expectations in the past year.

The report is available on website SPDOmbudsman.org. It is 31 pages

On website also have tips on what to do if stopped by police

Also have tip line, 509-242-8477

Residents with wuestions can call 755-2489

Can also follow the office of police ombudsman on facebook

Police ombudsman will be working for commission instead of for mayor. Applications for commission are available on city website.

City investing in more on training and equipment such as body cams, Burns said.

City Council authorized hiring 26 additional officers. Starting to see benefits of more officers, he said

In 2013, three incidents of officer involved shootings, 29 people Tased, 59 vehicle pursuits, 24 swat incidents, Burns said

More than 1,100 mental health encounters reported

135,713 enforcement contacts, 218 complaints about police, Burns said.

5-10 percent of complaints received have discipline attached to them, he said

Dropped calls: Police either don't have resources or doesn't rise to threshold of police response. There were 10,387 dropped calls, up about 2,000 calls from previous years. Burns said he is concerned about number of dropped calls.

First year look at racial data, clearly disproportionate number of blacks arrested, he said.

Burns Recommends that police get out of public safety building. Hard to find, have to go through metal detector, no free parking, building 300 feet from street. City pays \$400,000 a year to be there. Wants police to have its own stand-alone facility.

Sherriff Ozzie Knezovich

County has grown since 70s when public safety building built
Knezovich said he favors building joint law enforcement center. Would be step backward to separate city and county law enforcement.

In 2006 county set ratio of 1.1 officers per 1,000. Should have hired 75 deputies. Instead lost 32 deputies. Right now about .7 per 1,000, he said.

Spokane ratio low. National average for rural law enforcement is 2.2 officers per 1,000
At certain point cannot guarantee safety, Knezovich said.

Crime rate in county positively affected by CrimeCheck because it is easy to report crime
In years that CrimeCheck was stopped, 911 calls increased. When CrimeCheck revived crime stats up, leveled off and then down last year.

In unincorporated areas property crime down, violent crime down.

In Spokane Valley Walmart on Sprague turned into hub for crime, shoplifting, robbery, car prowling. This pushed county crime stats up, Knezovich said.

Violent crime down in Spokane Valley

Jail overcrowded. Most days only domestic violence and felonies arrests booked into jail.
Sheriff's office not consulted about development plans.

Need to figure out funding structure for law enforcement. Law enforcement first ones to get cut, he said.

NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS

April Minutes: Approved

Treasurer - Ray Tansy said council spent \$250 to file appeal of engineering permit.
\$981.36 in checking and \$3,000 in escrow account.

Spokane Police Resource Officer –Capt. Dave Richards: violent crime down 21 percent ,
9 percent down on property crime. lot of officers downtown for Lilac Parade,

Community Assembly Report – Marcy: reported on meeting brought up proliferation adult
family homes at Assembly

Community development block grants, will be distributed among poor in all
neighborhoods instead of only poor in poor neighborhoods.

Suggested skybridge from Target to soccer fields

Pedestrian & Trails (PeTT Committee) – Paul Kropp city proposing new way to fund
street work and parks by refinancing some revenue measures

Pett Recommended passage of crosswalk ordinance

Neighborhood Planning Update – Land Use Committee

Kerry Brooks reported engineering permit appealed because various requirements not
met.

Zoning and development code called for onstreet parking none was provided

City Promises they will do better next time

Appeal hearing set for June 12

Connecting with Southgate

Website -www.southgatespokane.org -New website is up and running. Can be notified if you sign up every time the website is updated. Facebook - www.facebook.com/southgatespokane -If you're on Facebook, "Like" SNC to get updates on neighborhood issues between meetings Twitter -[www.twitter.com/southgate spo](http://www.twitter.com/southgate_spo) - Quick updates on neighborhood issues and meetings from the city and other neighborhoods. Nextdoor -www.southgatewa.nextdoor.com -a private social network for residents of Southgate. Used recently to track down burglars in Manito/CannonHill.

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