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Spokane County Sheriff's Office

www.facebook.com/pages/Spokane-Valley-Police-Department/121436521217500

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.scopespokane.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

Crime Prevention

BBB Better Business Bureau

The mission of the BBB NW+P is to encourage an ethical marketplace where buyers and sellers can trust each other. The BBB has business profile on their website to allow consumers to make informed decisions when choosing a business in the marketplace. There are 100 different Better Business Bureau's operating in the United States. The local branch of the Better Business Bureau is the Northwest and Pacific that includes Alaska, Hawaii, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Western Wyoming.

When dealing with consumer complaints, BBB NW+P vets these complaints to ensure there has been a marketplace transaction and allow the businesses the opportunity to respond. Not all businesses listed on the BBB are accredited and those businesses who choose to be accredited with Better Business Bureau Northwest and Pacific must undergo a vetting process. The choice to be accredited with the Better Business Bureau is to make the commitment that their business will uphold the standards trust. That seal represents good business practices, responsive to their customers and that the business is properly licensed in the area and type of business they operate. Each business that is listed on the BBB website is listed under a grade rating from A- F which is directly correlated to them maintaining and upholding the BBB Standards of Trust. Reviews do not affect the letter grade rating provided by customers but allows perspective customers the opportunity to see previous experiences with the business.

The BBB collects data from a number of sources. First, they check with other data bases within the BBB. Here, they are able to track businesses that have moved from state to state, see any government actions or lawsuits that have been filed against the company, and look at lists of customer complaints and reviews. As part of the vetting process, BBB NW+P will research the background of a company, advertisements and review their processes to ensure the safety of customer information in house and online. If the business is found to be in violation of ethical business standards, the BBB will try contacting the business through letters, phone calls, e-mails, or other ways to seek voluntary correction from the business. The information is available on the Better Business Bureau Website at, www.bbb.org. The Better Business Bureau NW+P is not a government agency and does not have the authority to close any businesses. Information shared with the public via the website is to keep consumer informed. If the company still chooses to operate under the same existing conditions, the BBB will put out an investigative report to the media. The Better Business Bureau has strong partnerships with Law Enforcement, the Attorney General's Office, the FBI and the Federal Trade Commission to share information.

If you are a consumer and wish to make a complaint, file a review or find business, go to the BBB website at, <https://www.bbb.org/>. If you wish to file a complaint, there are a few ways in which you can do it. You can submit it directly online at our website, but you can also file a paper copy of the complaint by calling the Better Business Bureau directly or by coming by your local office to file a complaint in person.

If you know someone or have been scammed yourself by such means of a robocall, text message or email you can report through the BBB Scam Tracker. The Scam Tracker was created back in 2015 to provide an online place where consumers and businesses could report and view scams in their area. This program does cover reported scams nationwide that includes the United States, Canada and Mexico. You can find the Scam Tracker to enter or find information at, <https://www.bbb.org/scamtracker/us>. If you are using the Scam Tracker and want to be able look up a specific name or phone number to help you find the information faster, you are able to do that. On the Scam Tracker, you are able to see the date of entry of the scam, the scam type, the area where the scam took place, the dollar amount lost by the victim and a more detailed information on the scam.

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Sheriff's Corner

A message from retiring Chief of Police Mark Werner



From a young age, I was fortunate to know that I have always wanted to be in law enforcement. After high school, I went to Spokane Community College for a year under the Law Enforcement program because I was too young to apply for a job at an agency. Coming from a military family, I decided that I would go into the military as a Law Enforcement specialist. I spent most of my 10 years in the military as a Security Police Investigator, and during that time, I also earned my bachelor's degree. When I was put on remote assignment in North Korea I had a young family, and because my wife had established a business and we had just bought a house, I decided that I would separate from the military which is when I went ahead and applied for and got hired at the Sheriff's Office. In 2001, I was promoted to detective and stayed in that position for 6 years until I was moved up to Sergeant and did that for many years until the Sheriff appointed me to the Patrol's Captains position, the Chief Criminal position downtown.

In July of 2016, the acting chief said that he was going to be retiring from the Spokane Valley Precinct. The Sheriff had an obligation to submit at least 3 names to the pool of candidates to be hired into that position and I was told that one of those names was mine. I immediately told that Sheriff that I was not interested and asked if there was a way where I did not have to be submitted because I was comfortable with what I was doing as it involved more operations and overseeing many units within. I had been where I was for a number of years and I was completely comfortable with where I was at, and I just wasn't interested in moving into the role of Chief. But, after a short time, I did recognize the process and that I needed to represent the Sheriff's Office, myself and my family in the best possible light. I did however explain to the Spokane Valley city council that as they were going through the process, that they might be better off with one of the other two candidates as I was anticipating retiring in the next 4-5 years, which brings us today. By the time that I retire in June, I will have been here 4 years to the day, and it's been good. I have to tell you that this community has been very supportive, the city council, and the city staff have been very supportive. We have a great group of men and women out here at the precinct and I am truly going to miss them.

Being put into the role of Chief has gotten me out of my comfort zone and it's really challenged me in more ways than I ever thought. Public speaking has not been, and is still is not one of my strong suits, but it has helped me in dealing with a variety of people and issues. I am dealing with keeping up morale and the public's perception of law enforcement, which by the way is not just me but all of these great men and women of law enforcement deal with this issue. Dealing with morale is huge because there is no cookie-cutter way with how you deal with it, or how you deal with some of the negative stuff that people might say about law enforcement, especially when it seems to be one sided. You hope that people who do not do this job use their critical thinking skills and think that there has to be more to this story, but a lot of people don't. When I was a deputy, I used to think

“O.K, I am going to put on this Teflon uniform and not take anything personal, I am going to try not to put it in my back pocket and carry it.” We in law enforcement would like to make a conscience effort to change the negative opinions and the stigmas of the people that we come in contact with.

The public's perception runs across the gambit. Sometimes, they may think that a deputy was rude to them or that they saw a deputy driving fast without their lights or whatever the issue might be, but there is always two sides to the story, and a majority of the times there is a reason for it. What someone perceived as being rude was; there was nothing blatant or intentional about it, it might just be that deputy's personality, or maybe they are just not as friendly as some other people might be. Also, that person that you may have perceived as rude may have just come from a SID's death or something and it was pretty traumatic for that deputy. When we show up, and if you are the victim of a crime, you may feel like you are not getting the response you want. But please understand that these men and women are responding to multiple calls, 12-hours a day and not all of them are pleasant. When you are seeing these deputies, they are doing a job that can take a toll on a lot of folks, which can make a citizen see them at their worst, and at times of crisis.

When I was a deputy, I worked a majority of my time in the Valley, we were understaffed and extremely busy. Back in the day, we used to have to hand-write all of our reports and that was a huge frustration as we could spend hours writing them. A lot of times, by the time that we got off our shift, that person that you spent all of those hours writing a report about had been released. Probably one of the biggest frustrations, from our law enforcement is the lack of accountability. You are seeing chronic offenders continue to victimize a community and they get little or no time. I mean, we have all seen points where we have seen some of these guys who have been arrested 20-30 times from a variety of different charges and there doesn't seem to be an accountability piece. I am very supportive of any programs that can help these people become successful citizens and contributors to society. But, at the end of the day it does take their willingness to participate in these things. At the end of the day we have got to have bed space available for these people to go to otherwise, they are going to continue to victimize your community. I think that is a big frustration for a lot of our folks, like, it is the same people over and over and over. I can tell you that we are dealing with today with people that I dealt with 24 years ago. That is a huge frustration amongst our folks, and it seems to be more consideration is given to the offender than

there is to the victims. There seems to be these least restrictive alternatives to incarceration and all this stuff, and they are all great but that individual needs to be able to accept the wanting to change, and you can't force them. If they are not willing to take advantage of these programs and improve their situation, then there needs to be a mechanism to hold them accountable for the crimes that they are committing. I try to tell folks that we are just a spoke in the criminal justice system; you know, prosecutors need to prosecute and judges need to hold people accountable, we are just a piece of it. We can arrest people, but the rest of the process is out of our hands.

This region has a big addiction issue and that is the underlying driver, in my opinion, to the property crimes that we have going on. Citizens sometimes get upset because of these nuisance houses that they are calling in, and when things don't happen right away. People don't understand why we can't just go in and arrest them. Well, we can't. Lawfully, we must have enough reasonable suspicion and probable cause to get a warrant to access that house. For everyone's protection, we have to do everything the right way, we have to base it on the preservation of people's rights. This goes back to perception of what we can and cannot do lawfully, especially from the community's stand point. I think things like the Sheriff's Citizen's Academy (now called the Community Academy) is great because it helps inform people of our limitations. Your rights to not be victimized by someone stealing your property, or in a sense be victimized by law enforcement in the same sense arbitrarily barging into your home and violating your rights, that's the balance. We have a duty to this community and we need to make sure that we do it. We are trying hard to clear up misunderstandings about what we do and the way we do things.

The dedication of the men and women that work for the Sheriff's Office, they are just unbelievable. We try to do a lot of outreach because we want people to realize that this is our community too, we live here and we want the same things as our neighbors do. They are committed to making the community safe. I mean, I have talked about some of the negative stuff and everything else but they have a strong commitment to the citizens of this community and their dedication is just very, very honorable. We have great people who just keep making it work and I am truly going to miss them.

Spokane Valley Precinct Chief of Police, Mark Werner



All are welcome!

Neighborhood Watch meeting

Do you really know what it takes to keep your neighborhood and your property safe?

Show criminals that you are not willing to be their victim



Speakers: S.C.O.P.E.'s Neighborhood Watch Coordinator for the Spokane County Sheriff's Department and Deputy David Morris

Provided: Materials, cookies and water
Bring: Your neighbors, paper and questions!

**Tuesday March 17th
6:00 PM**

Spokane Valley Library, Downstairs
12004 E. Main

Please RSVP: NW Coordinator, 509-477-3055

Neighborhood Watch All Captains and Co-Captains meeting

**The Spokane Valley Precinct
12710 E. Sprague
Spokane Valley, WA 99216**

**April 23rd, 2020
6:30– 8:00 PM**

- ◆ We will be discussing a variety of items this evening, an agenda will be handed out at the meeting along with our materials for the year.
- ◆ Our speaker for the evening: **Detective Dean Meyer**

Please RSVP by April 20th, 2020
Please send forms to: Neighborhood Watch Coordinator
12710 E. Sprague,
Spokane, WA 99216

This meeting is required for all Neighborhood Watch captains and co-captains in the Spokane County area, Airway Heights, Cheney, Medical Lake and Liberty Lake.

Please contact the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator at, 509-477-3055 or e-mail at, Vdelcambremorris@Spokanesherriff.org if you have any questions.

Provided: Writing utensils, paper, sandwiches and beverages

Turn in this form by April 20th to enter the raffle for a free crime prevention gift.

Name: _____

Are you the: Captain ____ Co-Captain ____

Last time you have had a Neighborhood Watch meeting _____

Phone # _____

Address _____

of active years as a group _____

of active residents in your watch group _____

E-mail _____

Do you have a NW sign for your block? Yes ____ No ____

Where is your sign/s located?

Corner of _____ and _____

Questions _____



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 deter 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



WE WANT YOU!



Are you a business that would like to support your community in deterring crime? Then we want you! National Night Out is on August 4th this year and we want you to take part! National Night Out is an event that happens nationally and annually all across the U.S. It is an event that promotes giving crime and drugs a going away party. So, how can you help? Businesses can really help in bringing a neighborhood together in fighting drugs and property crime just by giving them a helping hand. Your business can help by contributing time, hosting your own NNO event or by donating a basket, food, flyers, or advertising in the area for a neighborhood party. NNO is about creating safer communities and you are a part of the community. With your participation you are showing the community you care. Partner with your customers and partner with your community. A community that thrives generally has businesses around and in it that are thriving as well.

If you are a business that would like to have your own National Night Out party, or if you are a business that wishes to support a neighborhood NNO party, or you would like to find out more, please call SCOPE's and the Spokane County Sheriff's Neighborhood Watch Coordinator at , 509-477-3055. Or by e-mail at, vdelcambremorris@spokanesherriff.org.

Preventing crime is everyone's concern and National Night Out is a great time to gather neighbors, friends, relatives, our local emergency workers and community leaders to celebrate and get rid of crime and drugs in our community!



Spokane Property Room

The City of Spokane Property Room is a massive storage house of evidence and property for the City of Spokane, The City of Spokane Valley, Spokane County and for schools in the District 81 area. "We have a variety of things that are stored here. We have backpacks, bags, bikes, drugs, clothing and more stored at this facility," says Kevin Berry supervisor for the Spokane Property Room. "I would say that if you can think it, we have it or have probably had it at some point. We get about 33,000 items of evidence a year, mostly bikes and backpacks but we also get a lot of drugs and paraphernalia", adds Kevin.



The property room is not open to the public. Every item that is brought to the facility is done so by law enforcement. There are a variety of reasons that items end up inside the property room; raids, thefts, items that have been found and turned into law enforcement

and case evidence such as, rape kits, DNA, DUI blood, different urine samples and DNA swabs.

If you were to walk around the property room you would see rows upon rows of lockers full of property. Shelves with computers that are being held for cases that involve fraud and forgery or pornography. Carts with door frames from cases where there might be a footprint, bullet holes, or some sort of damage where the investigator of that case thought it was vital to keep that door. In other parts of the facility, you will see rows of bikes that were stolen and or abandoned. Cars inside and outside of the facility being held from a variety of cases such as vehicular assault, robbery, kidnaps, homicides, drugs and DUI type cases and major crime related and there are some seizure cars in there. All the items that come to the property room are kept until there is a case resolution. Limitations vary for certain cases or instances which can mean anywhere from days and months to years. In the case of lost and found items, they stay for sixty days per RCW. Even after a major case has been prosecuted the items are still held because the case may need to be investigated again. The oldest case item that has been documented at the facility is from 1959, which is from an unsolved homicide case. "Homicides," adds Kevin, "don't have a time limitation since they can be prosecuted at any time, or if a case is unsolved and there is no suspect. Most felonies have a three-year statute, and misdemeanor crimes, most of which have a one-year statute. It just kind of depends on whatever the limitations of the statute is for



the crime. The rule of thumb is that items are kept in the property room for 100 years which includes DNA from sexual assault cases".

"In the case of whether an item is found by law enforcement or found and given to law enforcement," says Kevin, "we send a letter to the person believed to be the owner, which gives them 60 days to pick-up their property. If they don't respond, those items are then either auctioned or destroyed based on whether they are legal to possess or not by the owner, and whether they have value or no value. If those items are destroyed, they go to the Waste to Energy Plant and if they are auctioned, they go to Reinland Equipment to auction at the Stateline".

"When we try to contact citizens, all of our contact is done by mail which is based on your last address through the Department of Licensing, so it is very important that people keep their information updated. So, if you move or are forwarding through the postal service, your mail will get to you as written notice is required by RCW (Washington State law). This is why it is so important to keep track of your serial numbers and to take the time to etch their driver's license into their items when possible because it can be extremely helpful for law enforcement and the employees who work in the property room to look you up in the system. We really encourage people to write down serial numbers, especially for items like firearms or their bikes and to keep track of that information. Put it away in a safe spot, so if you are a victim of burglary or vehicle prowling, you can report those numbers to law enforcement. There are around 177,000 items that we keep track of," Kevin continues, "last year, we returned a little over 4500 items." which is not much considering how many items that come in."



There are times when pictures of the found property is posted on the law enforcement website. If you see what you think is your stolen property, you must make contact with someone who is in charge of that case. Or you can contact us, and we can get you in contact with someone who can facilitate a viewing of that item. Staff here does not view items here with the public. That has to be done with a detective or sergeant. Any posting on Facebook, or anything that is put out through the media, where law enforcement is trying to find the owner, contact information will be listed.

The most important thing is for people to record serial numbers and mark their property. It's not like it is on T.V. It isn't this dark dungeon in the basement, or an Indiana Jones type scenario where someone is walking around and there are dusty old crates. It is just a warehouse where people store a lot of evidence for 3 major agencies. Guns and bullets can go back to the victim if it is legal for them to possess, and they can have it. We send them a letter to pick it up. Firearm pick-up is by appointment only, and there are policies and laws that require us to do a background check. So even if someone came and



wanted to pick-up their gun, by law we have to run a background check; having a concealed pistol license (CPL) doesn't speed that process up. Any item that comes in with a serial number, we check in the State and National databases to see if it is reported stolen when it comes in and before it leaves. If it goes to auction, we will run it again to see if there was a time delay in that reporting number. There is a viewing period at the auctions the day of, and the day prior, so if you see your item there, you can tell the auctioneer and they will set it aside and send it back to us to follow up on. They don't make you buy your item back.

If you have questions pertaining to your lost or stolen items, you may call the property room at, 509-625-4130.



Operation Identification is a nationwide program that is designed to deter theft from residences and commercial businesses. In the result that

you have had a something stolen from you; by identifying the serial numbers, marking your valuable items, and recording them, you can help law enforcement get your items back to you in the case of a theft. Unfortunately, many people do not do this. For instance, a woman who was arrested for assault was found to have several car stereos and radar detectors in her possession but did not own a vehicle, even though she is known to law enforcement, the police had to release the items back to her because the items had not been reported stolen or the serial number was not documented by the owner. In another case, a man was being served a warrant at his residence when police officers took notice of over a dozen bikes throughout his home. Though the bikes may have been reported stolen; when the bikes serial numbers were ran, not a single bike could be found in the National Crime Information Center's database.

The National Crime Information Center data - base holds files of information located in a division of the FBI's offices which is updated every 24-hours. These files store information on fugitives and missing people along with a list of other records, including stolen items such as boats and guns. When residents give their documented information to law enforcement, any law enforcement officer in the U.S who has recovered the item is able to run those serial numbers in the NCIC data system. So, if your property was stolen from Washington State and driven to Utah and law enforcement has entered serial numbers that the victim has supplied, that serial number is now accessible to any U.S officer and when your items have been found and the serial number ran through NCIC, your property can be returned to you.

Many times, a deputy will arrest a known criminal who is in possession of suspected stolen items. But most times there is nothing that they can do to get these items back to their rightful owners, because no one has taken the time to mark and record their property. To make matters worse, even after a suspect has been arrested, there are times that law enforcement has to return the suspected stolen property back to the thief!

In the event of a theft, help raise your chances of having your items returned to you by recording your valuables. You can do this by following these simple steps:

First, do a complete walk through of your home which should include your closets, attic, basement and garage. Use your video camera, camera or cell phone to capture the image of your items by doing a wide scan of the room. Then, do a close up of your valuables making sure to add a verbal or written description of your items including brand names, and anything distinguishable such as scratches, dings or cracks.

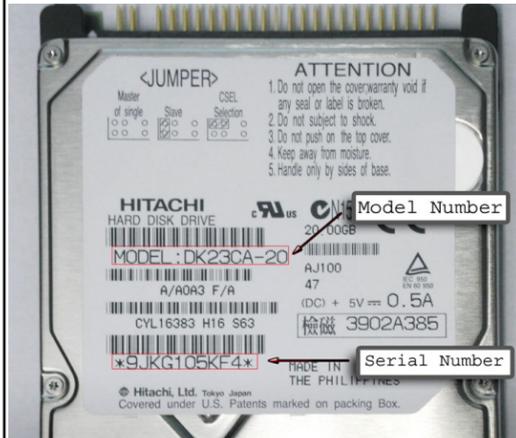
Second, document your items by writing down the serial number of all of your electronics (usually found behind or under the item), or take a picture of the item, then the serial number. For items that do not have a serial number you can engrave your driver's license number onto them by using the following format, for all U.S residents, write the abbreviation of your state first and then the following letters and numbers given thereafter and then the letters D.L. For example, Washington state residents should engrave their items using a similar format

of, WA/BLAINE408KI/ D.L. Do **not** make up a number and place it on your valuables or use your social security number. Your driver's license number is the most identifiable by all law enforcement across the states. In Washington State, many licensed drivers will choose to update their drivers license to an enhanced identification card in order to travel by air within the United States or to border countries. These new enhanced licenses will no longer be the 12-digit that relate to you by partial name and birthdate, but will now begin with WDL and 9 random digits and letters. These new numbers may not be familiar to you, but those new digits will be linked back to your old number if ran by a law enforcement officer. When engraving bigger items; engrave your driver's license two times, one that is inconspicuous and the other so that it is visible and then include in your documentation.

For valuables items that cannot be engraved (antiques and jewelry etc.); place the item on a flat surface placing a ruler on one side to be able to give an idea of the size and then some form of identification on the other side to show ownership of the property. Next, e-mail the pictures of your items to yourself. Or, if you used a video camera to record your items, place the tape in a secure location such as a safe deposit box at the bank or in a bolted down fire safe box in your home. In the event of your items being taken including your computer, or your phone being stolen, damaged or misplaced; you will have documentation of your recorded items in a safe and accessible place.

Lastly, once you have marked your property, put Operation I.D stickers on entry doors (including your back door) and the front and back windows of your home. This will let would be burglars know that you are an aware citizen and that your items will be difficult to sell.

Taking the time to go through your home and mark your property can be time consuming, but it is highly recommended that you do so. Using Operation Identification can be invaluable in the recovery of your property,



make it difficult for criminals to sell your items and easier for law enforcement to identify your stolen belongings and get them back to you.

Here are a few items to consider engraving:

- Bikes
- Binoculars
- Car audio systems
- Cell phones
- Chainsaws
- Fishing rods
- Guns
- Hand tools
- Hubcaps
- Lawn mowers
- Musical instruments
- Vacuum Cleaners
- Kitchen appliances
- Television sets

The Sheriff's Crime Prevention Unit has several engravers in their office that they

would like to invite you to checkout to engrave your items. If you are interested in borrowing an engraver, please call the Sheriff's Crime Prevention in the Spokane Valley Mall at, 509-893-3934.

Sheriff's Crime Prevention Unit

Upcoming events

Spokane County Sheriff's Office

Spokane Valley Police Department

Active Shooter Survival Training



Thursday, March 5th, 2020

Free Admission

6:00-8:00 P.M
Whitworth Church
312 W. Hawthorn, Spokane, WA 99218

Ages 14+ are welcome if accompanied by an adult

Please contact Deputy David Morris at, 509-477-6044 for more information



Spokane County Sheriff's Office Spring Community Academy
(formerly Citizen's Academy)

Officer Involved Shooting Incidents

- * Hear from the Deputies who have survived these tragic incidents
- * Learn about the tools your Deputies carry
- * Participate in hands-on, REALISTIC Defensive Tactics Training

This class will be held every Monday evening beginning April 6th and ending May 11th, 2020

JOIN US! REGISTRATION IS FREE!

TO SIGN UP:
Call Deputy Chris Johnston
@ 389-2771
Or email
crjohnston@spokanesherriff.org

REQUIRED:
All participants will be subject to a background check

Reflective Address Sign

A reflective address sign or marker helps emergency responders find you quickly and easily. Address numbers on curbs can erode and can get covered up with snow in winter, and address numbers on homes are often not easy to find—day or night. These signs have reflective material on both sides and are highly reflective day or night. They are preferred by responders, especially if placed right by the street at the entrance to your home.

The signs are 6” x 18” and have 3” numbers on one or both sides of the sign. In addition, they have pre-drilled holes that make them easy to mount.

Signs are \$15 and help support S.C.O.P.E. (Sheriff Community Oriented Policing Effort).

If you'd like to order a sign, please contact S.C.O.P.E. East at (509) 922-3150.

Signs are available 2 weeks after purchase.

Help Us find You Reflective Address Markers



Order your reflective address marker today!

Features: Green and white reflective numbers, 6”x18”, pre-drilled, highly visible during the day and at night, and reflective on both sides (on request), with 3- inch letters. \$15.00 per sign.

Reflective address sign order form Date ordered _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **ZIP** _____

Phone _____

Address # requested on the sign _____

Mounting preference: ___horizontal ___vertical

Indicate preference of numbers: ___ one side ___ both sides

**Please make checks payable to:
S.C.O.P.E. East
P.O Box 241
Otis Orchards, WA 99027**

SCOPE East phone number, 509-922-3150

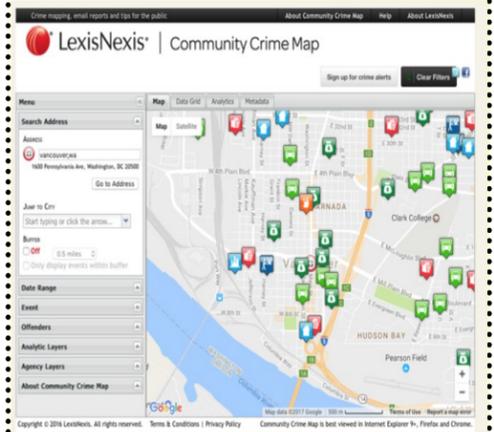
Note: All fundraising efforts by SCOPE stations help them to manage their stations while continuing to provide public safety services for the communities they serve.

Want to see what's going on in your neighborhood?

- ◆ [Go to WWW.Spokanecounty.org](http://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.



The Map is updated every 24 hours.

**Only reports that have been taken
will show on the Regional Crime Map.**

Help Law enforcement in
keeping our community safe.

If you see
something,
say some-
thing.



Call 9-1-1 for emergencies

Call Crime Check at 509-456-2233
for crimes that have already happened or
when you do not need the immediate assistance
of law enforcement.

Better Business Bureau continued.

As like other businesses, scammers have tried to use the BBB name to call on people to steal money and personal information from you. But, the Better Business Bureau will never call to get you to buy anything, nor ask for information from you be it financial or otherwise. As with any other calls from businesses that you did not solicit, always contact the business directly for information on the call that you received using phone numbers or e-mails from reputable sources. The BBB can help you in getting help in dispute resolution and is a great resource for help in finding out information about a business. But as always, when seeking to do business with any company, do your research, ask questions and look for reviews from other consumers.

What's new at S.C.O.P.E?



S.C.O.P.E. EMERGENCY RADIO COMMUNICATION PROJECT (ERC)

Just a few years ago, S.C.O.P.E. University began focusing on an Emergency Radio Communication Project. The goal was to see if S.C.O.P.E. could provide emergency communication to neighborhoods using General Mobile Radio Service (GMRS) and Amateur Radio during disasters. Wide spread power outages can affect cell phone and land line service, making communication difficult to rely on and leave many residential neighborhoods "in the dark".

With S.C.O.P.E. University leading the way, additional SCOPE stations came aboard and the project expanded with the goal of having all COP (Citizens on Patrol) vehicles and stations equipped with radios. With this system, communication will be possible between all SCOPE stations, COP cars, and eventually throughout Spokane County and its participating neighborhoods.



S.C.O.P.E. is a 501(c) non-profit volunteer organization that supports law enforcement in Spokane County providing services to the community by helping them face the issues associated with public safety.



We would like to thank the efforts of all the S.C.O.P.E. Amateur Radio Operators who have directed this project and the following individuals who supported it with financial and/or in-kind donations: S.C.O.P.E. University, S.C.O.P.E. North, West Valley S.C.O.P.E, Bryan Preuss, Skip Blodnick, Greg Preuss, Jerry Atteberry, Neil Sullivan, Joe French, Carol Snyder, Margaret Asbell, Jeff Banke, Peter Stuart, Pam Browne, Mike Gronenthal, Amy and Justin Vance, and Thrivent "Choice", and Thrivent Employee Gift Match, and the staff of Mount Saint Michael Church for allowing us the use of their building.

If you would like to learn more about this project or get involved, please contact, Jeff Banke at, the S.C.O.P.E. station, 509-477-6377.



Abandoned Bicycle Recovery Program

This might surprise you but bikes are stolen at an alarming rate, kid's bikes, adult bikes, all makes, models and price ranges. Bike theft is not only a common crime, but also an easy crime because many people don't lock their bikes up properly, or at all. They are left leaning on the sides of build-



ings, laying in front yards, sitting unoccupied in driveways, and children, who are out riding their bikes and having a good time, drop their bikes and



are off and running when they find something that catches their attention, leaving the bike unobserved and unsecured.

Like a lot of property theft, a stolen bike is mostly a crime of opportunity. It takes seconds to steal a bike from a front yard or an open garage. Stolen bikes are sold, traded, used to commit crimes, or dismantled and used for parts or used to make another bike altogether. Sometimes, stolen bikes are used to get from one place to another and then when the bikes usefulness is no longer needed, they are left abandoned.

S.C.O.P.E. (Sheriff's Community Oriented Policing Effort) is working alongside with the Spokane County Sheriff's Explorers to recover abandoned bikes that have been found by observant citizens all around the county. In 2019 alone, from Spring to Fall, S.C.O.P.E. recovered 65 bikes that had been called into Crime Check. Just recently, S.C.O.P.E. was able to recover and return a bike back to its owner worth \$3200.00! Bikes that have been reported as stolen or have been found abandoned should be reported to Crime Check at 509-456-2233. The Medical Lake S.C.O.P.E. station volunteers, will come and pick-up a bike that has been called into Crime Check for free. They will call the complainant, ask the location of the bike and if it is secured. "Once we received a report on it," says Darwin from Medical Lake S.C.O.P.E., "and have picked it up, the Sheriff's Explorers take it from there and do the research to see if

they can find if the bike was reported stolen and registered." If the owner of the bike is not found, the bike is processed and put into the property room where it will be housed with over 100 or more unclaimed bikes. These bikes will only be housed for a short amount of time, and then they will be sent off to auction. Darwin and Rita McKibbin say that they have seen a lot bikes that look the same, which is why you should record the serial number on your bike. Deputy David Morris says, "In God we trust. Everyone else must provide documentation." He says that it is important to find your serial number on your bike and document it and put it in a place where you will be able to find it if you need it. Your serial number is the only way for you to be able to claim your bike from law enforcement, otherwise it will not be released to you.

Millions of bikes are stolen every year and only 5% of those bikes make it back to their owner. Most bikes are not reported stolen and many more are not registered or documented by the owner which is why it is important to document information about your bike and register it on sites such as the National Bike Registry and the Bike Index. It is also important to consider upgrading your locks from cable locks and to look at the way that you lock your bike. Are you locking your bike up to a secure object that can't be pulled from the ground? Are you removing anything that is easily removed from the bike? And, are you taking the time to lock your bike properly with the lock looping through the frame and then front and back wheel?

No crime prevention method is 100%, but taking the time to record your serial number, register your bike information and to lock it properly every single use, will help in securing your bike from criminals one more day. It is also important to consider the way that you lock your bike. Are you locking your bike up to a secure object that can't be pulled from the ground? Are you removing anything that is easily removed from the bike? And, are you taking the time to lock your bike properly with the lock looping through the frame and then front and back wheels?

If your bike is ever stolen, please make sure to report it to Crime Check, 509-456-2233.

Thank you to all who support S.C.O.P.E.

- ★ **Thrivent Financial** (through the "Thrivent Choice" program and Thrivent Employee Gift Match)
- ★ **Harbor Freight**
- ★ **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 at the Spokane Valley Mall.

Upcoming Events!

Winter Special Olympics, Jan. 24, 2021 at Mt. Spokane. Eastern Regional Alpine Skiing and Snowboard competition for the Eastern Washington Special Olympics.

November, 2019– January, 2020 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	1	0	1	2	1	2	1	4	0	2	1	5	3	1	10	0	0	0	0	25
ASSAULT Aggravated/ Simple	46	48	31	59	31	42	18	14	17	6	12	6	30	8	14	14	2	0	0	0	396
BURGLARY/ROBBERY	24	29	23	27	9	35	23	14	14	13	17	11	24	13	10	1	3	0	0	0	302
DRUG	27	32	10	25	12	37	10	13	1	10	5	9	16	1	6	0	16	0	0	0	235
FORGERY/ Fraud	98	110	64	112	54	115	53	42	36	29	36	27	75	25	30	8	21	0	0	0	467
STL VEH	23	19	14	28	4	16	7	8	4	4	4	2	16	2	1	4	1	0	0	0	155
THEFT	172	190	111	192	79	203	93	77	55	56	62	49	131	41	51	12	41	0	0	0	898
VEH PROWL	63	69	398	90	13	53	23	29	18	19	24	25	45	16	12	5	2	0	0	0	550
Total	454	498	292	534	204	502	229	198	149	137	162	130	342	109	124	38	86	0	0	0	3028

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.