

**SPOKANE C.O.P.S.**

**2019 ANNUAL REPORT**



# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We at Spokane C.O.P.S. want to take a moment to acknowledge the community around us. As an organization, we exist to make this community better and safer. But that only happens when the community steps up and rises to the challenge. Our volunteers give of their time freely and serve passionately to make us all safer. Our Board members do the same. Our Mayor, City Council members, and other city officials all support us and promote us within the community. We can't be who we are without YOU being who you are.

thank you!



## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Spokane Community Oriented Policing Services (C.O.P.S.) is to promote and support a safe community. We provide crime prevention education and public safety programs by neighborhood volunteers in partnership with the City of Spokane, the Spokane Police Department, the Washington State Department of Corrections, and community stakeholders to improve the quality of life in the entire community.

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# FROM THE CHAIRMAN



2019 was an exciting year for this organization! We saw quite a few positive elements that we have been able to capitalize on. We got Paws on Patrol up and running, and the community response has been overwhelming with support! It's a great way for community members to get involved and do it on their own terms. We teach them what to look for and how to report issues. It's been great hearing the success stories volunteers have had cleaning up their neighborhoods.

The Mounted Patrol Unit had another banner year and expanded the places they were able to go. Not only did they hit a vast number of parks throughout the year but they were requested at more events than I would have ever imagined: not only locally, but other cities and towns throughout eastern Washington requested their presence at events. They even added a drill team this year that drew quite a buzz!

Our shops continued to assist community members by giving them a place to go speak with someone for assistance, our latent fingerprint teams continued to assist victims by helping to catch culprits, our Operation: Family ID teams were requested at a multitude of events to help keep kids safe, and finally, our NOP teams have really grown. I know that Patrick and Sandi have been going to the weekly crime prevention meetings to get information to bring back to our NOP teams, and their presence has been incredible.

I'm proud to be the Chairman of the Board for this organization, proud to support our volunteers and the Spokane Police Department, and I look forward to a great 2020!

# FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE



In 2019, C.O.P.S. continued to develop new programs, expand existing programs and engage at unprecedented levels. In addition to increased Neighborhood Observation Patrol participation, C.O.P.S. staff established themselves as an integral part of SPD's weekly Crime Control meetings. These meetings focus on efforts to reduce crime by focusing on hot spots in neighborhoods and repeat offenders that continue to victimize our city. This partnership allows volunteers from the C.O.P.S. program to fill in gaps that SPD is not able to, including victim call backs, fingerprint lifting, CPTED recommendations, and expanded community patrols, just to name a few.

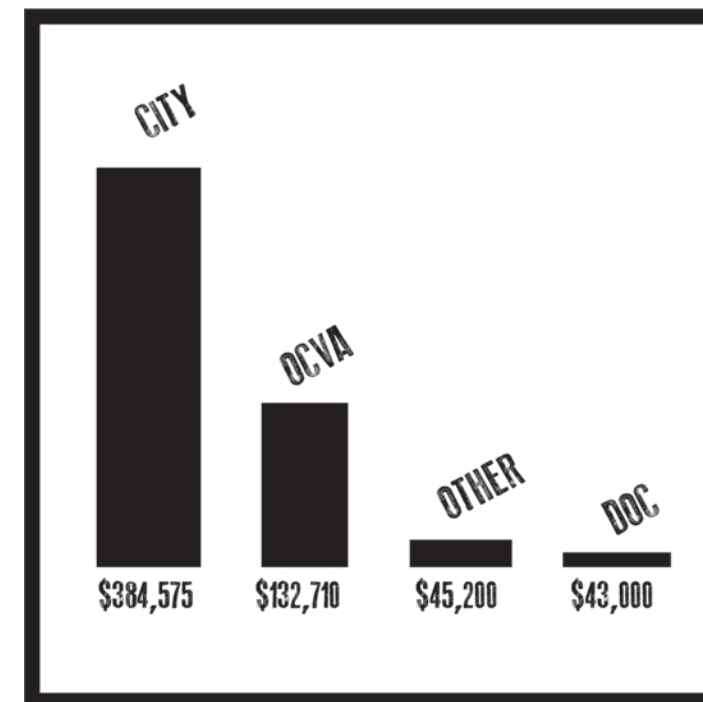
In addition to the NOP patrols with community volunteers, Paws on Patrol was established as a very successful program that is not only exciting and easily accessible for neighbors who want to get involved, it allows for safer neighborhoods while doing something they already do; walk their dogs.

The Mounted Patrol unit continues to be one of the biggest attractions in our parks during the summer, and their presence has a noticeable impact on the feeling of safety from those bringing their families to one of our many parks for an afternoon of fun. I am thankful for the partnership with C.O.P.S. under the leadership of Patrick Striker, and I look forward to the many amazing things we will do together in 2020.

# FINANCIAL REPORT

Spokane C.O.P.S. is a 501c3 organization, incorporated in the state of Washington in 1995. We rely on funding from our partners the Spokane Police Department, Washington Department of Corrections, Office of Crime Victim Advocacy and, of course, we seek donations and sponsorships from throughout the community. We are proud of the partnerships we have cultivated, and the profound difference we are able to make in the community with these funds. Based on the current federal rate for volunteers, our volunteer hours alone (not counting staff hours) provided almost \$800,000 of value to the Spokane community this year. We are amazed at this effort and we commend our volunteers for all their hard work!

## REVENUE



## STATISTICS

IN 2019 OUR VOLUNTEERS CONTRIBUTED **31,424 HOURS** OF THEIR TIME. AT THE FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT RATE OF **\$25.43 PER VOLUNTEER HOUR**, THAT EQUATES TO NEARLY **\$800,000**. IF YOU ADD IN OUR STAFF TIME, WE SURPASS THE **\$1.2M** MARK.

# 2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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# STAFF



**Patrick Striker**  
Executive Director

Patrick joined Spokane C.O.P.S. in April of 2015. His background is diverse, having been in leadership roles in a number of varied organizations in the area. Patrick moved out to Spokane some years ago to attend Whitworth University, where he received his Bachelors in Theology/Philosophy, and later achieved his Masters of Business administration from Green Mountain College. He enjoys Spokane C.O.P.S. because of its mission and the people it serves. He thinks it's a great organization and sees the difference it makes in the lives of everyday people. He thinks this staff are amazing and appreciates how much time his volunteers and Board of directors give to the organization.



**Michael St. Victor**  
Office Manager



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# CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMS

The first step in crime prevention is to realize that to prevent crime or becoming a crime victim, we must accept that crime prevention is a shared responsibility. It is not a citizen problem or a police problem. It is a societal problem that can only be properly addressed by the entire community. Therefore, safety is truly a shared responsibility.

Three elements must be present for a crime to occur: desire, ability, and opportunity. This is also known as the crime triangle. A person may “want” to commit a crime and have the “ability” to commit a crime, but if we deny them the “opportunity,” then no crime can be committed. Historically, the primary goal of crime prevention has been to apprehend criminals. Although this goal is still important, the goal of preventing crime and reducing the cost of crime has taken on significant importance.

Spokane C.O.P.S. takes providing crime prevention resources to help make our community safe and secure. Spokane C.O.P.S. goal is to help individuals prevent crime by helping them make decisions in their everyday lives to reduce the opportunity for crime to occur. Reporting suspicious persons and/or activities, locking vehicles, securing doors and windows, being aware of your surroundings for personal safety, and most importantly, building strong relationships with your neighbors and developing a strong sense of community are all important risk reduction strategies.

Spokane C.O.P.S. has a proven, well-developed approach to crime prevention through Block Watch, Neighborhood Observation Patrol (NOP), Crime Free Rental Properties (CFRP), CPTED (property inspection of residences, commercial or multi-family properties), Latent Fingerprinting, Operation Family ID (child ID), Bike Registration, Operation ID (engraving ID), Business Watch, Safe Streets, Property Drop Off and Code Enforcement Reporting, Mounted Patrol and Paws on Patrol. These crime prevention programs have been developed to best assist our citizens in taking a responsible approach to reducing crime in their environment.



# PAWS ON PATROL



2019 saw the introduction of an amazing program, Paws on Patrol. In essence, the program is designed to take advantage of something many of us do every day: walk our dogs. Typically, when we are out with our dogs, we are focused on other things. We are on our phones checking social media or catching up on emails, maybe lost in thought, maybe talking on the phone. Whatever it may be, we aren't usually focused on problems in our neighborhoods. But by taking people who want to learn how to report and what to report, we can get them trained up to be great resources for cleaning up their neighborhood.

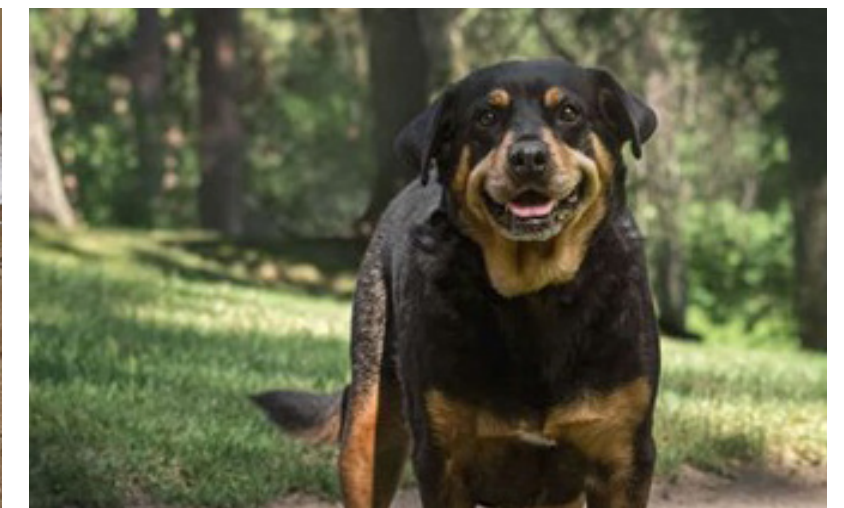
We put our volunteers through an orientation, covering some of those crime related scenarios and things to be on the lookout for. We also encourage our volunteers to talk to their neighbors. Just as we teach in our Block Watch program, getting to know your neighbors is the best thing you can do for crime prevention. Neighbors who look out for each other are an unstoppable force for good, safe neighborhoods.

Once they are trained up, our volunteers can either do their patrols on their own when they are out, and reporting issues as they come up, or do our group patrols. Each week, we had a patrol that was in problem areas for our communities. We hit parks that were seeing issues, as well as neighborhoods that were reporting higher levels of crime. Our volunteers talked to neighbors to get information from them, observed and reported issues, and provided a visual presence in those areas.

Sometimes just having our volunteers in force, out in uniforms, makes a huge difference. It was amazing to see how many people approached our volunteers to see who they were because they were attracted by the dogs, and the positive response they had when our volunteers explained who they were.

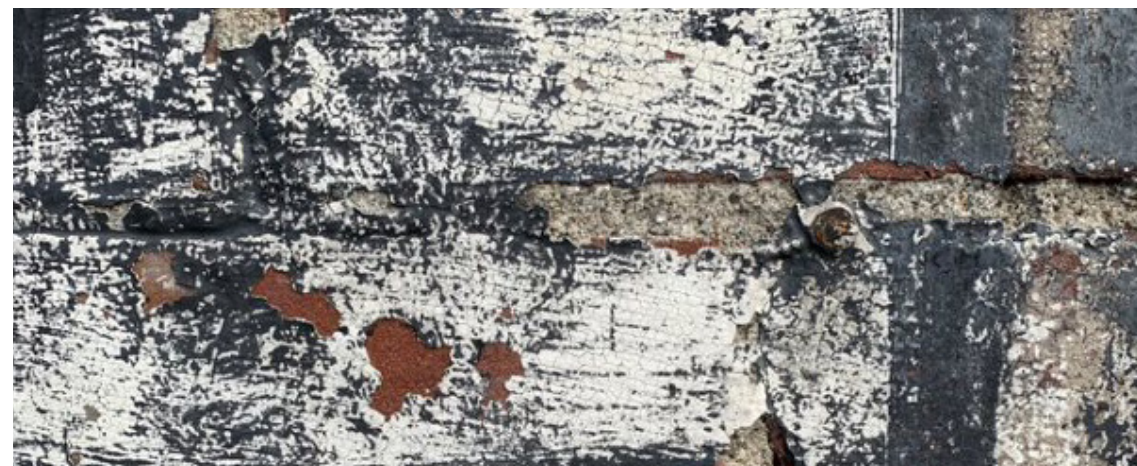
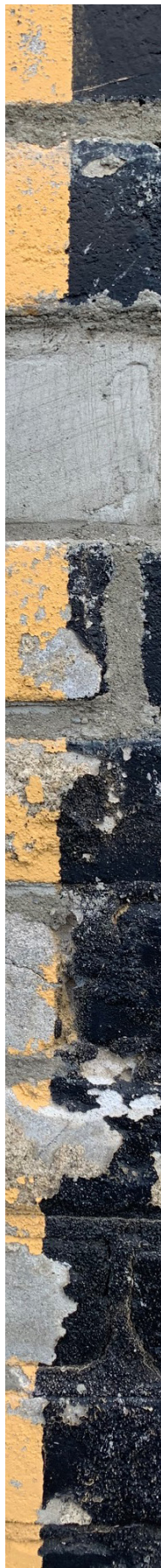
We also did a number of fun events, walking in several parades as well as National Night Out events, and showing up at many community events to promote community involvement in public safety.

We saw a number of success stories for the impact we had on neighborhoods and parks, and we are ready to accomplish even more in 2020!



# NEIGHBORHOOD OBSERVATION PATROL

Neighborhood Observation Patrol (NOP) has been a part of the C.O.P.S. Program since the early years of this nonprofit organization. In order for a citizen to become a part of this program they need to fill out an application and pass their background check. SPD is involved in training our NOP volunteers on how to do their job, what to look for when they are driving the neighborhoods and business districts, how to better assist police officers, how to patrol hot spots (high crime areas) and how to report back info. Our NOP program has been involved this year with SPD at their Crime Control Meetings that occur weekly. NOP Volunteers are given hot spot areas to go patrol and show a presence in their marked NOP car during the week, on the weekends and all hours of the day. We have been told SPD and the citizens really appreciate the extra “eyes and ears” and they love seeing our NOP vehicles and NOP volunteers all over the city. We have been able to add another car to the fleet and we have been able to get NOP teams working out of every C.O.P.S. shop in the city. The NOP requests have been abundant for specific events in the city. Private business owners and program coordinators have asked us to add to security because they know SPD does not have enough officers to assign to just one event. There are a number of social media sites currently where neighbors in all neighborhoods exchange information about drug houses, stolen property, thefts that have occurred over night, package thefts off of porches etc. These sites can be great for the citizens to get involved and help protect themselves and their neighbors and add those extra sets of eyes. Our NOP volunteers are able to capitalize off of these social media sites. Community members send info to the volunteers or shops through these websites and ask for extra patrols when suspicious activity or crime is being noticed in certain neighborhoods. Our volunteers also get out of their cars and greet neighbors, talk to people in the parks and assist with whatever they can. Our NOP volunteers help educate our citizens on how to not be a victim, advise them to not leave their cars running in front of their house, keep dogs on leashes, lock their doors and garages, etc. NOP volunteers also worked very strongly with Code Enforcement this year. The volunteers wrote a high number of Code violations complaints and sent them to the Code Enforcement Unit. They also helped those officers by going back and making sure the violations were corrected. The volunteers were extremely efficient this summer in helping the NRO’s pin point where people were living in the cars and trailers out on the streets and around the parks. Our Volunteers are so dedicated and have put in over 9600 hours this year and have formed several more teams out of all the shops.



## PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

I have been a volunteer with the C.O.P.S. organization for over 2 years and the greatest joy I have is being involved in the Neighborhood Observation Patrol. I love my community and being able to walk the streets and say hi to my neighbors while keeping an eye on safety issues is awesome.

I was a teacher for over 30 years, and keeping our children safe to and from school is paramount. That is why NOPing the school routes and looking for code violations, unsafe sidewalks, graffiti, questionable activity and other concerns is of the utmost importance to me - I feel like even though I am retired, I am still doing my part for the kids in my community.

While out on my patrols, I have found drug paraphernalia, broken bottles, stumbled upon transient camps, abandoned vehicles, excessive debris and the list goes on.

It is a great way to know your neighbors, your neighborhood and make your world a little better. I am blessed to be able to give of my time in this way!

Barb S - Hillyard Resident & C.O.P.S. NE Volunteer

## STATISTICS

OUR VOLUNTEER NEIGHBORHOOD OBSERVATION PATROL PROVIDED OVER **9663** HOURS OF SERVICE TO THE SPOKANE COMMUNITY.





# BLOCK WATCH

Block Watch is the backbone of what we do at COPS. The idea behind Block Watch is really twofold. First, we want to train you up on identifying problems and what to do about them. That house that you believe to be selling drugs. What can you do to deal with it? How do you report that? What information should you be getting? And who do you give it to? Or, if your neighborhood is getting hit with car prowls, how do you fight back against that? Are there tricks to keeping your car safer? Can you get more police presence? Are there ways to discourage prowlers from coming down your street? Whatever the issue is that you and your neighbors are concerned about, we can help. We will meet with you and your neighbors and find out what your concerns are. We'll listen to YOU. Then, we'll help you start dealing with those problems. We'll get you in contact with people who deal specifically with those issues you are seeing – the right city official, the right police officer, whoever it might be. We'll help you come up with a solid plan to deal with those issues. We can get you and your neighbors working together and educated so you can make your neighborhood safe again.

And that brings up the second main thing that a Block Watch can accomplish: a sense of community. Often, it is the fear of crime that is worse than the crime itself. It's that sense of not being able to sleep well at night because of concerns for safety, of constantly feeling like you have to guard your property, all of those things that lower your quality of life. Once you have a good Block Watch and you start to learn how to combat the issues you are seeing, and you start to develop good relationships with your neighbors, you will find that your fear begins to go away. When you have a handle on those issues, when you know your neighbors are looking out for you and you're looking out for them, you'll begin to enjoy your neighborhood again. Just like you should.

2019 saw us push to grow the Block Watch program even more. Since Block Watch can fix so many problems and build that strong sense of community in a neighborhood, we pushed to have our shops reach out regularly to all registered Block Watches and keep the lines of communication open: What are you seeing in your neighborhood these days? Anything of concern you want us to know? Any programs you would like to learn more about? We wanted people to feel like they had a connection with their neighborhood shop and could let us know of any concerns they were seeing. As a result, staff and volunteers attended dozens of meetings with Block Watches this year to dig in deeper to address issues that were serious enough that a phone conversation wouldn't suffice. Further, over the year we kept working to modernize Block Watch to make it more accessible to people. Rather than keeping the formula derived in the 1970's, we have kept striving to make use of technology, be sensitive to peoples' busy schedules, and figure out how to get people to see how incredibly relevant this program is.

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**BUILDING A STRONG SPOKANE STARTS WITH EACH OF US BUILDING STRONG RELATIONSHIPS WITH OUR NEIGHBORS RIGHT NEXT DOOR.**  
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JAMES W - SHADLE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD

## STATISTICS

OVER **600** BLOCKWATCHES ACROSS SPOKANE

## PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

My name is Makaya Judge, and I am a resident in South Perry. My neighborhood was experiencing some concerning behavior such as heavy traffic late at night, junk vehicles, and an RV fire caused by homeless people trying to heat their temporary living space. So I decided to start a neighborhood Block Watch group in order to get together with my neighbors and make a plan.

Spokane C.O.P.S was instrumental in walking us through how to do this, and volunteers were by our side at many of the initial gatherings. We had a surprisingly great turn-out, and we discussed many solutions. We began a weekly walking group who patrolled the neighborhood while walking our pets. During these walks, we introduced ourselves to neighbors out in their yards or on their porches and created more interest and a larger email list of neighbors. We noticed dark areas where bad actors might hide and encouraged neighbors to install lighting, which they have. We approached strange parked vehicles and asked people if they needed directions. More and more, we made our neighborhood an uncomfortable place for people to feel they could prowl cars or do drug deals. It was obvious we were watching, but also that we were friendly. It really brought everyone together. Even the “problem house” was approached with kindness and we have had coffee with the owner and discussed how to address the transient issues.

We all call code enforcement on the same day when there is a big problem (like people living in vehicles, or broken trailers blocking the right-of-way), and it helps to get the issue taken care of right away. Working together, we have fostered better community and a sense of safety that we didn't have before. We also have an email chain where we can alert close neighbors of issues that arise. Neighbors also now alert others when they will be out of town, or when a relative will be visiting so that we aren't surprised by a new vehicle parked there for a while.

Because of the wonderful support my neighborhood received from C.O.P.S volunteers, I decided that I wanted to get more involved in the program. I started out by volunteering at the desk in the South East Shop, and soon ventured into the NOP program, Latent Fingerprinting, and O.F.I.D. I realized the impact I could have not only on my neighborhood community, but on the whole city through these programs. While I am now working full time, and have less time to volunteer regularly, I try and step in with any free time I have to do events, attend meetings to encourage new volunteers, and educate families about O.F.I.D. I look forward to having more free time in the future and getting back into my weekly shift at the desk! Volunteering for C.O.P.S. is easy for anyone to do, since there are so many different ways to help no matter what your schedule or ability level. It has been a fulfilling and wonderful experience for me and I look forward to many more years of service to this valuable community program.

# MOUNTED PATROL UNIT



The COPS Mounted Patrol Unit started their 2019 season with 35 horse and riders and 5 ground support. After this season's training we participated in the Lilac Armed Forces Parade for the first time in 50 years. Partnering with the Spokane Fallen Officer Memorial, we provided the officer and riderless horse as well as our Draft horse team and 9 horse and riders. The entry was decked out in blue lights and took 1st place for equine in Community Service award and 3rd place overall for best lighting! June 1st we hit 13 city parks, handing out trading cards and talking with the community on why it was important to be visiting their parks, as well as promoting crime prevention.

New to our team this year is our COPS Mounted Patrol Drill Team. We were able to get 10 neighborhood councils involved with providing a practice flag unique to their neighborhoods. The drill team used these flags in their practices and then sported the flag in parades and at special events.

The drill team consisted of 12 horse and riders and our draft horse team. We provided entertainment to Lind Combine Derby where we quickly became a favorite to the town, offering up a volunteer who sang the National Anthem, provided a Color Guard to lead their parade and then participated in the parade. Our team paid tribute to our 1st responders and honored Hometown Heroes in the wagon. In addition to Lind we participated in the Springdale rodeo, Colville Rodeo, Davenport Rodeo and Ritzville's 50th anniversary rodeo.

Our Mounted Patrol participated in the Cheney parade where we took 1st place in the mounted entry, Ritzville we took 2nd place for Community, Hillyard parade we had 1st place for animal entry and 3rd place for all around theme, 1st place in the Deer Park parade, Rockford, and Colville parade. We attended national night out events with Bemiss, Shadle, Chief Garry, Logan, Minnehaha, Cliff-Cannon, Thornton-Murphy, and Glass Park.

We brought our horse and riders to West Central Neighborhood Festival, Comstock/Manito Summer Parkways, Spokane Parks Foundation with their 'Make A Splash' events at Hillyard, Liberty and Cannon pools, Spokane Police department PAL programs, Spokane Police Community Appreciation Fair event, and Riverpark Square Junior Police Academy. This year we added partnerships with Spokane Police Guild Cheney Rascal Rodeo, working with children with special needs, Shriners Children Hospital, and Hospice of Spokane.

We wrapped our season with a first time ever 'Moonlight Over Manito' Scavenger Glo Hunt with 12 horses lit up in blue lights, stationed throughout Manito park while 300 families canvassed the park looking for their locations and collecting trading cards under a full moon. We also put on our second annual 'Sleigh Bells in Corbin park' event with Santa and Mrs. Claus. This was another free family event where we hosted 2 draft horse teams providing wagon rides around the park along with refreshments for 400 families.

Overall this second successful season to our COPS Mounted Patrol Unit netted 4759 volunteer hours, 300 city park visits and 50 special events!



"The Spokane Parks Foundation is pleased to partner with the C.O.P.S. Mounted Patrol Unit through our community grants and Make a Splash in a Kid's Life programs. There is something magical that happens to people of all ages when they engage with the horses and riders. They are transformed and inspired by the animals' size, beauty and calm demeanors. Spokane Parks Foundation is grateful for the C.O.P.S. Mounted Patrol Unit's participation in making a difference in our community through their presence throughout our city parks. We appreciate the opportunity to provide funding for training."

Spokane Parks Foundation



"The Spokane Police Guild fully supports the great work Spokane C.O.P.S. Mounted Patrol does throughout the Spokane community. The volunteers of the Mounted Patrol not only dedicate their time patrolling area parks, keeping people safe and providing a sense of security to those enjoying our beautiful community, they are also an invaluable part of the community outreach efforts of both SPD and the C.O.P.S. program. Their nearly 5,000 volunteer hours for 2019 is an amazing asset that we will continue to support so Spokane C.O.P.S. Mounted Patrol can carry on their important work into 2020 and beyond."

Spokane Police Guild

## STATISTICS

MOUNTED PATROL HAD **4759**  
VOLUNTEER HOURS IN 2019

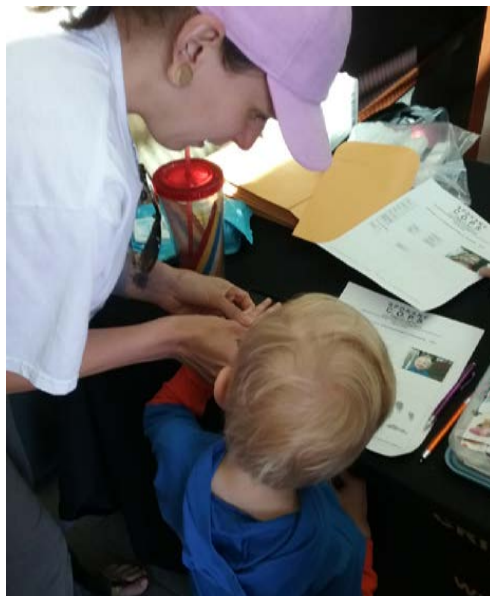
# OPERATION FAMILY ID



Operation: Family ID is certainly one of our most requested programs by the community. OFID is designed to help keep children safe: we come to an event or to a school, and we take a child's picture, get their height and weight, take their fingerprints, and all their information is put onto a card which is then given to their parents. For privacy reasons, we don't hang on to any of it. If the child were ever to go missing, the parents have the critical information they need to give to law enforcement to issue an amber alert. In addition to providing this service for children, we also do it for anyone who might need this service: senior citizens with dementia at a nursing home and adults with developmental disabilities at a facility. Almost any public event across this city, you'll find our volunteers there providing this service. 2019 saw a change in the equipment we use to provide this service. In the past, we used a laptop, a camera, and a printer. Thus, we had the equipment loaded onto a cart to take to the event, and we always needed to be near a power source. The big complaint from the volunteers was the heaviness of the equipment could get frustrating at events where they had to drag it in a long distance, and if there was no outlet nearby, we were limited for what we could do. To that end, we researched equipment and invested in small printers and tablets. Both the printers and the tablets can be charged up before the event, so having an outlet nearby is no longer an issue. And all of the equipment can now fit in roughly a shoebox sized container and weighs only a few pounds, making it easier for those events where we have to carry it a long distance. Making these changes led to a growth in volunteers who wanted to do this program, which greatly expanded our ability to attend the events we were requested for. In fact, we started doing so many events, instead of two sets of equipment as in the past, we found we needed to provide almost all of the shops with their own set because they were using it so much. And that's a great problem to have!

## STATISTICS

IN 2019 C.O.P.S. FINGERPRINTED OVER 520 CHILDREN IN THE SPOKANE AREA PROVIDING OFID IDENTIFICATION KITS TO THEIR FAMILIES.



# BICYCLE REGISTRATION

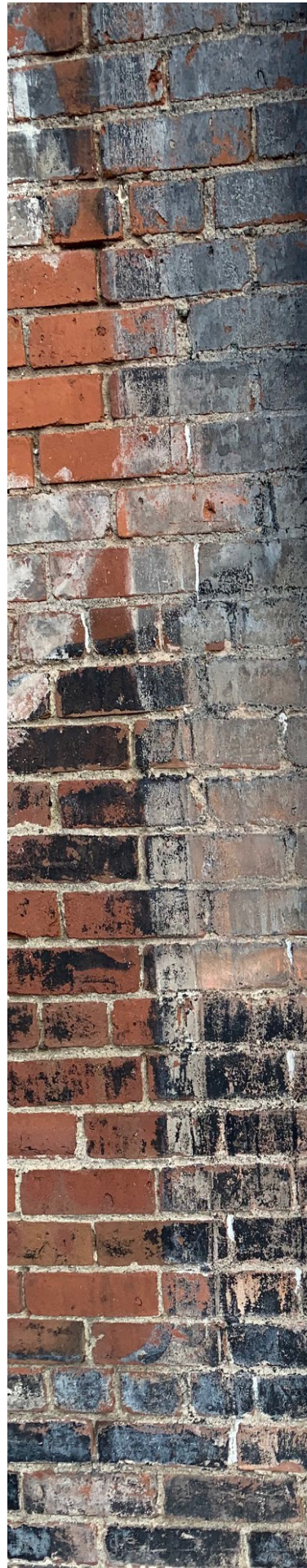
Bicycle thefts are high in Spokane. The good news is the police department is adept at catching the thieves, but returning the bikes to their owners can be easier said than done. The easiest way to resolve that is to simply register your bicycle. Then, if should ever get stolen and subsequently recovered, you'll get it back quickly and easily. It's always sad to see how many bikes go to auction because the owners couldn't be found. But that's where your neighborhood COPS shop can help! Bring your bike into the shop and let us register it for you. It's a quick process, but one that could make all the difference in getting your bicycle back.

2019 saw us registering bikes at many events, big and small. We were at the Spokane Bike Swap, which is a great event for us and one that we typically register about 300 bikes each year. Likewise, SpokeFest is a great event for registering bicycles as well. In addition, we were at schools, colleges, and safety events and registered bikes at each. Not only did we register bicycles, but we received a grant for bike helmets and when bikes were registered with us, if the owner didn't have a helmet, we were able to give them one for free as a way to further promote bike safety. In addition, we received a generous donation from McDonald's for hundreds of coupons for free ice cream cones. Our NOP Patrols and Paws on Patrol folks had those with them, and were able to give them to kids who were wearing helmets while on their bikes. So not only did we register bikes, but we were able to promote bike safety as well.



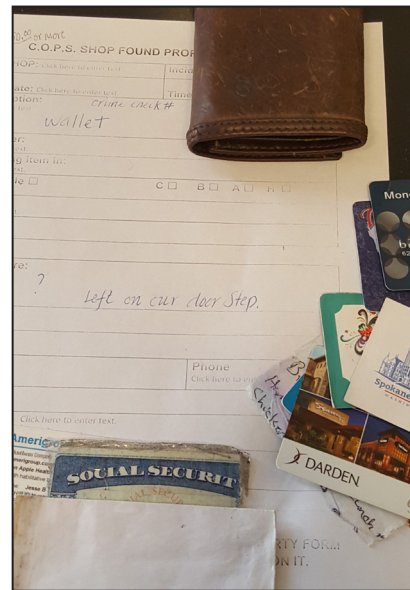
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SPOKANE HAD 402 BICYCLES REGISTERED BY LOCAL C.O.P.S. SHOPS IN 2019



# PROPERTY DROP OFF

This program is used daily here in Spokane. If you find an item you think is lost or stolen and are not sure what to do with it, bring it to your local C.O.P.S. shop. The volunteers will take it and get all the information they can to try and find the owner. It is a horrible feeling when you lose something, particularly if it is your wallet, your purse, your credit card, drivers license, etc. Your brain races around with hundreds of questions... who do I tell? Who do I call? Who can you turn to in the city and ask if someone has turned in that special item? The local C.O.P.S. shops. They have been utilized for years. They have been brought bikes, jewelry, wallets, purses, bank cards etc. They have been highly trained in using their research knowledge and have returned so many people their lost property. They are also credited in researching and investigating items brought into the shops to see if the items are stolen or linked to any crimes. This is a great feeling for the volunteers. It is also an awesome feeling when police officers thank the volunteers for helping them out with their job and saving them time.



## PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

A man walked into C.O.P.S. Northeast and said he had found a wallet in the street in front of his house. The volunteers looked in the zipper woman's wallet and located a Tennessee drivers license, Social Security Card (same name) and a list of random phone numbers. The volunteers worked on calling the phone numbers and came across a friend of the lady who lost her wallet the day before here in Spokane, WA. The friend knew where the lady had been staying. She drove to the house and found her friend, told her the wallet had been found and took her to C.O.P.S. Northeast. This woman was crying and so thankful for that kind man who came into C.O.P.S. Northeast to turn her wallet in. She was due to fly home the next day and knew she would not be able to without proof of who she was. Thank you to our hard working and researching volunteers at C.O.P.S. Northeast. You put a smile back on her face!

### STATISTICS

IN 2019 OUR C.O.P.S. SHOPS COLLECTED **426** ITEMS BROUGHT INTO US BY LOCAL CITIZENS, MANY OF WHICH WERE RETURNED TO THEIR OWNER THROUGH THE DILIGENT WORK OF OUR VOLUNTEERS.



# LATENT FINGERPRINTING

When cars are prowled, officers don't always have the time needed to try and lift prints off of the vehicle. Our volunteers are able to help with that issue by lifting those prints for them. The forensics team trains our volunteers on how to properly lift prints and do the required paperwork needed, and our volunteers then serve the community by attempting to lift prints. Rather than letting community members feel forgotten because officers didn't have the time to look for prints, community members are able to see that this community does care, and we are all doing what we can to bring justice to the perpetrator. There are few things more exciting than getting the word that one of our volunteers did a lift that resulted in the arrest of the criminal!

This year saw the expansion of this program to new locations. In the past, our lifts were done at one location. But in an effort to make things easier on the community, we were able to get to several locations for ease of access. We had a growth of volunteers for this program, which enabled us to be more responsive to the community and get the lifts in a timelier fashion with greater ease for the community. Towards the end of 2019, we met with SCOPE and the forensics team and went over the process from start to finish, and created greater efficiencies internally that also revitalized the program and made things easier on our volunteers to spend more time doing lifts and less time on the office portion related to the lifts. We also worked out the ability to allow for interchangeability between city and county victims, which further made things easier for community members to access lifts. Finally, we worked with the forensics team to streamline the training and do training more often to allow for more volunteers. Overall, 2019 was a great year for this program!



## PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

When I woke up one morning to my car being broken into - I felt so violated and beyond overwhelmed. I didn't even know where to begin to make sense of the mess these criminals had made of my vehicle.

I called crime check and they let me know that I could call my local C.O.P.S. shop and bring my car in to have it fingerprinted. The process was a lot easier than I could have even imagined - they were accommodating to my schedule and beyond understanding and compassionate to the frustration I was feeling over this situation.

The professionalism and knowledge they showed in their field was impressive! I felt like I was on the scene of CSI - they even explained to me how the magnetic powders worked and let me watch and be a part of the whole process.

At the conclusion they gave me great information on ways to protect my identity and resources for victims of theft and made me feel not so alone in my moment of need.

Thank you Spokane C.O.P.S. - you are a great addition to this community!

- Susan from the South Hill

## STATISTICS

IN 2019 C.O.P.S. WORKED WITH **1170** VICTIMS OF CAR PROWLS TO ATTEMPT A FINGERPRINT LIFT



# CRIME FREE RENTAL PROPERTIES

This program is a very educational program for single family and multi-family property owners and managers. The exchange of techniques and information has made so many properties here in Spokane safer, cleaner and friendlier. These properties are able to get re-certified yearly through our Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) program. This is a recognition for insurance companies and potential future renters to know this property is compliant and safe with the C.O.P.S. Program. Anyone with any rental property can come to our trainings and learn how to pick good tenants who are going to be good neighbors, as well as what to do about problem tenants. We have a 2 day training that covers experts who teach in areas of their own expertise. Some of the classes are cover how to properly screen tenants, drugs and warning signs, gang warning signs and removal from property, fair housing issues, signs to look for involving human trafficking, Domestic Violence and how to deal with those renters who are victims, crisis resolution and evictions, Crime Victim Advocacy involving fraud and ID theft, fire safety issues and making an emergency plan for renters/guests, and how to work with the police and your Neighborhood Resource Officer to provide a fantastic place to live.

2019 saw over 20 new locations added to our certification. We performed the annual inspection on over 80 locations to ensure compliance with crime prevention principles. We also worked to get locations that were seeing problems in contact with locations who had effectively dealt with similar issues. By working to create a mentorship program, we were able to get rental units cleaned up and made safer for families more effectively by tapping into each other's strengths and relying less on city resources.



## PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

I attended the Crime Free Rental Property Seminar conducted by Spokane C.O.P.S. and even though I have been in the property management industry for decades, I came away with a wealth of information and new knowledge on ways to make my properties safer for my tenants and my staff.

The guest speakers that were invited to participate were top notch and experts in their field of real estate law, public safety, drug recognition, fire safety, frauds and scams, gang activity recognition.

I especially am looking forward to having a CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) Site Survey conducted at my properties.

Thank you Sandi & team - you do good work!

Ronald G, Spokane Multi-Unit Property Owner

## STATISTICS

CURRENTLY THERE ARE **98** PROPERTIES ENROLLED IN OUR CRIME FREE RENTAL PROPERTY PROGRAM IN SPOKANE



# CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORTING



Reporting Code Violations are one of the most important things our volunteers can do to help fight back against crime. When you think of crime, you might not see the connection between things like graffiti, cars on blocks, trash in lawns, and then true criminal things like drug deals. But the reality is those code violations and actual criminal behavior are far more intertwined than you might think. The Broken Windows Theory talks about how little things lead to big things. They just do. When a criminal is looking for a place to commit their crime, they are inherently drawn to places that show no pride of ownership. It sends a message of “you can do whatever you want here, no one cares.” While that’s not to say that well-maintained neighborhoods are then immune to crime, the data certainly bears out that areas that are not maintained experience far more crime than those that are well-maintained. So getting your neighborhood cleaned up and looking nice acts as a natural crime deterrent.



2019 saw our volunteers continue to work with Code Enforcement and report violations. We were grateful to have several Code Enforcement personnel come out to our NOP meetings to allow the volunteers to ask questions about code issues and get clarification. A number of our volunteers even went on ride-alongs with Code Enforcement officers, which further helped their understanding of violations. Working hand-in-hand with Code Enforcement is another tool to help fight back against crime in Spokane.

## STATISTICS

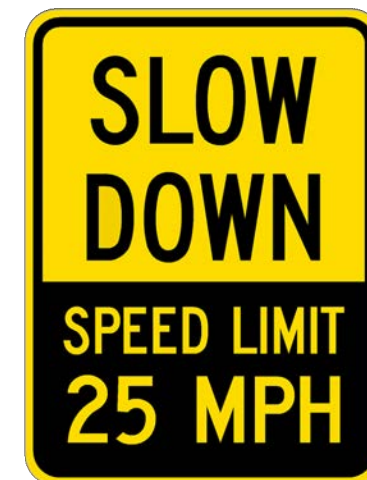
IN 2019 OUR C.O.P.S. SHOPS REPORTED **1256** VIOLATIONS TO CODE ENFORCEMENT



# MOBILE RADAR

Keeping our neighborhoods safe includes ensuring that speed is controlled. Our mobile radar is available to be placed in neighborhoods experiencing issues with chronic speeding issues. Just the presence of our mobile radar unit causes dramatic slow downs in residential areas.

2019 saw the requests for the unit increase exponentially. Almost daily, C.O.P.S. SW received communication from concerned community members. Our volunteers moved the radar unit several times a week to keep up and keep the community safe.



## VICTIM CALL-BACKS

For property crime victims, it can be a frustrating situation. You've just been victimized, perhaps your car was prowled. Your belongings were stolen, your car window smashed. And now what? What are the next steps to get your life back together? And how can you prevent this from happening again? That's where our volunteers come in. We are able to call back those victims so that people feel like someone cares. Particularly those who were unable to get an officer response, it is helpful to have our volunteers call so that they don't slip through the cracks.

This year we reached out to over 5300 victims, taking the time to talk to each person, let them tell their story, and give them any information we could.



### STATISTICS

IN 2019 OUR C.O.P.S. SHOPS PLACED 5389 CALLS TO VICTIMS

## CRIME VICTIM ADVOCACY

Our Nationally Certified Crime Victim Advocates, Tamra Brannon & Traci Ponto are available to the public to help navigate the uncertainty that comes with being a victim. They handle situations ranging from protection orders to identity theft to nuisance neighbors.

Their knowledge and training allows them to act as a liaison between law enforcement, the legal system and other aid organizations to find relief and solutions for whatever situation may arise for their victims.

You can often find them at the courthouse being of support to domestic violence victims that are going through the horrific experience of getting a protection order, or standing in front of a room full of people giving a seminar on ways to protect yourself from becoming a victim.

They are extremely passionate about what they do and fight fiercely for their victims.

### STATISTICS

OUR ADVOCATES HAD 7450 INDIVIDUAL CONTACTS AT 53 OUTREACH EVENTS SHARING INFO ABOUT VICTIM SERVICES.

OUR ADVOCATES HAD 614 1:1 CONTACTS WITH PEOPLE AFTER VICTIMIZATION TO WORK THROUGH AND OFFER RESOURCES

**“ BEING NEW TO THIS CITY AND HAVING MY CAR BROKEN INTO - I WAS FRANTIC AS TO WHERE TO EVEN BEGIN WITH THE PROCESS TO DEAL WITH EVERYTHING. I WAS BEYOND APPRECIATIVE FOR THE C.O.P.S. VOLUNTEER THAT TOOK THE TIME TO EXPLAIN THE NEXT STEPS OF THE PROCESS TO ME . IT MADE ME FEEL NOT SO ALONE.**

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SONJA B, VEHICLE PROWL VICTIM

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**I HAD BEEN LIVING IN A NIGHTMARE WITH DRUG ACTIVITY AND VIOLENCE IN A NUISANCE HOME TWO DOORS DOWN FROM MINE. I WAS SCARED TO EVEN LEAVE MY HOUSE. THE VICTIM ADVOCATE AT C.O.P.S. WEST TOOK THE TIME TO HEAR HOW THIS HAD AFFECTED MY LIFE, READ THROUGH ALL MY DOCUMENTATION. SHE THEN SAT DOWN AND PUT TOGETHER A PLAN WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCE OFFICER TO REMEDY THIS NOTORIOUS DRUG HOUSE AND ADDRESS THE LANDLORD WHO HAD ALLOWED THIS ACTIVITY TO CONTINUE FOR FAR TOO LONG. I FEEL BLESSED THAT I WAS FINALLY GIVEN A VOICE!! MYSELF AND MY NEIGHBORS FEEL SOME PEACE AGAIN. THANK YOU TRACI, FOR GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND.**

**”**

WENDY, WEST CENTRAL NEIGHBOR



# THE C.O.P.S. SHOPS

From Neighborhood Observation Patrol to Latent Fingerprinting to Block Watch, it all comes together and is coordinated from our 10 shops and 1 mobile unit. The C.O.P.S. shops are the base of operation where all the action is. Here our volunteer presidents work with C.O.P.S. staff to insure that our programs are successfully implemented across the various neighborhoods of Spokane. These shops are in the neighborhoods and work with real citizens across Spokane. They are also community centers where meetings or other events can be held and serve as a stopping place for Spokane Police and Washington State Department of Corrections to write reports and do other work. The shops are great repositories for information, so stop by and meet your local volunteers.

## Citywide Statistics

### TOTAL COMBINED INCIDENTS FROM ALL SHOPS 2018

Accident Report Forms Given Out.....	186
Animal Problems .....	60
Bicycles Registered.....	402
Block Watch (Inquiries/Calls).....	266
Block Watch (New Block Watches) .....	44
City Services Referral .....	421
Code Enforcement .....	1134
Crimes Against Person .....	456
Crimes Against Property .....	558
Drug (Houses/Inquiries/Activities) .....	296
Education Outreaches .....	2,637
Gang (Inquiries/Activities) .....	273
General Inquiries.....	2,178
Graffiti (Inquiries/Complaints/Reports) .....	174
Identity Theft/Fraud.....	250
Latent Fingerprint Requests .....	1,167
Law Enforcement Referrals .....	2,202
NRO (Calls/Inquiries/Referrals).....	980
Nuisance Violations.....	677
Property Found.....	455
Registered Sex Offenders (Inquiries/General).....	26
Runaways Reported .....	13
Social Service Referrals .....	131
Traffic (Inquiries/Complaints) .....	95
Vehicles Abandoned.....	249
Vehicle Prowl/ Victim Call Back Reports.....	5,698
Vehicle Prowls Reported Directly to Shop .....	98

**31,424**  
TOTAL VOLUNTEER  
HOURS

**56,282**  
COMMUNITY MEMBERS  
ENGAGED THROUGH  
INCIDENTS & OUTREACH

**21,125**  
TOTAL INCIDENTS

# C.O.P.S. EAST CENTRAL



C.O.P.S. East Central continues to serve the lower South Hill area. We work very closely with SPD as our shop is the hub of police precinct activity. The NRO, detectives and various officers assigned here make up our little family and we stay busy taking care of business. DOC plays another important role here and we assist them with all the clients they supervise.

Our volunteers always keep an eye on expanding the crime prevention programs out of this shop. We monitor and coordinate all the Block Watches in our area and the information we get from our Block Watches fuels our NOP crew.

We go out weekly on our NOP patrols and we work very closely with our NRO, who supplies us the information on where to go and what to look out for. NOP is the eyes and ears for our NRO. Sometimes we get use of the C.O.P.S. vehicle to go NOPing. Otherwise we use our own vehicles.

It is very exciting that the Mounted Patrol and Paws on Patrol are so successful in extending NOP outside the shops. We have a few Paws on Patrol volunteers working at our shop so they keep us informed of their activities. We plan to train our volunteers to do latent fingerprinting so we can offer that service at our shop.

The DOC officers have been busy all year. They each have 50 clients that come in at least once a month. This makes 100 visits and some of their clients come in twice a month and some weekly which keeps them very busy and us too.

# C.O.P.S. NORTH CENTRAL



C.O.P.S. North Central is slowly increasing the number of volunteers who work here and the activities they engage in. Over the past year, we focused on latent fingerprinting. We sure kept busy with that as we responded to requests for the entire north side of Spokane. Currently, six shops now offer fingerprinting to victims of car prowling. We welcome the help as this is very time-consuming work. In fact, the latest Forensics newsletter credits one of our volunteers (Ed Wattawa) with lifting some prints that led to the identification of the vehicle prowler. I love it when we get word that one of our crew caught a bad guy!

Our volunteers are learning how to enter incidents into our computer program (the "System") so we now have 2 computers at the desk to accommodate both volunteers using it. Using this program saves so much time and is far more efficient in sending out communications

and reports to SPD and the city. The more we use the program, the sooner we can go paperless in the statistics we gather as an organization.

In 2019, our NOP patrols were all over the place, and we even helped shut down 2 nuisance/drug houses. One was at 715 W. Knox, where it took the volunteers, the entire block, the NRO (Dale Wells), and the City Attorney to get this accomplished. It was finally done after several attempts to help the owner. The owner kept saying that he wasn't responsible for his tenants or the foot traffic in the alley. He was proven incorrect. North Central was instrumental in the raiding of the house at 602 W. Mansfield (which this time, SWAT was involved). The house is already being made ready for better tenants. Our shop is able to help this community get bad areas cleaned up, and we are excited to do more in 2020!

# C.O.P.S. NEVAWOOD

C.O.P.S. Nevawood has the unique challenge of overcoming a culture of reluctance to change and the use of computers. The use of these tools enables our volunteers to be more effective in serving the community. Fortunately, many new volunteers are making it possible for this change and adaptation to happen. One by one, our volunteers are beginning to trust their newly developed computer skills and use of the "System" program which is the engine driving Spokane C.O.P.S.

There is also a growing excitement and enthusiasm over the work being done by Paws on Patrol volunteers. Not only does Paws on Patrol bring new volunteers to our shop but it shows how the focus of the organization has moved away from the old mentality that volunteers need only work the front desk. Now our volunteers understand that interest in the crime prevention programs and "outside the box" activities outside the shop are the driving force behind what keeps Spokane C.O.P.S. relevant to the city, SPD and public safety. The longevity of our organization depends on this adaptation to change in mentality and the volunteers of C.O.P.S. Nevawood are shining examples of blending the talents and skills of many to affect growth and change among the reluctant.

We look forward in 2020 to many new volunteers and the possibilities their talents and life-skills will create. We plan to organize our Block Watches and develop our Neighborhood Observation Patrols. We have volunteers interested in latent fingerprinting who plan on pursuing the necessary training to offer this service to the community. Meals on Wheels continues to operate out of our shop and DOC has seen an increase in the number of officers stationed here. Our NRO, Deanna Storch, has settled in nicely over this past year and although busy with the homeless camps, has still managed to take care of the complaints and problems we forward to her.



# C.O.P.S. NORTHWEST

During the past year, C.O.P.S. Northwest has provided 5,520 volunteer hours of service to the community with all of our active volunteers. We are very proud of this! We have the largest membership of all the C.O.P.S. shops and we stay very busy working all the programs.

Highlights during the year include getting Neighborhood Observation Patrols going again with Victor Frazier & Demetrius O'Neal being the primary drivers for the shop vehicle. Demetrius also is involved with Paws on Patrol with his dog and is the shop liaison on that program should questions or concerns on that program come in the door.

Six volunteers have completed the forensics finger print training and are available in the coming year should any vehicle prowl victims want to bring their vehicle by the shop for a print lift. Our shop brings the total of fingerprinting shops performing this service to six.



In August we sponsored a very successful National Night Out Against Crime party in Shadle Park. It was by far the largest party in the city!

The all-volunteer appreciation dinner was well attended by about a dozen volunteers from C.O.P.S. Northwest, and Victor Frazier was presented a "Citizen Leadership" award from the city of Spokane recognizing his contributions in leading the shop during the past year. Also the shop worked with both the Northwest Neighborhood Council and the Audubon-Downriver Neighborhood councils in issuing clean up passes that are used by neighbors to haul garbage, debris, and junk to the waste to energy plant for load fees covered up to \$25 per pass. The issuance done two times in the spring and two times in the fall is another community service provided by the councils and shop volunteers that helps keep our neighborhoods clean and free of code violations for junk in yards and alleys.

# C.O.P.S. NORTHEAST



C.O.P.S. Northeast is open Monday thru Friday at the North Police Precinct. It serves the historic Hillyard neighborhood. The north side commander is responsible for the entire North half of Spokane. There are two detectives, a lieutenant, a sergeant and an NRO, helping the captain. DOC has two officers stationed here and they supervise the offenders released from jail or prison. The volunteers work the front desk just inside the front door, greeting citizens who come in or call in need of assistance. Our volunteers are highly trained to confidently handle calls for service or complaints. The volunteers also engage in many crime prevention programs like Operation Family ID, Block Watch and Neighborhood Observation Patrol. Paws

on Patrol is adding a new dimension to NOP and we welcome these enthusiastic new volunteers. The Mounted Patrol unit is now a big part of the Hillyard Days Parade.

This past year our shop has grown with volunteer and staffing. Tamra Brannon, one of the Crime Victim Advocates with C.O.P.S. is headquartered out of the Northeast shop as well as the acting President heading up the operations of the shop and coordinating the volunteers.

We are excited to continue to grow and engage in our beloved north side community in 2020!

# C.O.P.S. SOUTHEAST



C.O.P.S. Southeast has been going strong for 25 years! We trace our beginnings back to Bob and Shirley Hooper back in the early 90s, who for many years spent much of their time at the shop, working for the community. Things have sure changed since then! A different location for one. This winter, we replaced our carpets and did some painting, to improve the interior of the shop. We do get a lot of officers taking breaks and doing paperwork.

We are very passionate about our Neighborhood Observation Patrol, which has a long history at our shop. We remember back in the day when we helped turn in 10,000 NOP hours and are very proud to see that we have achieved that mark again this year. We work very closely with our NRO, Jake Willard on NOP. He tells us where to go, what to watch out for and what he needs. It is information led policing at its best.

Our shop has pioneered the computer programs used to track our activities, report incidents and communicate with other agencies. Southeast has all of its volunteers using the computer, making it the first truly paperless shop. And now we are using our experience to help refine and implement the new "System" program which virtually runs Spokane C.O.P.S.

The latent fingerprinting program has expanded this last year, with more shops now offering the service. This has relieved us of the responsibility of covering the entire south side of Spokane. Now we have help and the citizens have more of a choice on where to take their vehicle.



Reopening C.O.P.S. Logan this spring was the premier event of 2019! Many thanks for all of the people who helped renovate and turn the house on 2927 N. Perry into our Logan C.O.P.S. shop. A special thanks to Kelly Cruz and the many volunteers for their dedication and many hours working on this project.

Starting over at pretty much ground zero, the Logan shop got off to a good start and things are really starting to pop. With new leadership, the Logan shop is now open all week and soon will be open six days a week. Thanks to an aggressive outreach effort, the Logan shop is getting new volunteers at a rapid pace. They are opening new Block Watch groups and reviving the NOP program with several people in the community expressing interest in participating. The shop is working hard to get all of the valuable programs the Spokane C.O.P.S. up and running. We are developing good working relationships with our SPD resource officer Dave Kaurin and our DOC officers. The future looks bright at the Logan shop as we engage the community and partner with them.

## GRAND RE-OPENING!



The move to 1403 W Third Ave and changing our name from Greater Spokane in 2017 has resulted in tremendous growth for the shop that we are now seeing in 2019. Our volunteer hours have increased 63% over 2018 which is a direct result of having a location in closer proximity to Browne's Addition and the lower South Hill neighborhoods.

In 2019, the shop started using a volunteer car that enabled us to increase our Neighborhood Observation Patrols along with moving a speed radar sign around the South Hill for SPD. The radar sign was deployed for 180 continuous days. Most importantly though, citizens are becoming aware of our location and are using the shop.

We have had an increase in average monthly citizen contacts by 18% and a decrease in voice messages by 56%. I think this is a big metric for the shop as we are having improved customer service direct contact.

Continued growth in 2020 will be our goal. We just introduced Latent Finger Printing for vehicle break-ins in January. We plan on providing Block Watches with ever increasing support, with increased NOP. patrols and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design, in efforts to make the neighborhoods safer. We also have interest in seeing if local businesses would like to participate in a Business Watch program.

C.O.P.S. Southwest is heavily used by the Spokane Police Department. There are always a few officers here at the shop. They love the location and having a few police vehicles parked in front is a huge deterrent to crime.

## C.O.P.S. WEST



C.O.P.S. West had a busy 2019 season and worked on being more involved with the community. We hosted several events to bring law enforcement officers and the community together.

In January, our C.O.P.S. shop hosted a chili dog feed for law enforcement appreciation day and had easily 50 attend. This helps to keep officers coming to our shop, providing a positive police presence in the west central neighborhood.

In October, we hosted the second annual Halloween Trick and Treat event. Mounted Patrol volunteers handed out candy and took photographs for the costume contest while Paws on Patrol patrolled the neighborhood streets. We had 200 families attend this fun event!

In December, we hosted another free family event with our official Santa and Mrs. Claus. Mounted Patrol volunteers handed out refreshments and cookies and took photographs of kids with Santa. We had 50 in attendance for this event.

Our National Night Out party was once again in Cannon Park to hopefully draw families into the city park. Food and refreshments were provided and we had over 50 people mingle with their neighbors discussing crime prevention and sharing information on their Block Watches.

In December we opened our shop full time throughout the week drawing in more people from the community to seek resources and services. We offer latent fingerprinting services and have started to NOP the neighborhood again paying close attention to our city parks and our nuisance related houses.

# 2019 EVENTS MPU

# VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER



# NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME

# SPOKANE AREA COMMUNITY EVENTS





## WHAT TO WATCH FOR IN 2020

**RISE:** We are excited to be launching our tactical survival mindset course and curriculum that was developed alongside the Spokane Police Department and the Washington State Dept. of Corrections. The purpose of this program is to build strong and empowered members of our community through the devastating wave of domestic violence that has plagued our community. This trauma sensitive curriculum will focus on teaching and guiding individuals how to refuse to be a victim or be re-victimized through situational awareness, evasion, escape and enhanced mental strength.

**SCHOOL ROUTE PATROL:** We'll be getting into school areas and focusing our NOP patrols on areas that attention around walking school routes. We want kids to be safe walking to and from school, so expect a big presence from us there.

**OFF-ROAD PATROL:** For 2020, we are putting together an off road patrol. This unit will be made up of ATVs and riders, with the intent of being the eyes and ears of SPD out in areas that are difficult to access on foot, and perhaps impossible in cars. In addition, we'll help clean up debris and remove graffiti as well, making our parks and other areas inviting again for our community.

## COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- City of Spokane
- Spokane City Council
- Spokane Police Department
- Washington State Dept. of Corrections
- Spokane County Sheriff's Office
- Sheriff's Community Oriented Policing Effort (S.C.O.P.E.)
- Spokane County Department of Emergency Management
- Spokane Fire Department
- Lutheran Community Services
- Frontier Behavioral Health
- Spokane Regional Health District
- Spokane County Superior Court
- Gonzaga University
- Whitworth University
- YWCA
- Northwest Fair Housing Alliance
- Washington State Crime Prevention Council
- Knox Presbyterian Church
- First Presbyterian Church
- Spokane Public Schools
- Police Advisory Committee
- WA State Department of Commerce
- WA State Attorney General's Office
- Event Rents
- Greater Spokane Substance Abuse Council
- Schoedel & Schoedel Accounting
- Spokane County Prosecutor's Office
- Fery's Catering
- Faith Bible Church
- Papermill Printing
- Copy Rite Printing
- Pressworks
- KXLY
- KHQ
- KREM
- City Channel 5
- Outlaw Woman



