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### Identity Theft: some things you need to know

As of 2017, over 16.7 million Americans have been victims of identity theft. Yes, you read that right, 16.7 million! New technologies have made it easier than ever to communicate, pay bills, order online items and to unknowingly correspond with a scammer on the phone or on the computer. Add mail theft, shoulder surfing, dumpster diving and data breaches and it is hard to find ways to keep private information private and safe. When identity thieves grab ahold of your information, you can become vulnerable to all kinds of attacks including credit damage, massive amounts of debt, stress and weeks, months or longer devoted to fixing the damage that has been done.

You should know that to a thief, it doesn’t matter what your financial status is, age or gender. Identity thieves will go after everyone. Everybody is a target, including children. To understand what it is that makes your information so irresistible to thieves, think about things such as acquiring money without really working for it. They can buy items using your credit card, drain your bank account, sell your information, open accounts such as utilities in your name, get a loan, buy a cell phone or even get medical treatment or medication. Once a criminal has your name, address, date of birth and or social security number, it takes only minutes before they have access to a great deal more.

Although there is no proven way to prevent all identity theft, there are steps that you can take to help make it harder for thieves to get your information.

According to the Federal Trade Commission, credit card fraud is one of the most common types of identity theft, and almost half of all credit card theft is committed online. So, before you click on that payment or submit button, make sure to keep these tips in mind. Verify the website before you make any transactions with them. If you don’t see a URL in the search bar that starts with https, do not go any further! That https that you see is telling you that any information that you send through that site will be safe and secured and will be hard to hack by potential identity thieves.

Next, make sure to go to sites that you are acquainted with. Identity thieves can be extremely clever and trick you into thinking that you are shopping at your trusted online site when in actuality, you have been given access to a lookalike site. You can prevent that by letting your mouse hover over the URL and checking for variations such as misspelled words, or a different name that varies from the site that you entered.

If you are buying from any online store and are asked to create a password, create one that is uniquely different from any others that you have used, and use variations in your password that have letters, symbols and numbers in it.

And, lastly. Nothing beats the use of free internet through those Wi-Fi hotspots at your local coffee shop, but free can also mean risky as they are not generally secured. So, if you must use an unsecured site, make sure that you are not entering secure information.

Other than the internet, there are still a number of ways that credit card fraud can happen. Scammers will call you on the phone or try to reach you by e-mail or through a text. A few red flags that you should look for is that the fact that they are calling you without you having the initiated the contact yourself. Also, beware of your “credit card” company calling to tell you that there has been a compromise and that they need to verify that you are still the holder of your card. These types scams require information that your true credit card company will already have such as your address, card number, or the 3 or 4 digits that are located on the back of your card. Those digits on the back of your card are known as the CVC, CVV or CID (and other variations) are for your eyes only. They have such as your address, card number, or the 3 or 4 digits that are located on the back of your card. Those digits are numbers only you have access to, and are used as a fraud prevention method against someone who is trying to make purchases with your stolen credit card numbers. The best thing you can do is ask the caller to re-identify who they are, ask for a phone number where they can be reached and then call your credit card or bank using the number that is located on the back of your card. Those digits on the back of your card are known as the CVC, CVV or CID (and other variations) are for your eyes only. They are numbers only you have access to, and are used as a fraud prevention method against someone who is trying to make purchases with your stolen credit card numbers. The best thing you can do is ask the caller to re-identify who they are, ask for a phone number where they can be reached and then call your credit card or bank using the number that is located on the back of the card or on a bank or credit card statement to verify the call that you just received.

Never call the person back using the number that the person on the other end of the line has given you unless you know with certainty that they are who they say they are. Other ways that crooks will try and grab hold of your information is through credit card skimming. Skimming happens when a small device is placed over the actual machines card reader. Once the device is placed, thieves lay in wait until someone comes along to swipe their card; information such as your name, card number and its expiration date are now known to the thief.

Unfortunately, there are still a number of ways that credit card fraud can happen. Scammers will call you on the phone or try to reach you by e-mail or through a text. A few red flags that you should look for is that the fact that they are calling you without you having the initiated the call yourself. Also, beware of your “credit card” company calling to tell you that there has been a compromise and that they need to verify that you are still the holder of your card. These types scams require information that your true credit card company will already have such as your address, card number, or the 3rd digits that are located on the back of your card. Those digits on the back of your card are known as the CVC, CVV or CID (and other variations) are for your eyes only.

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### Crime Prevention Unit

Crime Prevention Deputy for Spokane County (for all unincorporated areas): 509-477-6044  
Crime Prevention Deputy for Spokane Valley: 509-477-2592  
Neighborhood Watch Coordinator (all areas): 509-477-3055  
www.spokanesheriff.org  
www.scopecanewa.org  

(Click on the Neighborhood Watch link under Crime Prevention or at the left-hand side of the page at the sites above)  

Crime Prevention Office at the Valley Mall  
(Located on the first floor next door to Sears)  
Open M-F, 509-893-3934

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www.scopecanewa.org  |  www.spokanesheriff.org
As law enforcement officers, we pray that we will get through our careers without having to pull the trigger of our service weapon. I have yet to run into anyone who wears the badge, who thinks, “Oh, yeah, I’m going to get to shoot somebody today.” Because once you do, you can never take it back. It is life altering and it’s not something that we in law enforcement want to do. When incidents use the force of law by en- forcement, the media portrays the police in a glaringly bad light. There is a lot of criticism, without knowledge. Few in the media have done the research fully to understand use of force encounters or deadly force encounters. If people want to really know, if they really want to understand, then I ask them to read a book called Civil Liability in Criminal Justice by Darrell L. Ross. It is a book, dealing with the liability issues inher- ent in law enforcement and details 1983 lawsuits against law enforcement, corrections. Mr. Ross’ anal- ysis of use of force incidents showed statistically you cannot prove that there is a use of force problem in the United States. He further explains; statistically police officers in the United States do not use the amount of force they are entitled to in the majority of the incidents they encounter where force would have been authorized. Ross found officer/citizen contacts based on arrest or detention type circumstances happened more than about 296 million times in 2005 according to the Bu- reau of Justice Statistics (BJS). These types of con- tacts tend to be the highest risk types of contact be- tween law enforcement and the public. Despite the large number of high risk police contacts with citi- zens, very few result in the police using force. Ross clearly states, “There is no empirical evi- dence, however, to support claims that excessive force or force misconduct occurs with statistically significant frequency (Ross, 2005).” Ross continued, “... the use of any type of force is rare in police con- tacts with citizens. Moreover, he found that excessive force accusation, in contrast to public perception, were even rarer.” (Ross, 2015).

Ross’ findings can be verified by analyzing the num- ber of police officers that are assaulted, or the felony assaults (some form of weapon is used), and then compare that to the number of police that officers are assaulted for deadly force. We will find quickly that police officers are not using deadly force as often as they are legally justified. Police officers use much less force than is justified in the great ma- jority of these encounters. We don’t want to kill anybody. It’s not what we were hired to do unless absolutely necessary to protect human life. Sadly, some in law enforcement have waited too long to make the decision to shoot or not shoot, and they ended up being murdered. Prison inmates who had killed police officers were hired to do unless absolutely necessary to protect police officers don’t stop being human just because we put on a badge. I have seen the effects of an officer having to use their gun and regardless of the outcome, the after- math of those effects are far reaching and long lasting.

I’ve come close, I’ve even had bullets go over my head, but I have never had to shoot anyone. The psychological effect on an of- ficer is magnified when you pull the trigger, because the officer and somebody gets injured, the first thing going through our mind is, “Did I break any laws? Did I break any policies? Did I use the proper level of force? Did I use the proper technique?” All that’s going through your head because you know one thing: you suddenly went from being the good guy and doing your job to being the suspect that hurt somebody. You went from the good guy doing your job to somebody who has just taken a human life. Once we pull the trigger, it is up to the inves- tigation to determine if you, the police of- ficer, did it correctly and legally. If that is not the definition of being under an investi- gation as a suspect, I don’t know what to tell you, because it is. That’s what’s going on in the mind of the officer, the fact that he or she, could go to prison. The officer that pulled that trigger is looking for something, and it’s the one thing that the investigators can’t give him. Is that the one thing that they can’t get out. If you can’t get out the one thing that they can’t get in, then you are in a bad situation. I can’t give them what I have, and it’s the one thing that I can’t give them when I get to the scene and look them in the eye. I can’t give them the one thing that they are desperately searching for, and that is for somebody to tell them that they did it right. So, they sit on that edge for days and some- times weeks on end wondering, did I do that right? Will somebody please validate what I did? Their families live it, and when the media attacks the officer, they forget that there is also a family living the event. The officer’s children, that in the school yard, are get- ting asked why did your daddy kill that guy? Or, even worse, they are telling that child that your daddy murdered that person. That’s what it’s like. Technically, that officer is under criminal investigation, and they have the same rights as any other suspect under investigation. They have the right to remain silent. The me- dia and the citizens sometimes don’t under- stand, that yes, the constitution applies to police officers also. They have the right to remain silent. Law enforcement has the right to say any- thing during the criminal investigation. Now let’s talk about the administrative in- vestigation. Technically, that can go through the criminal case and not say a word by in- volving their rights. But when it comes to the administrative side, they are handed a piece of paper and told, “You either talk, or you are fired.” To be clear, we can’t use any of the information received from of the admin- istrative process in the criminal case. The criminal process is protected because we are forcing the officer to make a decision. Dur- ing the administrative investigation, the of- ficer no longer has any of the rights of a person accused of a crime has. The officer has no choice but to give a full and accurate account of the incident or face termination. It is a two-prong process these officers and depuities have to go through. There is a crim- inal investigation and potentially a criminal trial, and then you have the administrative investigation. And, almost guaranteed, a civil trial which means depositions. The above process is something the officer or deputy will walk through for years, not just months, before they are fully exonerated or found that they have done something wrong.

I have watched many officers and deputies leave this profession, not because you never overcome the act of shooting someone. It just destroyed them. It destroyed their fami- les; they lost it all. Once you pull the trigger, you can never take it back. It’s something you live with it forever, and some just can’t overcome the act of taking a human life. Every human life has worth beyond measure and every human life is something that needs to be cherished and protected. But law en- forcement officers don’t stop being human just because we put on a badge. I have seen the effects of officers having to use their gun and regardless of the outcome, the after- math of those effects are far reaching and long lasting.
The Sheriff's Crime Prevention Conference

Wednesday October 17th
9:00-3:40 PM
The Sheriff's Training Center at 6011 N. Chase Road, Newman Lake, WA

Continental breakfast and Lunch and materials will be provided

The cost to attend is $15 per person, or $10 for law enforcement volunteers and students.

Payment for this informative conference is due by October 12, 2018.

Please send checks or money orders to: Neighborhood Watch
12710 E. Sprague, Spokane, WA 99216

Name: ______________________________________
Phone # __________________

Law Enforcement Volunteer □ Agency: ________________________

Student □ What School? ________________________________

Citizen □

COP TALK
9:00-10:00 AM
In this class, we will be discussing what the difference between the agencies and what you need to know when you call 9-1-1 or Crime Check. Special Speakers from the Spokane Police department, Spokane County Sheriff’s department, Washington State Patrol and the Crime Check supervisor.

Insurance Fraud
10:10-11:10 PM
I will speak on these and other topics such as; door to door contractor scams, how to report suspected insurance fraud, medical provider solicitations, how to avoid being a victim and more.

Fraud and Theft - What you need to know
11:20-12:20 PM
Come and hear some of the ways criminals sneaky try and take your money and your identity. In this class you will learn about different types of identity theft, how your information can be compromised, and what you can do to lessen the chances of it happening to you as well as what to do if it does.

12:20-1:00 PM

Lunch Provided Free at the Facility by the Old Spaghetti Factory

Lasagna and Fettuccine Alfredo
Rolls
Salad
Beverages
Lemon bars, raspberry bars and brownies

Opioid Crises
1:00-2:30 PM
Fantastic panel discussion on the opioid crises. How it is affecting families and neighborhoods, crime stats and where it is coming from. Our guest speakers will be law enforcement, the Executive Director Linda Thompson from the GSSAC, Sandy Altshuler Ph.D., L.I.C.S.W, Brandy Woods, Clinical Supervisor Dianne Snyder, and QA Clinical Supervisor.

Property Crimes
2:40 - 3:40 PM
In this class, Sgt. Pat Bloomer will discuss the current trends in Spokane County pertaining to property crimes, combating organized retail theft and forgery and fraud tips. There will also be discussions on ways to help lower your chances of becoming a property crime victim.
For the benefit of Spokane County residents and its businesses, an emergency notification system was put in place to notify the public of emergencies regarding health and physical safety which can include evacuations or missing persons in their immediate area. This notification can come on any day and at any time in the form of a recorded message. It will inform you of incidents that are happening now, or your need to take shelter-in-place. You are able to receive messages through e-mail, text, or calls through land line, VoIP systems or cell phones. In order to receive these calls, please note that:

- These are not SCAM messages.
- The Alert Spokane system is only activated by emergency personal.
- Most landlines through Century Link and Frontline are already in the data base, however it is a good idea to self-register your house phone/landline at www.alertspokane.org
- If you have a VoIP (Voice over internet protocol) or cell phone, you must register online at www.alertspokane.org to receive notifications.
- When registering, you will be able to choose a preferred language you wish to receive notifications in: English, Spanish, Chinese or Russian.
- You can register up to four additional phones using this system.
- If you have restrictions placed on your phone through your service provider to block solicitors, you will not be able to receive the calls. However, if you use the Do-Not-Call-Registry, your phone will be able to accept the Alert Spokane information.
- Messages from Alert Spokane will start messages with this, is Alert Spokane information.
- If your answering machine picks up this call, the Alert Spokane system will leave a message.
- The Alert Spokane notification system will call back up to two times if your line is busy.
- If you have called 1-866-419-5000 and you would like to reply to the message please call the 1-866-419-5000 again.
- Follow the instructions given or left by the systems information.
- Do not call 9-1-1 or Crime Check to follow up on the call unless you have an emergency.
- The system will notify you of updates.
- Please pass information on to neighbors who are in the area and who may not have received the message.
- Not everyone will get the call as the information is related to affected areas.
- You may receive several testing calls from this system as it is tested many times through the year for efficiency.

If you are not in the system and would like to sign up, you will be asked to give your first and last name, address (no P.O Boxes excepted), phone number or TDD/TTY device (Tone delivery for the hearing impaired) where you would like to receive the alert message. You will also be asked to agree to the terms and conditions of the agreement before you are officially signed into the system. The information you give is only used to alerting you to emergency information, and it is entered into a secured website and will not be sold.

If you have a change in residency or add or disconnect phone service, please make sure to update your information at the Alert Spokane website.

If you do not have access to a computer or would prefer to receive the emergency notifications on your Apple or Android phone, you are able to download the CodeRed mobile App, a software application that supports Alert Spokane.

You are able to opt out of the Alert Spokane notification service at any time. If you are receiving messages by text, you will be required to reply STOP to any text coming from 31678 or 76127 or 76993.

If you want to stop receiving these calls to your landline or your computer, you will need to fill out an OPT Out Request form which you can find on the Spokanecounty.org website. The form will need to be printed, signed and then mailed to Alert Spokane, 1620 N. Rebecca St., Spokane, WA 99217, or scanned and sent to alertspokane@spokanecounty.org.

If you want to find out more information about Alert Spokane, please go to: alertspokane@spokanecounty.org
**SPokane County Sheriff’s Office**  
**Citizens Academy**

The Spokane County Sheriff’s Office Citizen’s Academy gives people a look into the Sheriff’s Office, and many of the functions we perform. Citizen’s get to hear from and ask questions of deputies, detectives, and other professionals that are part of the Sheriff’s Office team. From Major Crimes detectives to SWAT, from School Resource Deputies to Traffic Enforcement and much more! You will get to hear directly from the officers what they do, how they do it, and why. Hear them tell it in their own words! The Citizen’s Academy is one night per week, 3 hours per night, from October 1st to November 19th. With an introduction from Spokane County Sheriff Ozzie Knezovich, this 8 week program promises to be something you will always remember!

**THIS IS A FREE CLASS!**

- Hear from Spokane County Sheriff Ozzie Knezovich and ask questions
- Learn about each department and service provided by your Sheriff’s Office
- Meet and hear from Deputies who patrol and work all over Spokane County
- Have an introduction to every function that the Sheriff’s Office performs such as Traffic, Major Crimes, School Resource Deputies, Canine, SWAT, Helicopter, Marine Enforcement, Search and Rescue and more!
- See Sheriff’s vehicles and equipment
- See SWAT equipment

**WHEN:** Every Monday night, beginning October 1st and ending on November 19th, 2018 (8 days total).

Class runs from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**Where:** Spokane County sheriff’s Training Center, 6011 N. Chase Rd.

To sign up: Please call, Deputy David Morris @ 509-477-6044 or, E-mail at: dwmorris@spokanesheriff.org

Please only register if you plan to attend, as seating is limited. Background checks will be performed on all applicants.

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**Calling all Neighborhood Watch captains and co-captains!**

Are you a Neighborhood Watch captain or co-captain in the Valley or County? Would you like to meet others like you? Now is your opportunity!

This meeting is meant for you to:

- Meet other captains from different neighborhoods.
- Voice your concerns
- Give a boost to your active NW programs
- Hear from Sheriff Ozzie Knezovich
- Speak with Crime Prevention Deputies
- Learn how to get the most out of your call with Crime Check and 9-1-1, a conversation with the Crime Check supervisor.

*** Get your name in for a chance to win a free crime prevention item! ***

**October 25th, 2018**  
Sheriff’s Valley Precinct  
6:30-8:30 PM

Sign up for this meeting by calling the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator  
@ 509-477-3055

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Want to see what’s going on in your neighborhood?  
Go to WWW.Spokanecounty.org  
Click on “Maps and GIS”  
Click on Spokane Regional Crime Map”

Once you reach the Lexis Nexis community crime map, in the appropriate area, enter your address or an address in the area you wish to look at.
- You can enter dates up to 11 months at a time, all the way back to the year 1970.
- Hover your mouse over symbols shown to get information such as date, time and partial address of where the event occurred.
- You will only be able to see an occurrences where an officer took an incident report.
- To understand the meaning of the symbols, look on the left hand side of the map under menu.
- If you only want to look at certain incidents, click only the symbols you wish to see.
National Night Out highlights!

A huge “THANK YOU!” to all who participated in this year’s National Night Out party!

Residents of Spokane County
Businesses who participated and contributed
Law enforcement
Fire Department
County Commissioners
City Of Spokane Valley Mayor & Council
SCOPE Board and Volunteers

Winco
Dairy Queen (Airway Heights)
Fred Meyers (Sullivan)
Certified Security
Avista
Emergency management

AT&T
Boarder Patrol
Mom’s Demand Action
Girl Scouts
Yoke’s

A Huge "Thank You" to The Spokane Valley Mall
GGP

National Weather Service
Fish and Game Wildlife
Sheriff
Molina/United Health
Police Museum
Juvenile Court
Cub Scouts
Washington 2-1-1
Farmers Insurance
AMR
Brain Freeze Creamery
Community Health Plan

Are you a business that would like to support giving crime and drugs a going away party by donating items or participating in the NNO event? Please contact, 509-477-3055 for more information.

Didn’t get to throw a party or attend one? We’ll be back again next year! Remember, National Night Out is every first Tuesday in August! If you would like more information, please contact the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator @ 509-477-3055.
Thank You from S.C.O.P.E

Without the support of individuals and businesses we would not be able to expand our services for the community. Thank you all so much!

A to Z Rental
A to Z continues to be a great supporter of S.C.O.P.E. year after year!

Costco @ North Division
Thank you to DeVries for their continued support of S.C.O.P.E. and the Spokane County Sheriff’s Office.

Devries Business Services
Thank you to DeVries for their continued support of S.C.O.P.E. and the Spokane County Sheriff’s Office.

Spokane Valley Mall Management
Thank you to the Valley Mall management and staff, and Mall Security personnel for their support of staff, deputies and volunteers at our Crime Prevention Office in the Spokane Valley Mall.

Target stores
The Spokane Valley, Northpoint and South Hill Target continue to support S.C.O.P.E., Neighborhood Watch, and our Crime Prevention Office at the Spokane Valley Mall—thank you!!!

And to all the businesses supporting individual S.C.O.P.E. stations,

Thank you!

Deputy Sheriff Open House Hiring Information
Thursday, October 4, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Spokane County Sheriff’s Office Training Center
6011 N. Chase Rd., Newman Lake, WA 99025

Reservations are REQUIRED: Please call Spokane County Civil Service to add your name to the reservation list. 509-477-4711.

*** Photo ID is needed at check-in, and note taking material is highly recommended.

This is YOUR opportunity to ask questions and learn valuable information that will help you with testing preparation, the application process, interview do’s and don’ts, and a lot more.

For the Sheriff’s office

October 13th, 2018
SCOPE
(Sheriff’s community Oriented Effort)

Want to help make our community a better place to live?
Join SCOPE and be a part of one of the many programs that they offer such S.I.R.T, Disabled Parking, Operation Family Identification, abandoned Vehicles, COP and more!

To find out more information, please call SCOPE’s Executive Director, Rick Scott @ 509-477-3376

Must have background check and interview with crime prevention deputy before acceptance into the class.

“TRICK OR TREAT”
OCTOBER 31
Open House
4:30-8:30 PM
Medical Lake SCOPE Station
124 S. Lefevre St.
Medical Lake, WA 99022

Treats and goodies for all the kids for a safe and fun Trick or Treat spot in our local community. Everyone is welcome!
**June 2018–August 2018 CRIMES BY SHERIFF DISTRICT**

|       | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 26 | Total |
|-------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| Adult Rape | 4  | 2  | 5  | 4  | 1  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 2  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 27  |
| Assault /simple and Aggravated | 52 | 64 | 32 | 76 | 33 | 42 | 16 | 17 | 13 | 15 | 20 | 15 | 28 | 21 | 10 | 7  | 3  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 461  |
| Burglary/Robbery | 31 | 30 | 22 | 23 | 11 | 21 | 21 | 28 | 13 | 25 | 15 | 15 | 32 | 26 | 16 | 5  | 5  | 0  | 1  | 0  | 334  |
| Drug | 50 | 26 | 20 | 24 | 7  | 21 | 28 | 8  | 1  | 8  | 3  | 8  | 1  | 8  | 6  | 3  | 5  | 1  | 8  | 0  | 247  |
| Forcible Rape | 42 | 29 | 36 | 58 | 29 | 44 | 25 | 19 | 17 | 16 | 12 | 8  | 49 | 15 | 21 | 9  | 7  | 0  | 1  | 0  | 444  |
| Stl Oif | 19 | 17 | 12 | 18 | 6  | 12 | 15 | 15 | 3  | 5  | 4  | 6  | 16 | 2  | 3  | 3  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 1  | 153  |
| Theft | 154 | 69 | 69 | 109 | 50 | 112 | 39 | 28 | 31 | 36 | 30 | 30 | 87 | 29 | 31 | 18 | 2  | 1  | 0  | 974  |
| Veh Prowl | 65 | 87 | 33 | 78 | 48 | 52 | 42 | 24 | 28 | 15 | 9  | 24 | 78 | 27 | 10 | 18 | 8  | 1  | 1  | 0  | 629  |
| Total | 417 | 334 | 227 | 390 | 185 | 305 | 185 | 137 | 105 | 118 | 94 | 116 | 318 | 125 | 97 | 54 | 49 | 5  | 4  | 1  | 3268  |

*From Census Data*

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**S.C.O.P.E. Stations & Their Corresponding Sheriff District**

-District Maps available at www.spokanesheriff.org under Crime Prevention, Neighborhood Watch, Maps & Resources-

**S.C.O.P.E. Stations & Their Corresponding Sheriff District**

-Note: the cities of Rockford (22), Fairfield (23) are also part of District 10 and Spangle (26) is also part of District 11

**Local Law Enforcement**

**Spokane County Sheriff**

- Sheriff Ozzie Knezovich
- Sheriff’s Office Front Desk, Located in the Public Safety Building in downtown Spokane
- Open M-F: 8:30am-4:30pm
- Excluding holidays
- 509-477-2240
- www.spokanesheriff.org

**Crime Prevention Deputies**

-City of Spokane Valley: 509-477-2592
- All other County areas: 509-477-6044

**Area Law Enforcement Agencies**

-City of Airway Heights Police 509-244-3707
-City of Cheney Police 509-498-9235
-City of Liberty Lake Police 509-755-1140
-City of Medical Lake (services provided by Sheriff’s Office) 509-625-4100
-City of Spokane Police Desk 509-625-4100
- www.spokanepolice.org/
-City of Spokane Valley Police* 509-477-3300
- www.spokanevalley.org/
-FAFB 92nd Security Forces Squadron 509-247-5493
-Spokane Int’l Airport Police 509-455-6429
-Washington State Patrol, Spokane 509-227-6566 or 456-4101
-U.S. Border Patrol 509-353-2747

**Call for Help/Reporting**

**Law Enforcement Help Line 509-477-5980**

Call 9-1-1 in an emergency

When you need IMMEDIATE help from law enforcement

Call **Crime Check, 456-2233**

To report a crime, graffiti, an abandoned vehicle and/or suspicious activity

You can also report on-line at: www.spokanecounty.org/CrimeCheck

(Crime Check is available 24/7)

**Crime Stoppers**

www.crimestoppersinlandnorthwest.org

(Submit an anonymous tip) 1-800-222-TIPS (8477)

**STOP Spokane Gangs 509-625-GANG (4264)**

(Submit an anonymous tip)

**STOP Graffiti**

Report to Crime Check: 456-2233

**Drug Hot Line 509-477-4778,** to report drug activity

**Traffic Hot Line**

- County 509-477-3222
- Valley 509-477-3350

**Runaway Help Line 509-477-6928**

**First Call For Help Crisis Services 509-838-4428**

**WA. Poison Control Center 1-800-222-1222**

**Emergency Management Spokane**

www.spokaneprepares.org 509-477-2204

*Organization is on Facebook

Facebook account not required to view pages

**Other Contacts/Links**

**LOCAL**

-S.C.O.P.E., Sheriff’s Community Oriented Policing Effort for Spokane County 509-477-3376
- www.scopespokanewa.org

-To start a Neighborhood Watch * 509-477-3055

-Spokane C.O.P.S.*

Community Oriented Policing Services, for The City of Spokane 509-625-3300
- www.spokanecops.org/

-G.S.S.A.C.

Greater Spokane Substance Abuse Council 509-922-8383
- www.gsssc.org

-SCRAPS*

Spokane County Regional Animal Protection Service 509-477-2532
- www.spokanecounty.org/SCRA/#

-H.E.A.R.T. Humane Evacuation Animal Rescue Team

www.heartofthewest.yahoo.com

-Spokane Humane Society* 509-467-5235
- www.spokanehumanesociety.org

-Spokane Law Enforcement Museum 509-477-6649

(A few items are displayed at the Spokane Valley Mall Crime Prevention Office.)

**STATE**

Washington State Crime Prevention Association
- www.wscpaonline.org

- The Neighborhood Watch Newsletters are also available online at spokanesheriff.org. Click on Crime Prevention and then click on Neighborhood Watch.