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Crime Prevention Unit

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Crime Prevention Deputy for Spokane Valley:
509-477-2592

Neighborhood Watch Coordinator (all areas):
509-477-3055

www.spokanesheriff.org
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(Click on the Neighborhood Watch link under
Crime Prevention or at the left-hand side of the
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**Crime Prevention Office at the Valley
Mall**

(Located on the first floor next door to Sears)

Open M-F, 509-893-3934

Crime Prevention

Do Not Call!



The National Do Not Call Registry was started back in 2003 to help crack down on the number of solicitors and scam calls people were receiving. If you have not placed yourself on the National Do Not Call Registry, you really should. For the most part, it is a great idea and it has helped ease some of the annoyance of having to deal with those types of calls. Registering your phone with the National Do Not Call Register is free, easy to do and you only have to sign-up once. You can sign-up by going to donotcall.gov or call 1-888-382-1222. The registry applies to all 50 states, residential landlines (yes, they still exist) and cell phones. You can register up to 3 phones to

the registry, and unless you cancel your phone service, the Do Not Call Registry never expires.

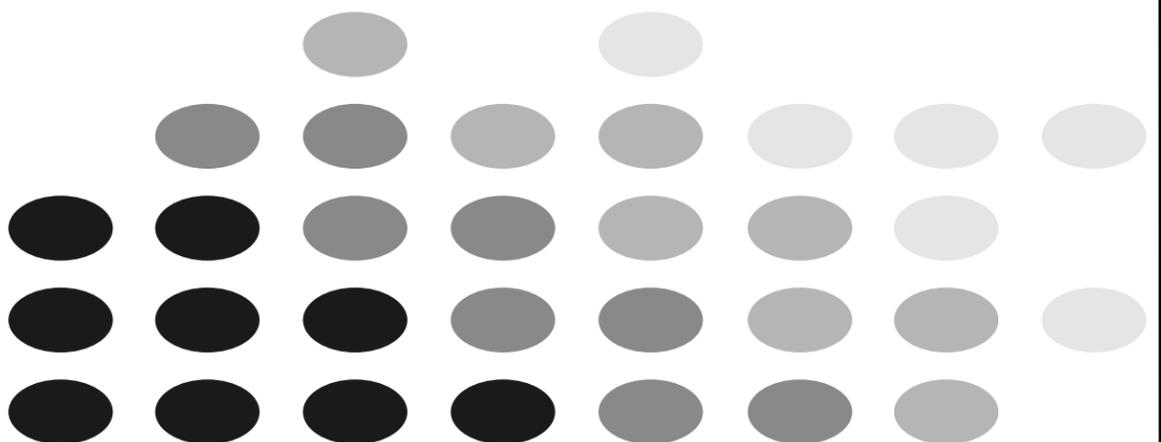
So, you've signed up but it never fails, just when you are trying to relax or enjoy a conversation with a friend or family member, you are interrupted by an automated, unsolicited phone call from a telemarketer or scammer. You have put yourself on the National Do Not Call Registry and yet, you continue to get these calls...why?

One thing that you should know is that the Do Not Call Registry does not stop all calls. That is because there are certain types of callers that the FTC (Federal Trade Commission) cannot limit and so, they are exempt from the list. Calls from non-profits, charities, political organizations, debt collectors and surveyors are all excluded from the Do Not Call list. You may even receive calls from businesses that you have had recent dealings with, and that is perfectly legal. They are able to call up to 18 months after working with you, however, you can ask to be removed from their calling list and they will have 31 days to comply with your request. O.K., so what about those darn telemarketers and scam calls that you continue to receive? Strict rules have been placed on the telemarketing companies where if your number is placed on the registry, your number must be taken off of their call list. If you are still receiving unwanted calls from a business you have had dealings with, or receiving calls from telemarketers or robocalls (pre-recorded calls that go out by the thousands calling millions of consumers several times a day) you are able to make a formal complaint with the FTC 1-877-382-4357. The FTC does not sue companies on individual complaints but instead compiles this information to go after companies that violate the Do Not Call Registry. So, now will you stop receiving unsolicited calls? Not necessarily. The fortunate part of the registry is that it does help decrease calls but is not fully successful at getting them all. The fact of the matter is that in this day and age, we are dealing with extremely aggressive scammers and they do not care about the Do Not Call Registry as much as they care about finding ways to get your money. So, although you should still add your number to the registry, you should consider taking other steps to stop these unwanted calls from calling your phone.

One option you can try is to try blocking the number that continues to call. If you find that you block the number of that scammer and they call you back using a different phone number, the best solution is to screen your calls and let them go to your answering machine. Answering these types of numbers can set you up to charges being added to your phone, and or letting the scammer (most likely) know that yours is a legitimate number and they will continue to call.

Another option is to pay for a service on your landline that has call blocking features. Some of those features include, Anonymous call Rejection. This service intercepts calls before your phone even rings. Or, you could consider a Do Not Disturb feature where you will only receive calls from those who have given a special code to.

And, just this year, the FCC (Federal Communications Commission) gave more power to the cell phone companies which will allow them to block robocalls automatically before scam calls can get through to you (each provider will decide how to use this) However, most of the major providers already have some sort of scam blocking features that you can receive for free on an opt-in basis or features where you can pay a minimal fee to have this service on your phone.



Thanks to new and upcoming technology, credit and debit card fraud has seen a decrease in the last year. But scams are still extremely prevalent, and scammers are lurking and always looking for an opportunity to help you part ways with your hard-earned money. Just when you think that you've heard it all, scammers come up with new and sophisticated ways to find more victims to fall for their schemes. According to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), in 2018, fraud accounted for the most reported crime and victim financial loss totaling \$1.48 billion dollars! Yes, you read that right, billion! Many people don't understand how anyone could fall for scams, but the truth of the matter is, that anyone can fall prey to a scammer. People fall for scams for all kinds of reasons and it doesn't matter about your age, gender, type of work you do or how much money you make, these criminals have a "job", and their job is to scam you out of your money. They're good at what they do and they are persistent.

Despite the many attempts of media outlets, law enforcement and other government agencies to inform the public of these con artists, many are still unaware. There are literally hundreds of scams that are flooding the internet, reaching out to you by e-mail and phone. The tech support scam, the student loan scam, the jury duty scam, debt relief, lottery scams, travel scams, scams involving Medicare, funerals, mortgage's, Craigslist (buying or selling), charities, rental scams and more!

Many scams such as the **"IRS" Scam**, involve people who impersonate someone who works for the agency. The most common way of contact is by phone where the number may be spoofed to look like someone who lives in the same general areas as you, or from the agency itself. Normally, you are asked to push a button to connect to a representative where you will then be told that you owe money and it needs to be paid immediately with a pre-paid card, gift card or credit or debit card. If you receive this type of call, the first thing you will need to do is to verify that this is actually real. Think to yourself, do you really owe taxes, have you received a bill from the IRS in the mail, and why are they asking for this form of payment? If you ever receive this call, hang up and call the IRS directly at **1-800-829-1040**. The best thing to remember in this situation is that the IRS (no matter how adamant the caller is) does not call or e-mail you. If you receive an e-mail from the IRS...delete it. If you open it, you may be opening yourself up to malicious malware. If you receive any type of unsolicited communication from the IRS, call them using the number above. Never give personal or payment information over the phone because once you do, the scammers have it.

Another scam that you may be unfamiliar with is the **Grandparent scam**. Last year, this scam cost its victims over \$41 million dollars. In this scam, the scammer plays on your sympathies and fears by portraying they're a loved one (a grandchild is most often used), or friend who has been in an accident or has been arrested and jailed; they are in need of immediate funds to help pay what is due to the hospital, mechanic, or in most cases, bail money or their lawyer. In most circumstance, these imposters do not know your name, the person who they are impersonating, or anything about you. In fact, most often, you just happen to be someone who picked up the phone, and they will play off any name of who you think the



caller might be (there are some cases where scammers came across you on a social media website and read the information that you put out for the public to see, so make sure to change your privacy settings before this ever happens). Still a little confused how they can pull this off if they have no resemblance to the family member? The best way for them to get to their victim is by putting you in an emotional tailspin where you would want to do anything for them. Even if their voice sounds different, once they have you emotionally wrapped around their finger, any doubt you are feeling will begin to fade away. They will tell you that the change in their voice will be due to crying, an illness like a cold, or an injury that they suffered. If you ever get a call from someone claiming to be a loved one and they are in urgent need money, start asking questions that only you and your loved one would know. Call a family member or someone who runs in that person's circle and verify the information. Generally, these thieves will request that you send money through Money Gram, Western Union, or a money order or check. No matter how desperate the caller may seem, please investigate before you send money because once the scammer has the money in his or her hands...it is gone.



There are numerous other scams on the rise, for instance, the **"Romance scam"** in which over 143 million dollars has been reported to have been lost. The romance scam consists of men and women who find love with an unsuspected predator who, in most cases falls for you quickly and adorns you with words of love. In many of these instances, the victims will find their love online on popular social media outlets such as Facebook or Twitter or dating websites. Most of these scams are started overseas with lots of communication by texts, e-mails and phone calls. The relationship starts off innocently enough until your sweetheart is in desperate need of cash due to being arrested, ill, money being held up in some business deal that may have gone wrong or is still going through, or they need money to pay for a ticket home. These scammers are generally trapped overseas because they've either lost their passport and other identifying information, or the police or some other business "associate" keep demanding money in order to settle debts, or to pay for documents. They may have you send money through Western Union or ask you to open up a bank account. However, before falling for this

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scam, still your heart and start investigating your "love". Yes, it's not the most romantic thing to do, but it can save you thousands and thousands of dollars, which you will be out of if they get the money sent to them. Don't send money to someone who you have never met, talk to friends about your romance to get a clearer perspective and if your lover says that they are stuck overseas, refer them to the U.S Embassy Consulate for help. And, if you have met your suitor on an online dating site and realize that they trying to scam you, make sure to report it to that dating website.

Another scam that is on the upsurge is the **Social Security scam**. This scam has been on the move since 2017 but has recently become popular due to the amount of fraudulent calls that have been ringing phones around the country. In this scam, you are told that your SSN has been used for criminal activity and that you will need to verify your SSN in order to keep it from being suspended and deactivated. They will then try and persuade you that the money that you have in your bank account is in danger and that the best way to protect it is to transfer it to a gift card. Before you do, please note that the Social Security Administration will never threaten or bribe you into giving them your sensitive information or ask you to put money on any form of payment card or gift card. If the scammer convinces you to purchase the card they will then try and get you to reveal the code in which they will be able to use the card to purchase items to sale or for themselves and your money will be gone. If you ever get a call that shows up on your caller I.D. that says it is from the SSA, don't answer. Call the SSA using this number **1-800-772-1213** if you need or want to get a hold of them. Be aware that number spoofing has become a huge part of what these scammers use to convince you to pick-up the phone, and they are able to make the number calling look like it is coming from the Social Security department or from the area code that you live in. If you ever take a call from someone who claims that they are from the SSA, and you are being persuaded to give personal information, hang up and report the fraud to **1-800-269-0271**.

And last, but not least on the list of never ending and rising scams is the **Sextortion scam**. This scam has attacked over 200 million e-mails in 2018 hoping to find victims that will open and fall prey to its content. The subject line of your e-mail may say that your information has been attacked, or it may have a line such as, I know who you are, or I know your secret. Once opened, it could contain an attached malware virus that when clicked on could infect your computer. Seconds into reading the e-mail, you may experience fear as the scammer reveals that he has access to your webcam and has embarrassing or compromising videos of you.

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October is Crime Prevention month!
 Here are some free upcoming events hosted by the Spokane County Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Unit !

SPOKANE COUNTY SHERIFF'S CITIZEN'S ACADEMY



The Spokane County Sheriff's Office Citizen's Academy gives you the opportunity to look into the Sheriff's Office, and many of the functions we perform. In this 8 week course, citizen's get to hear from and ask questions of deputies, detectives, and other professionals that are part of the Sheriff's Office team. 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!

This year, we will be joined by:
 Opening with an introduction from Spokane County Sheriff Ozzie Knezovich!

- SWAT
- Forensics
- K-9 Unit
- Major Crimes and more!

For registration information, please contact:
 Deputy David Morris @ 509-477-6044 or,
 E-mail: dwmorris@spokanesherriff.org

Registration deadline is September 25th!
Approved registrations will be given the location of the event

Academy begins September 30th,
every Monday evening from 6:00-9:00 PM
 thru November 18, 2019

The Spokane County Sheriff's crime Prevention Unit is hosting a free 2- night conference where there will be discussions related to drugs and property crime and the homeless issue. This is a great time for you to get educated and speak with law enforcement about some of the issues that are on your mind.

Crime Prevention Conference
OCTOBER 2ND AND 3RD, 2019
6:30-9:00 PM

The Sheriff's Training Center at 6011 N. Chase Road, Newman Lake, WA

Snacks, beverages and materials will be provided

This is a free event

Registrations for this informative conference are due by September 27, 2019.
 Please send registration forms to: Neighborhood Watch
 12710 E. Sprague,
 Spokane, WA 92216

October 2nd, night one topic:
 Questions and concerns
 Homelessness with Sheriff Ozzie Knezovich

October 3rd, night two topic:
 Drugs and property Crimes in our community

- Most dangerous drug being seen
- How law enforcement is dealing with these issues
- How the community can help

Enter to win a free Ring Doorbell by getting your registration form in by September 27th!

NAME: _____

PHONE # _____

LAW ENFORCEMENT VOLUNTEER **AGENCY?** _____

STUDENT **WHAT SCHOOL?** _____

CITIZEN

Which night will you be attending?

Night one only Night two only Both nights



HELP STOP PROPERTY CRIMES



HALLOWEEN AT THE SPOKANE VALLEY MALL.

Your Sheriff's Crime Prevention Unit deputies and Neighborhood Watch Coordinator will be handing out candy, answering questions and giving out crime prevention information.

Come join us at the Spokane Valley Mall from 6:00-8:00 PM.

Get a picture with McGruff the Crime Dog!



Candy will be given while supplies last!

Nuisance Properties



In 2018, Spokane County and the City of Spokane Valley passed the Chronic Nuisance Ordinance. A nuisance is defined by RCW 7.48 and consist of unlawfully doing an act, or omitting to perform a duty, which act or omission either annoys, injures or endangers the comfort, repose, health or safety of others, offends decency, or unlawfully interferes with, obstructs or tends to obstruct, or render dangerous for passage, any lake or navigable river, bay, stream, canal or basin or any public park, square, street or highway; or in any way renders other persons insecure in life, or in the use of property. Wait a minute, what? (sound of needle quickly dragging across a record and then...crickets). To better understand this terminology, a nuisance can result from a person creating a nuisance or allowing a nuisance to occur on their property. So, a nuisance might be something that makes people who live next to it unable to enjoy life on their own property. This means that if a home, business or apartment complex is allowing garbage to build up on their property, allowing behaviors where there is ongoing noise, the exchange of drugs and drug usage, criminal activity, or activities where you feel that the safety of you and your family is threatened, or your peace and comfort have been invaded by an unreasonable standard, then that is a nuisance. If dangerous situations exist such as pits in the ground, or where junk piles are accumulating where sharp, rusty metal, broken glass or where pests reside etc., or where someone's physical safety or health is in jeopardy whether it is in a stream, waterway, public park, street, on a residential or abandoned property, that is a nuisance. Properties that consistently disrupt the standard of another's safety and repose are in violation of code RCW 7.48.250 and are in danger of facing fines and abatement. A nuisance ordinance empowers law enforcement to take action against these chronic nuisances once evidence has been compiled. If there are 5 qualifying occurrences within a 12-month period that property may qualify for abatement. This can be read in detail by looking up Spokane County Code 6.13.020 (9). Qualifying incidents of criminal activity can be served search warrants, recovery of stolen vehicles, arrests of individuals with warrants, trafficking in stolen property, manufacturing or distribution of controlled substances etc.

In the case of the Chronic Nuisance Ordinance, abatement means that all persons can be ordered to vacate the property and structures boarded up. Once abatement occurs, anyone who returns to the property can be arrested for trespass.

Between the hard-investigative work of deputies, detectives, volunteers and using Intelligence Led Policing, 46 houses have been served notices and 5 houses have been abated in the last 6 months. In the investigations of these properties, there has been stolen mail found, guns, checks and over \$100,000 worth of property seized! Law enforcement works hard to take care of these nuisances but they need the help of the community to assist in getting these types of problems out of our neighborhoods. Reporting to 9-1-1 and Crime check (509-456-2233) and documenting information that you are seeing is a huge help. Report physical nuisances such as garbage pile-ups, unpermitted structures, junk vehicles and appliances to the Spokane County Building and Planning Department, by visiting their website www.spokanecounty.org/247/Building-Planning, or call 509-477-3675. You can also contact the Sheriff's Crime Prevention Office for help at 509-893-3934. If you live in the City of Spokane Valley, please contact Deputy Chris Johnston at 509-389-2771. If you live in the County, contact Deputy David Morris at 509-477-6044. If you would like to have a presentation on this topic, please contact the Sheriff's Crime Prevention Unit at, 509-893-3934, or the desk of the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator at, 509-477-3055.

Law enforcement can only act when they know what is happening in our community. If you think that you have a chronic nuisance property in your neighborhood, please contact the Sheriff's Office.

Neighborhood WATCH

Whether you live in the City of Spokane, City of Spokane Valley, or other areas of Spokane County, why not consider starting a Neighborhood or Block Watch!

Start a *Watch* in your neighborhood by contacting your Neighborhood or Block Watch Coordinator, fill out an application and then plan a get together with your neighbors. The NW/BW Coordinator will come out to your area and bring materials and present information to you and your neighbors. Starting a watch group is one of the best ways to help detour crime from coming into your neighborhood. Get in the know about what is happening in your area and what to do about it.

Crime Prevention is everyone's responsibility, so why not start one?

For the City of Spokane, contact C.O.P.S. at 509-625-3300

For the City of Spokane Valley, Spokane County, Liberty Lake and Airway Heights, contact Neighborhood Watch at



509-477-3055

Scammers are lurking continued.

You may begin to feel some anxiety and your mind will be racing, you can't fathom what they possibly have but you are scared. If you were to ever receive an e-mail like this, don't panic, don't pay, don't contact them and delete the e-mail! Though hacking into a computer and your webcam accessed can be done, the likelihood that it has happened is less than minimal. These con-artist send out thousands upon thousands of e-mails looking for someone to take the bait. They don't know you and have absolutely nothing on you. If you recognize any of the information that they have included in the e-mail, the chances are that they obtained that information from some data breach from a company or website that you have done business with. In the chance that a password or e-mail provided by the scammer is something that you are currently using, change it. Remember that the purpose of a scam is to frighten you out of your money! If a password that you have used or are currently are using is provided in the e-mail, change your password. If you still looking for peace of mind regarding any of your information being used in the scammers e-mail, make sure to look for a reputable identity monitoring site and consider signing up for free monitoring from one of the major consumer credit bureaus such as Equifax, Experian or TransUnion.

There are so many scams that are plaguing the internet, our phones and e-mails that it is hard to keep up with constant barrage but it is important to report all fraud. If you receive scam calls, e-mails or letters in the mail, report it by giving that information to the FTC at **1-877-382-4357**, or file a complaint at <https://www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov/#crnt&panel1-1>. You can also turn in information to other fraud tracking sites such as the Better Business Bureau web tracker website at, <https://www.bbb.org/scamtracker/us/>. If you have been scammed and have given confidential information such as your social security number, credit or debit card information, have sent them cash, and or have been threatened with arrest and the individual identifies themselves as law enforcement, please report this information to **Crime Check at 509-456-2233**. **NO ONE** from law enforcement, or the Spokane County District Court is going to call you demanding payment!

Remember, anyone can become a victim of fraud. Your reporting any and all fraud can help others from falling for these con-artist. Please spread the word by talking to family, friends and neighbors and let's stop these criminals in their tracks!

To file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission: ftc.gov/complaint, or 1-877-3824-357

Report Identity theft: ftc.gov/Identitytheft, or 1-877-438-4338

To report suspicious activity, abandoned vehicles, stolen property, someone impersonating law enforcement over the phone or by e-mail, stolen identification, debit or credit cards and social security numbers: Crime Check at 509-456-2233



Runaway Helpline

509-477-6928 County line

A missing child would throw any parent into the waters of worry, despair and fear, praying for their safe return. According to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, many children go missing, but unreported. However, it is known that there are hundreds of thousands of children 18 and under that are missing or endangered missing in the United States. Washington State has encountered their fair share of runaways and Spokane is no exception. Geor-



giana Sutherland is a volunteer for the Sheriff's Department, and has been working for the Runaway Helpline for Spokane County for the last 17 years. She says, "I deal with kids that people want back, these are not throw away kids, these are kids that people actually miss". Gee, as she likes to be called, says that a lot of the kids that she works with to try and unite with their families, are at-risk youth who sometimes use drugs or have mental health issues, but not all of them do. Gee says, "there are some mental health issues, but there is a pretty high number of kids who are dealing with mental health issues that's been brought on by drugs. A lot of kids who run away do it as an afterthought, it's a spur of the moment decision". Gee says that she finds that a lot of parents don't know how to talk to their kids, or don't have a good relationship with the child. "One of the most common issues I see with the kids that I deal with, she says, is that they are afraid of punishment such as losing privileges or their phone". According to the National Runaway Safeline, many children begin running away at the age of 10. Gee says that the youngest she has had to deal with so far is age 11, but that it has gone all the way up to age 18. In Spokane, when a child goes missing, a call goes into Crime Check and then gets passed onto the Runaway Helpline. Gee says, "when it comes to locating the kids, it's like a puzzle. I start un-raveling everything by calling schools, the schools counselor, social workers, Locaters with the Department of Health Services, the home, the school resource officer, relatives and any other contact people that I get knowledge of to see if I am able to get any leads as to where the child might be." Gee says that she likes working with the school counselors because, it is a good resource to find out what kind of situation might be going on at home. She says she also likes working with the National Center for Exploited and Missing Children especially if

there is a belief that the child has left the area. In one example, Gee looks back on an instance where a young girl from University High school met a guy online, and although they were able to track her to downtown where she met this young guy, the two of them were able to get on the bus and travel all over the United States before they were brought in by the NCEMC. Gee says instances like this are rare, but that it is good knowledge for parents to realize that technology can work in their favor because they can put a tracker on their child's phone. She emphasizes that, parents don't have to go through the cell phone companies in order to track the phones, but law enforcement and people who work with the Runaway Helpline do.

One of the major concerns that people have when they are working with runaways is the safety of the child. A child who lives on the street can be victimized by being lured into using drugs and, according to the National Conference of State Legislation can become involved in prostitution within 48 hours of running away from home.

"One of my first jobs is to figure out if the child is living in a good, safe home", says Gee. The second goal is to find out what issues the child might have. Do they need mental health or drug treatment, what kind of help can I recommend to the parents? Since I work at the helpline, I have parents put my phone number on their speed dial. If after the child comes home, and they are experiencing issues and they want to know how they can communicate with their child, they can call me. I can also work with the parent to get them some help, and have the school counselor or resource officer work with the child so that both parties getting assistance."

With few exceptions, many school age runaways cannot drop out of school. But the surprise is that the majority of the runaways that Gee deals with still attend school and are even good students! Gee believes that many of these runaways still attend classes because their friends are still there.

Gee says, "If I am dealing with a chronic runaway, then I work with the juvenile prosecutor's program. If we find that the child's situation at home is not a good one, then we can help the child file a CHINS Petition (Child in Need of Services) form in which the child can go to court and work to be placed temporarily with a grandparent or other family member." Another option says Gee is to do an At-Risk Youth petition with the County prosecutors. The parent will have to get their own attorney who will discuss their rights pertaining to this order. With an At-Risk Youth petition, children will be ordered to live at home and go to school, and they will be issued a curfew that they will have to follow. If the child breaks the orders in that petition, the prosecutors will issue a warrant and the child will be picked-up and taken to juvenile detention where they will have to work their issues out there." Gee adds that, "this is an effective solution because a child who has issues such as drug addiction, can be forced into going to rehab." Many states deal with runaway children differently, though 9 of those states consider running away a crime. In Washington state, it is not against the law to runaway although it is against the law to hide a runaway. It is important that parents call in when their child runs away as everyone wants to make sure that the child is safe. Gee says, that "it is important for parent to know that just because you call in to report your child as a



runaway does not absolve you from the responsibility of that child. If the child steals from a department store or causes some damage to a facility, you will get the bill." When a child has been gone for 30 days and has been listed as missing, the law requires that the child's medical records be provided and given over to the Washington State Patrol where those records will be held for 99 years and compared to any information that comes to the database. "In the 17 years that I have been doing this job, I have never had a deceased child", says Gee.

If you have a missing child that you believe that has runaway, please make sure to call that information into Crime Check at 509-456-2233. Once that report has been filed, Gee Sutherland with the Runaway Helpline can assist you by following up on leads to find your runaway child. Gee is in her office, downtown at the Public Safety Building Monday thru Wednesday. If you have questions, please contact her at, 509-477-6928.

If you live in the City, please contact the police department's front desk at, 509-477-2240



Building and Strengthening Readiness Among Neighbors

Whether it's a wind storm, snow storm, ice storm, wild land fire, or a man-made disaster, we all need to be prepared.

Map Your Neighborhood (MYN) is a program of the Washington State, Emergency Management Department and is supported by our local Department of Emergency Management.

MYN offers numerous tips and resources for connecting you with your neighbors in the event of an emergency or disaster.

Let's Get Spokane Prepared...

Neighborhoods that are prepared for emergencies and disaster situations save lives, reduce the severity of injuries and trauma, and reduce property damage.

In addition, working together as a team develops stronger communities and improves the quality of life both in the neighborhood and for the community.

If you are interested in bringing this program to your business, organization or neighborhood, contact the Greater Spokane Department of Emergency Management at 477-3006 or 477-3007.

National Night Out Highlights

WSECU

Gesa Credit Union

WOW, What a great turn out! Whether you attended the parties on the annual day of the first Tuesday of August for National Night Out, or the party on Saturday at the Spokane Valley Mall... WOW, what turn out and a great show of participation from neighborhoods and businesses! A great big "thank you" to all who participated in National Night Out! Whether you had a party or attended one, National Night Out offered something for everyone and was a great night to not only give crime and drugs a going away party, but to also get to know your neighbors. There was free food and beverages, face paintings, fire trucks, free rides at the Spokane Valley Mall, games, raffles, helicopters landings and fly overs, great entertainment and lots of smiling faces!

To every law enforcement officer, fireman and woman, sponsor, business, home and apartment complex....**THANK YOU!** you are all rockstars!

Thank you to this year's major sponsors!

Costco

Spokane Valley Mall

Pepsi Bottling Group

Better Business Bureau

**We would love to see your name here!
Consider being a sponsor for National Night Out or participating!**

Contact the Neighborhood Watch Co-ordinator at 509-477-3055

Coca Cola Bottling Company

Thank you!

- McGruff
- AT&T
- Sheriff's Explorers!
- East Valley Community Coalition
- YMCA
- Behavioral Health 2-1-1
- Costco
- Safeway
- Spokane Indians Baseball
- Silverwood Theme Park



Thank you!

To all The SCOPE stations who were able to participate this year.

- S.C.O.P.E. North
- S.C.O.P.E. Edgecliff
- S.C.O.P.E. South
- S.C.O.P.E. East
- S.C.O.P.E. Medical Lake
- S.C.O.P.E. Liberty Lake



Thank you!

- American Medical Response
- Michalea's Fancy Faces
- Girl Scouts
- McDonald's
- Vitalant
- Morning Star Boys' Ranch
- Met Life
- Children's Home Society
- Molina Healthcare

Thank you!

- Farmers Insurance
- Community Health Plan of Washington
- Moms Demand Action
- Girl Scouts
- Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Greater Spokane Emergency Management
- Spokane County Victim's Advocate
- LensCrafters
- United Healthcare
- Harry Richie's Jewelers
- Spokane County Sheriff's Department

Thank you!

- Spokane Regional Health District
- Better Business Bureau
- Fostering WA
- Spokane Parks and Recreation
- Elevations
- U.S. Border Patrol Spokane Sector
- GNC
- Spokane Magic Bus
- Sheriff's Marine Patrol
- Northwest Harvest
- Avista



S.C.O.P.E.

Mounted Patrol

S.C.O.P.E. is a community Oriented Policing Effort that has many different programs that provides services to the community in partnership with our local law enforcement, S.C.O.P.E.'s Mounted Patrol is a highly regarded portion of that. Currently, there are between 20-30 volunteers who ride with the Mounted Patrol. These volunteers not only provide their time, but also their own horses, stock trailers and equipment. They ride the county park trails looking for homeless camps and suspicious activity and turn over any information given by the public to our local law enforcement agencies.

Most S.C.O.P.E. Volunteers are recognized by their green shirts and hats. S.C.O.P.E.'s Mounted Patrol is differentiated not only by the horse but the banners they lay across their saddles. "People are kind of surprised when they see us on the trails" says, Sue Walker, a rider with the Mounted Patrol. "They ask questions like, what are you doing and who are you with?" "We are constantly educating the public on our abilities to be able to be out on the trails to offer assistance and protection."

"When asked, we participate in public and community events such as National Night Out and school functions," Sue adds..



S.C.O.P.E.'s Mounted Patrol is partnering with the Department of Emergency Management and HEART in a new program that Mounted Patrol started called, Livestock Evacuation. This program assists folks with livestock, who live in the county and are in need of help during a fire, flood or other emergency disasters. When you make a call into 9-1-1, and tell them that you need assistance with your livestock removal, S.C.O.P.E.'s Mounted Patrol will be dispatched. "Once we get that call" says Sue, "we head out, begin to stage the area, get the needed information and send out our people in teams of two." Sue continues, "The teams that are dispatched will head out two at a time (for safety) and we go to the address, rescue the livestock and assist in any way that we can and then transport back to a safe location. At that point, HEART and anyone who is a part of our group who is familiar with livestock will be involved in taking in the animals" (HEART is the small animal rescue group in Spokane and they work out of the SCRAPS office).

"There is a group that is claiming to part of the of the Sheriff's Department but we do not interact with them," Sue cautions.

"These folks that are trying to act as an official group are not covered liability wise. They monitor police bands, Facebook and a PulsePoint which is an application that allows users to monitor fires and other emergencies. These folks are not official, they are going through the back door everywhere and give out lots of misinformation".

"If anyone needs help with evacuating their animals, they should contact 9-1-1 and go through the proper channels. S.C.O.P.E.'s Mounted Patrol does have the liability coverage under the Spokane County umbrella, and those other folks do not".

"We do need more volunteers, especially since we are starting this livestock evacuation of S.C.O.P.E., we do, we need more people that are familiar with livestock to assist in this endeavor".

"Anytime that we are needed, we will respond including in the winter, although I do not foresee much going on in the rescue unless it was a rescue of animals that needed to happen. We patrol as long as we can as long as the trails are in good shape, but if the snow gets too deep it makes it too difficult for us to ride because once the trails hit a specific thickness, we won't patrol because the horses can damage the trails. Anytime the community reaches out and we are familiar and comfortable with doing it, we will do it".

"We just made a 2-year commitment with the Spokane county parks as part of the NOVA grant" says, Sue. "The NOVA grant will allow the hiring of 2 part-time park rangers to be able to patrol further and assist if we need. It's pretty nice because

that way we will actually have three bodies to contact now and the parks people will stay in the park and the S.C.O.P.E. people will stay on the trails. The grant will also be used in assisting in the hours that we are using like the trailers have a certain dollar figure, the vehicles have a certain dollar figure, that all goes toward the grant, basically, our



time is the matching part of the grant. All the volunteers pay for any expenses that we accumulate out of our pockets. However, we are able to claim the mileage as tax deductible. If there is an incident, like for the livestock evacuation, it will be under FEMA and there should be cover under FEMA not only for our vehicles and our livestock but also obtain gas money for helping out".

Do you have your own horse and are you interested in becoming part of the Mounted Patrol? Contact SCOPE's Executive Director at, 509-477-3376.



S.C.O.P.E.'s 25th Anniversary!



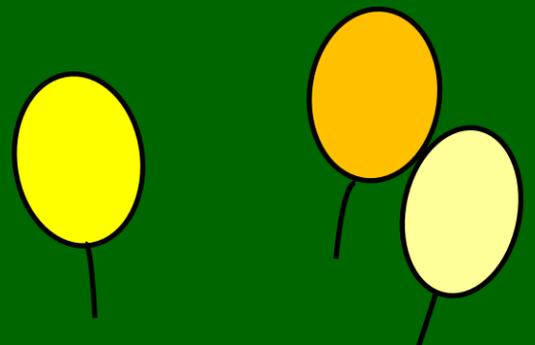
The Sheriff's Community Oriented Policing Effort has been helping the community for 25 years! SCOPE's

mission is to provide a safe living environment for the community, to increase citizen's awareness of and involvement in community oriented services in partnership with the Spokane County Sheriff's Office.

We have 10 stations located all over the county and services such as SIRT, Latent Fingerprinting, Neighborhood Watch, Abandoned Vehicle, Disabled Parking Enforcement, Citizens on Patrol, Home Vacation Check, Operation Family Identification, Bicycle Safety, Radar Watch, Business Relation checks, S.C.O.P.E.'s Graffiti Program, Mounted Patrol and more! These services are each headed by our wonderful, hard-working volunteers! The services we provide are to help ease the burden off of our local law enforcement and help the residents of our community.

Though this is our 25th anniversary, we here at S.C.O.P.E. celebrate our volunteers and their dedication to our law enforcement and our community with a banquet and recognition service. We would love to have you join S.C.O.P.E. and become a part of our family!

Come on down to the 2019 Valleyfest Parade and see us on Friday, September 20th as we walk the parade route from University Rd. down to Pines Rd. And then, join us on Saturday, from 11-4 PM at Maribeu Point Park and stop by our booth where you will receive information on crime prevention, our programs and how you can become a volunteer for S.C.O.P.E!



May, 2019– July , 2019 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 -SODOMY /FORCIBLE	1	2	0	1	2	2	0	2	0	1	1	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	17
ASSAULT Aggravated/ Simple	45	57	46	53	33	36	13	12	18	11	14	35	33	17	19	7	4	0	1	0	454
BURGLARY/ROBBERY	32	30	28	21	13	31	16	20	17	16	18	19	23	10	12	1	4	0	0	0	311
DRUG	29	36	9	17	6	20	15	8	2	3	3	16	10	1	3	0	2	0	0	0	180
FORGERY/ Fraud	34	49	38	45	27	45	18	16	29	16	23	27	33	18	23	8	2	0	0	0	451
STL VEH	22	26	10	15	6	12	10	10	12	1	2	5	14	3	4	4	1	0	0	0	157
THEFT	127	100	58	170	40	131	34	25	27	27	17	37	37	24	30	12	7	1	0	1	905
VEH PROWL	78	107	58	76	28	66	27	52	32	34	12	35	39	17	12	5	4	0	0	0	682
Total	368	407	247	398	155	343	133	145	137	109	90	175	191	91	103	38	24	1	1	1	3157

Total Population* 12,297 14,819 17,842 14,220 15,138 15,436 16,387 12,051 16,414 15,150 12,346 15,932 33,042 8,518 6,333 3,652 1,786 470 550 278 ***

*from Census Data

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

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

Central Valley (5) 509-928-3807
Deer Park (20) 509-276-7848
East (9) 509-922-3150
Edgecliff (1) 509-477-6345
Elk (15) 509-292-0188

EWU/Cheney (11) 509-559-5679
FAFB (12) 509-954-8485
Liberty Lake (9) 509-755-1143
Medical Lake (12) 509-299-7525
Mounted Patrol 509-263-3100

North (7 & 13) 509-477-6377
South (11) 509-842-7570
Trentwood (2) 509-927-9490
University (3) 509-477-2582
West Valley (8 & 21) 509-477-0629

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.spokanesherriff.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

509-477-3046

*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.scopespokane.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.gssac.org

SCRAPS*

Spokane County Regional
Animal Protection Service
509-477-2532

www.spokanecounty.org/SCRAPS/

HEART

Humane Evacuation Animal Rescue Team
Heartofspokane.org

www.Spokaneheart@gmail.com

Spokane Humane Society*

509-467-5235

www.spokanehumanesociety.org/

Spokane Law Enforcement Museum

509-625-3352

(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 spokanesherriff.org. Click on Crime Prevention and then click on Neighborhood Watch.