



# Neighborhood Watch Newspaper Crime Prevention

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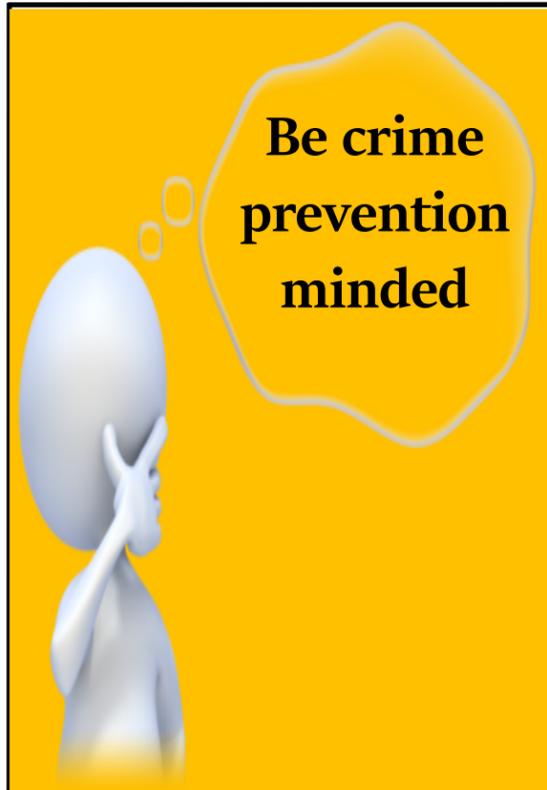
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# Crime Prevention



Are you locking your doors when you leave your home or exit your vehicle? Are you closing the windows and securing your personal property while you are away? Crime happens 24 hours a day. How often do you take the time to think about crime and the prevention of it? Regardless of whether you think that you have anything worth stealing, why take the chance of letting someone walk away with your property? Crime prevention is more than locking doors, it is a behavior that you must make habit for you and for your family. You must make yourself crime prevention minded by taking the time to think like a criminal and look for all the ways they could get into your home, or be tempted to steal your items. Are you making your yard, home or garage a criminal's free shopping spree dream? What about your car? If you are relying on closed and locked doors to be the only way to keep criminals out, you need to rethink your strategy. Criminals are not only becoming more cunning, they are becoming more daring and nothing helps encourage them more than when we don't take precautions and become too relaxed about crime prevention.

When thinking about what you can do to protect your home, you will want to start from the outside in, beginning with the entryways into your neighborhood.

Do you know your neighbors who live next door to you and behind you? Have your neighbors gathered to talk about what to do if someone steps into the neighborhood that does not live there and is acting suspiciously? Starting a **Neighborhood Watch** is a good way to deter criminals before they can commit a crime in your neighborhood. There is safety in numbers, so the more people involved in your crime prevention methods the better. When you have neighbors who know each other, who are looking out for one another, and who will call when they see something that doesn't seem right, you are creating a layer of defense to keep crime away from your home and property.

Sometimes, thinking like a criminal will enable you to see things that you may not have considered much of a temptation to take, or where there were weakened spots to get into your home. If you were a stranger walking by looking for something to steal, what could you find? Is there a package sitting on the porch because you were either not home or too busy to bring it in? Are there tools sitting in the driveway, or has a child dropped their bike in the yard and run into the home for the evening? Most criminals are opportunists, which means they may not be looking to commit a crime at that time, but if you leave your item laying about or sitting out, even for a moment, they will take it. It only takes seconds to steal something. Tools left sitting in your driveway are easy to stuff in a pocket or a backpack and walk away, or could be used to break into your or someone else's home. Lawn mowers left sitting can be walked right out of the neighborhood. Kids and adult bikes, new or old, are stolen at an alarming rate and a criminal riding off on them is a breeze when left right out in the open. Is there a garage door left open? A thief could stroll right up take a chainsaw, tool box or rummage through the unlocked doors of your vehicle. Or, if your garage is attached to your living quarters, gain access into your home. So, you are encouraged to always put away your items right after use, lock them up and close garage doors when not in use.

In your next step in thinking like a criminal, if you were to walk the perimeter of your home, what would see? Is there a place for you to hide if you didn't want to be seen? Dark areas around your home's entryways, sheds and garages are prime spots for criminal activity, so turn on the lights. Tall bushes and low hanging branches that cover your doors or windows, are great for burglars because it gives them a good place to hide and the ability to take their time when prying at windows and doors. Ladders left laying against a tree or the house is a good way to help them gain access to second-floor windows. If you were to peer through your windows, are there high-priced items like laptops, cell phones or televisions sitting in view? If these items were stolen, are they marked and or documented so that when you call law enforcement they have the proper information to help them to get your items back?

The number one deterrent for criminals is cameras, but the temptation to steal items that are ready for the taking might be too strong for them to resist. Your security camera may have picked up their face and their criminal act, but the chance of you getting your items back are low. The cost of your item, big or small makes no difference. If they can make a profit, exchange it for other goods, or use it to commit another crime, they will. What you paid for it will not matter. Your \$200.00 item may be exchanged or sold for as little as \$5.00, so don't give criminals the chance to walk away with your items. Make looking for opportunities for thieves a habit. Store and lock away your items immediately after use and teach your family about crime prevention. Get your neighbors involved in deterring criminals from committing crimes in your neighborhood. And every day, all day, be crime prevention minded.

# Sheriff's Corner

A message from Sheriff Ozzie Knezovich

## Defunding Law Enforcement



When Black Lives Matter first demanded the defunding of the police, they meant doing away with the police. Within a couple of weeks of polling concerning this concept, BLM rapidly learned that only 16% of the nation said, "Yes, let's get rid of the police". So, they changed their narrative. Now defund means taking money away from police departments for social projects. The concept morphed and continues to morph.

In the state of Washington, including Spokane County, law enforcement has not been funded sufficiently to do the job expected of them. The state of Washington ranked last out of all the states for staffing on an officer per 1000 population basis. Last...dead last. It would take billions of dollars to get the state of Washington to even rank 25th! It would be impossible to reach that level; we are just too far behind.

Nationally, local governments are not designed to deal with state and federal level problems. The mental health issue is a state and federal problem. The State and Federal government defunded the mental health system at their level and kicked it down to the local level. The State and Federal government defunded the mental health system, and dropped it off at law enforcement's door. The State didn't give local law enforcement any money to deal with this social problem.

Currently, the Spokane County Sheriff's Office, and the Spokane Police Department, have mental health professionals teamed with officers and deputies to deal with mental health issues. This program is funded by a grant and when the grant goes away, the program will go away. My question to the activist and politicians calling for defunding is, "Where are they going to strip money from to deal with these social problems?". A problem they expect us to deal with, but never gave us the money to do so.

These same activists and politicians also made the homeless issue our problem, and the drug addiction issue our problem. Once again, they did not give law enforcement any money to deal with these problems. And now, they want to defund police departments and take money they never gave law enforcement to deal with issues the activists and politicians created. These same politicians defunded their own mental health systems, they defunded their own housing systems, they defunded their illicit drug treatment centers, and they never adequately funded illicit drug and alcohol addiction prevention programs. Some states took it a step further, they legalized illicit drugs, and now they're crying foul. We are now seeing spikes in emergency room usage due to marijuana use. Because of the astronomically high level of THC; we are seeing our youth suffering from schizophrenic breaks from which they are not recovering. Our politicians dumped these things in law enforcement's lap, and said "fix it". And then when things go wrong, they say, "Police officers need more training." This isn't about training.

The newest idea coming from BLM activists

and politicians as it relates to the defund the police movement is to send civilians into the field to deal with people suffering from a mental health crisis. I have one question for them. If mental health professionals are so well versed at de-escalation, and so well versed at dealing with this social problem, why is it that Eastern State Hospital calls the Spokane County Sheriff's Office to come to the hospital when they have a patient that will not de-escalate, that is violent, and has hurt people? Did these politicians and activists think this through? Do they really want to send civilians out on the street to deal with people facing the same level of mental health crisis that trained mental health professionals cannot deal with in the sterile environment of a hospital? I hope you give them hazard pay. People are going to get hurt. I've said it a thousand times, the street is no place to deal with mental health issues. When someone has decompensated to that level, it never goes well.

Activists don't think. Their problem is they run on pure emotion and they don't think about the consequences of their emotionally based "solutions". They don't think about the "if...then." I've heard it multiple times now, this isn't an opinion, they consider logic to be racist. Well, just because logic doesn't support your point, doesn't mean it's racist.

Due to the Great Recession, the Spokane County Sheriff's Office lost 32 deputy positions. Those positions never came back. Right now, we are looking at eliminating an entire patrol district to patch holes in other critical areas of responsibility. We are going to eliminate a patrol district because we do not have enough staffing. When a district is closed down, the area encompassing that district must be shared by deputies in other districts. The Spokane Police Department doesn't have it any better. They were underfunded 2.5 million dollars in 2020. So, I am asking, activist and politicians, where do you want us to cut our budgets? Where do you think we can cut so that you can have money to deal with the same social problems? Social problems that you defunded from your own systems and then dropped off at our doorstep.

Where does the money come from, when cities defund their police departments? Let's look at what they did in New York City. They eliminated their proactive undercover teams, which had a proven record of reducing crime. What happened in New York City as a result of this defunding? Crime exploded. Take a look at Seattle, Washington with CHAS or CHOP. What happened when law enforcement was taken away? Armed thugs were running the show. They had warlords: they called themselves "warlords".

CHOP/CHAZ was a snapshot of the future without the police. The strong seize power and the weak are subjugated. The weak have no rights. There is no Constitution to protect the weakest member of society from the tyrannical power of the street thug. You get what these activists want most, anarchy. This is our future without our police and without our Constitutionally based government. And you wonder why armed citizens are taking to

the streets to protect their cities.

Daniel Walters, of the Inlander, you want to see vigilantism? Let the American people believe that their government can no longer, or will no longer protect them and you will see "vigilantism". You will see what vigilantism looks like. You will see what a civil war looks like. Defunding the police means chaos. It is just the first step in the end goal of these radical activists. Which, in their own words, is to "Burning your corrupt capitalist, racist system down".

It's not the citizens of our Country who are talking about defunding the police, BLM activists are. I can definitely tell you the people of Spokane County are not for this. Since 2012, the unincorporated areas of Spokane County have enjoyed an ever-decreasing property crimes rate and violent crimes rate. That ended when the courts started releasing most of the criminals we arrest out of jail with no or minimal bail bonds, even before COVID further complicated the issue.

This is the first year Spokane County has experienced double-digit and triple digit increases in crime since 2012. Why? Because of a Marxist philosophy promoted in Spokane by Breean Beggs and company. A philosophy/theory based on what is known as the Critical or Radical (as it is sometimes referred to) Criminal Justice Theory. A Marxist based philosophy, promoted in Spokane by activist and some politicians, is responsible for more and more criminals being released from our jail. Under the banner of "Restorative Justice" criminals are being release from jail. And tragically, some of these criminals are now killing members of our community. The whole concept of defunding the police, is part of this radical, Marxist philosophy.

I don't say my next statement lightly. Any victim or victim's family, whom have been harmed by these criminals, and wish to sue their government, I will be your star witness. I have seen what this philosophy has caused and it must be stopped! Sometimes the only way to get someone to listen is through a lawsuit. You need to be suing Breean Beggs, you need to be suing the Spokane City Council, you need to be suing these activists and their 501-C3's, for the havoc they are causing in our community.

There is no drive by the majority of the American people to defund their police, neither nationally nor locally. It's not even a major minority voice pushing this radical agenda. It is being driven by a very small minority. It is driven by BLM activists, politicians, and a media that has been co-opted by a mindset.

I challenge you to do your own research and look at the polling that is coming out of less-advantaged communities. What you will find is, when asked if they want less police their answer is, "Are you nuts? We don't want to defund the police."

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## Spokane County Sheriff's Crime Prevention Unit

The Crime Prevention Unit, currently has two deputies to help serve you. One deputy is assigned to the Unincorporated areas of Spokane County and the other, for the areas of the City of Spokane Valley.

The Crime Prevention Unit was started back in the mid 70's; their Philosophy, "It is better to prevent a crime than to solve one."

The Crime Prevention Unit focuses on educating the public in reducing your chances of becoming a victim by teaching citizens about Firearm safety, Fraud and Identity theft, Personal Safety, Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design, Home Safety and Workplace Violence, School Bullying and Neighborhood Watch. The education of the public is important because it helps in create a feeling of safety in neighborhoods through training and awareness.

Getting educated about crime and the prevention of it is one of the best things you can do for the safety of you and your family and your neighborhood.

## Video Identification Program

**Do You Have a Video Surveillance System and Want to Help Solve Crimes? Become a Voluntary VIP (Video Identification Program)**

The Spokane County Sheriff's Office, and the Spokane Valley Police would like to join with you to potentially solve crimes or locate evidence of crimes, faster and more effectively. We are asking business and private residences to advise us if they have recorded surveillance systems and whom we would contact if a significant incident occurred in their area.

The Video Identification Program (VIP) is a voluntary program. Information from cameras would help investigators know where to start first, possibly leading to suspect information, vehicle description or other needed information that could immediately aid in the investigation. We will continue to go door to door and make contact to ensure we have all the evidence possible, but with the VIP Program, we would know where video might be within minutes instead of hours.

To sign up, go to the [Spokane County Sheriff's Office website](http://Spokane County Sheriff's Office website) and click on the [VIP icon](#), enter your information and voilà, you're a VIP.

## Free training by the Sheriff's Crime Prevention Unit

**Your Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Deputies can assist you, your business, church, school or social group by offering training on the following critical topics:**

### Reducing Workplace Violence and Verbal De-escalation:

- ◆ Assessing Threats
- ◆ Communication
- ◆ Tension Reduction

### Active Shooter Response:

- ◆ Survival Mindset
- ◆ Size up the Situation
- ◆ Range of Response Options

### Personal Safety:

- ◆ Plan ahead
- ◆ Be aware of your surroundings
- ◆ Trust your instincts

### Safety for In-home Workers:

- ◆ Plan ahead
- ◆ Be aware of your surroundings
- ◆ Trust your instincts

### Identity Theft:

- ◆ Protect your information
- ◆ Avoiding Scams

### Education for Children:

- ◆ Bullying
- ◆ Online Safety

Or,

Interested in learning different ways to keep your home and property safer? The Sheriff's Crime Prevention Unit provides free in home and business security evaluations.

**For assistance in these training opportunities or for a free home or business security evaluation, please contact one of the Crime Prevention Deputies:**

**Unincorporated Spokane County  
Deputy David Morris  
509-477-6044**

Located in the Spokane Valley Mall's Sheriff's Office  
14700 E. Indiana,  
Spokane Valley, WA

Or,

**Spokane City of the Valley  
Deputy Chris Johnston  
509-389-2771**

at the University S.C.O.P.E.  
Station  
10621 E. 15th  
Spokane Valley, WA

## Crime Prevention Conference

### Zoom Meeting

**Date: Friday, October 16th, 2020  
Time: 1:00-4:15 PM**

### October is crime prevention month

October has been designated as the month to spotlight what we can do to reduce the likelihood of crime from happening to us. The fact of the matter is crime prevention is everybody's business; the responsibility doesn't just belong to our men and women in blue. We are all responsible for what goes on in our neighborhoods. Let October be the month that you, your family and neighbors reflect upon and educate yourselves to take the action that is needed to reduce the chances of becoming a victim.

### Topics being discussed

1:00– 1:50 PM

#### Case studies in local crimes

- Crime stories
- Crime reporting
- Understanding the crime map
- Video Identification Program

2:00– 2:50 PM

#### Bolster your home security

- Access control
- Lighting and surveillance
- Community minded defense
- Public awareness

3:00-4:15 PM

#### What can law enforcement do for you?

- S.C.O.P.E.
- Q&A with Crime Prevention Deputies

To take part in this crime prevention Zoom meeting, please contact the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator at, [Vdelcambremorris@spokanesherriff.org](mailto:Vdelcambremorris@spokanesherriff.org) to sign up. Once you are signed up for the meeting, the NW Coordinator will send you link information to the scheduled meeting along with instructions. Please sign-up early as openings are limited.



# Are you Prepared for an Emergency?

## Shelter- in- place

Shelter- in- place is used anytime any type of disaster requires you seek safe shelter indoors. This can be any-thing from natural disasters, toxins that are either accidentally or purposely put into the air to an active shooter in the area.

The importance of Shelter- in- Place is that when something bad is happening outside of where you are, whether it is at your home or work place, and you need to stay inside. For instance, if there was flying debris outside, toxins in the air or some other kind of hazardous problem; there will be a call for the community to shelter in place. This is when people need to stay indoors and then, pay attention to what's being said on the radio or the television so you know what to do next and when it is safe to go outside.

There are different types of alerts systems; one is the Alert Spokane, which is more of a reverse 9-1-1, so it is a targeted system. What that means is that if you are in a particular neighborhood that needs to be under a shelter-in-place or an evacuation, residents will get that information for just the area that is having the dangerous condition; that is what is called a targeted situation. Now, if the entire county needs to be alerted, (like was necessary during the November 2015 windstorm) that would activate the emergency alert system message. The Alert System message is what you generally see when targeted areas such as cities and counties being alerted to an Amber Alert and situations like it. But now, that alert system puts the entire County under a shelter in place.

Shelter- in- Place should not be confused with going to a shelter. Shelter- in- place is when residents are being asked to stay indoors for safety reasons. Finding shelter is when you need to evacuate your home or can't go home and need to find another place for accommodations. When areas have situations like windstorms or fires; we can call upon the Red Cross to find designated spots for shelter. Once the shelters are up and running, organizations who send out alerts are then able to publicize through the media to tell people where to go.

If you are interested in having Alert Spokane notify you in case of an emergency or disaster, please register online at, [www.alertspokane.org](http://www.alertspokane.org).

## Map Your Neighborhood

Natural and manmade disasters can hit at any time. Are you and your neighbors prepared if you have to shelter-in-place for days or weeks at a time? What if the electricity goes out, or if you must leave your home or belongings behind at a moment's notice? Having a home and a neighborhood that is prepared, is one of the essential keys in helping to make getting through those tough times easier.

Many things can happen during a disaster: road closures, essential items can become hard to find, emergency responders are spread thin, downed trees and powerlines can block roads and lines of communication with loved ones or public safety personnel. Everyone can use an extra hand when areas are hit with these types of disasters, so consider bringing your neighbors together and talk about how you can help each other in this time of need.

Know that when disasters arise, the safety of your family takes precedence over all else. This is why it is important to prep your property such as your car if you must leave the area quickly, and your household first, and then reach out to your neighbors about preparation. Once your neighbors have agreed to meet, invite individuals from Emergency Management or the fire department to walk through your emergency preparedness plan with you. In walking you and your neighbors through your disaster preparedness plan, they may also be able to help you understand how important it is for you to truly be prepared for the possibility of not receiving assistance right away from first responders due to heavy call volumes or not being able to get to you.

Start your meeting by handing out a survival checklist to your guests that they can use for their own home (You can find several certified emergency prepping checklist guides online), and by sending around a very basic but understandable "map of your block". The map should clearly establish where homes are, names of all those living in the home, including pets, work and home phone numbers, and those with disabilities or health issues that could be helpful if they become unable to communicate. Next, you will want to talk about if a disaster ever occurred and the steps that would be taken. One of the very first steps that you will want to do is enlist volunteers to take the lead on certain tasks that will need to be done, and establish a gathering place for all those who are able to assist during this crucial time. In your meeting, figure out ways you will be communicating if a disaster were to occur, such as using walkie-talkies, texting or calling, and going door to door for consistent house checks. Designate homes who are able to receive messages from the NOAA Weather Radio network which distributes information across the U.S about the weather and other hazards 24-hours a day.

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## Do you remember?



**1968-1969**  
Spokane was hit with a severe winter storm where the temperatures got as low as 25 degrees.



**May 1981**  
Spokane was covered in up to two feet of ash from the eruption of Mount St. Helén. Schools were closed and people were asked to wear surgical mask so as to not in-hale the ash.

### Nov 1996

The ice storm of 1996 caused up to 22 million dollars in damage and many people were left without electricity in weather that got as low as 33 degrees.

### Dec 2008- Jan of 2009

The snowstorm of 2008 and 2009 brought severe weather temperatures along with 20 inches of snowfall.

### August 2015

Wildfires broke out in Spokane, Colville and other areas leaving the air hazardous for some.

### Nov 2015

Spokane was hit with a windstorm so severe that trees were pulled from their roots, shingles blew off roofs and over 200,000 people lost power for days and some for weeks.



### May 2019

Major thunderstorms brought on rain so heavy that some roads were closed, water tanks overflowed, flooding took place in many parts of Spokane's streets, and water entered into some living spaces.

### September 2020

Spokane was once again hit with a windstorm that took out powerlines leaving thousands without power. Fire burned acres of land and forced the evacuations of residents in and around surrounding areas.



Crime Stoppers was first conceived of back in 1974 in Albuquerque, New Mexico by a detective, whom, frustrated by the lack of leads in several unsolved cases, thought that asking for help from the public may help lead investigators to solving the crimes in question. The Crime Stoppers program was started in 1976 and since then, has established over 100 local Crime Stopper programs all throughout the United States, including Washington and Idaho.

Crime Stoppers works with partnerships between law enforcement, the media and the community to help to find missing persons, and in capturing of criminals who have committed thefts, assaults, rapes and murders. Crime Stoppers is a completely anonymous program that does not request any information from the individual calling in the tip. One of the reasons that Crime Stoppers exists is because law enforcement is aware that citizens are sometimes afraid of the repercussions of being identified by the very person or persons that is wanted in connection to a crime. When you call in a tip, law enforcement does not come to your home nor seek you out to get more information. When someone calls in a tip, that individual stays anonymous whether they call in by phone or whether they send a tip in online. The caller remains completely unidentified as phone numbers from the caller are never saved and information sent in online is never tracked.

When an individual is wanted in connection to a crime and a tip is called in, the Crime Stoppers program works by receiving that information, anonymously through their **1-800-222-8477** hotline number, or through their website online at,

<http://www.crimestoppersinlandnorthwest.org>. The information that you share with Crime Stoppers works a lot like calling in to 9-1-1 or Crime Check. You give as much information as possible known about the wanted individual such as name, when and where they were last seen, age, height, clothing they were last seen wearing and any identifying marks such as tattoos or scars. Once the information has been received, the tipster is given a login password which they can use to check back to see if there is a reward pending for information that lead to the arrest of the individual.

Crime Stoppers is a 501(C)(3) program that receives donations from private businesses and citizens. Those donations go to reward individuals whose tips help to apprehend criminals and find missing persons. Rewards for helpful leads vary up to \$1,000. Thus far, the largest payout was to a tipster for \$1,000 for the capture of the person who committed a pharmacy robbery. Spokane, Washington, has just one of the few agencies that is involved in the Crime Stoppers of the Inland Northwest. When Crime Stoppers of the Inland Northwest has a wanted individual, the media in Washington State and in the Coeur d Alene area send that information out to the public. The wanted individual is also advertised on Washington's Most Wanted which airs Saturdays, at 10:00 p.m. all over Washington State. Crime Stoppers programs throughout the U.S., are always in contact, sharing information on tips about the wanted individual who may have been seen or captured in their area.

To date, Crime Stoppers of the Inland Northwest has led to the arrest of 175 wanted individuals, and in payouts of, \$22,525 in rewards for successful tips.

**Map Your Neighborhood continued.**

Also, during your meeting, be aware that there may be a situation where you or your neighbors cannot or will not need to leave your neighborhood but for some reason cannot stay in their home. Ask neighbors for volunteers who would be willing to create a safe shelter for those who may need a place to come while waiting out the disaster. Yours or your neighbor's home may not only provide shelter from the elements, but also a wood burning fireplace when there is no other way for them to get heat, or provide help to those who need help getting around due to age, sickness or disabilities.

Establish a help station for those who may have no other way of getting incoming information from public health and safety officials. Create an area where distribution can take place for much needed supplies such as blankets, flashlights, candles, batteries, water, food or medical supplies. During your meeting, it would be a good time to discuss those who would be able to assist in particular tasks with their knowledge of or experience as a counselor, medic, handyman, etc.

In getting your neighborhood prepped for disasters, it is important to note that since disasters can hit anywhere, they can affect everybody. So, reach out to businesses, churches and schools who can partner with you and your neighbors in organizing preparations. Churches and schools, especially, may be able to help with finding shelter, meals, childcare and counseling. Talk to the schools that your children attend and the businesses where you work to see what their planned response will be when a disaster hits.

Lastly, be alert of criminals taking advantage of during and after the disaster. Check on those who are vulnerable in the area often and make sure that they are able to ask for help if needed. As stated, first responders may be backed up with helping others, so keep an eye out for people coming into your neighborhood wanting to commit crime and don't let them victimize you or your neighbors especially during this time of crisis.

To find out more about disaster preparedness, please go to <https://mil.wa.gov/map-your-neighborhood>, or to <https://www.ready.gov/september> to get the information you need to help you and your neighbors get and be prepared.



**You Are Vital to Public Safety.**

**Be informed, Get Educated, and Stay Involved!**



**Please, don't be a victim of SCAMS**

Scams are happening by phone, internet and mail. There are lottery scams, IRS/ Government scams, Data Breach/ Bank scams, Jury Duty scams, Debt collection scams, Grandparent scams, over payment by check scams and many more. The most common theme in these scams are:

**High pressure for payment**

Payment has to be made right away, they want money now!

**Threats of arrest**

Threats of immediate arrest if payment is not made at that time.

**No face to face interaction**

Payment over the phone.

**Constant contact**

The scammers want you to stay on the phone while you go to buy an I-Tunes card, prepaid Visa or Master card, Western Union money order or some other form of payment or gift card. Once you the have card, they will ask you to reveal the number on the back of the card and give it to them. They don't want to lose the contact so as to not give you a moment to think about what is happening.

**STOP!** Think before you act. Scammers want to keep you confused and in fear. Look for these common themes in your interaction with the scammer and **never** call a number that they give you. Instead, hang up and call the company that they say they are calling you from using the Yellow pages.

**Contact the Crime Prevention Unit for more information.**

**Defunding Law Enforcement continued.**

African American Mayors from around the country got together and they came forward in a united voice: "We don't want less police; we want more police. However, it is imperative that we heal the relationship our police have with our communities."

I agree with the last statement. We need to fix the relationship between our police and our communities. But, we will never fix that relationship as long as radical activists continue to build walls between us. That's why I refuse to talk to activists anymore. I won't do it. Give me real people in the neighborhood that want to fix things. I will work with them all day long. But to the paid, 501(c)(3) type activists, I no longer have a wish to waste time in endless meetings that never result in solutions. Give me the people that want to fix this, and we will fix it. I have no doubt, we will fix it together.

Mom and pop America are not in favor of the extreme agenda these radical activists and politicians are pushing. Their voice is getting louder and louder. I can't go anywhere without having people come up to me and say, "We're done. We're done with this defund movement and they hate being preached to by these radical activists and politicians."

To the radical activists and politicians supporting the defund the police movement, I have one last statement... put it on the ballot this November. Ask the people of Spokane County: "Do you want to defund your police?"

Events for this year were cancelled due to COVID-19, but we will be back next year!



## Scammers are still calling!

Scammers, they are still out there and they are good at what they do. They have had plenty of time to hone their craft so that they sound convincing. Please **DON'T** let them get your hard earned cash! Get educated about these crimes and then, pass the information on to your friends and family. Losing money that you did not intend to spend is hard, but losing it to a thief is harder. Please, **ALWAYS** verify who is calling you before you send money by **NEVER** calling the number that they have asked you to call. Instead, do some research about the "company" that is calling you and verify that that company is the one that is really calling you. Take a moment before picking up the phone to look at the number, and **NEVER** answer calls from numbers you are unsure of or don't recognize. Remember that phone numbers can be spoofed.

**Never** send money by Western Union, or by getting iTunes cards, or money cards to pay the "debt" to companies who say you owe them money. Don't fall for company "employee's" who say that they over paid you and ask if you can now refund the money with a cashiers check, check or some other form of payment, they should be able to cancel their own check if that is the case. Look for the red flags!

**Never** give out information to people who ask for social security numbers, checking accounts, or credit card numbers or even your address. If you have done business with them, they should know some of this information ahead of calling you. If they threaten you with physical violence or arrest, or if they scream at you, don't be afraid to hang-up the phone! And please note, that law enforcement is **NOT** going to call to ask you for money for debts or fundraisers.

These scams really do happen and people are losing money, sometimes their life savings!

**Please** do not let this happen to you or someone you love and care for. Talk to each other about scams and lets hang the phone up on these criminals!



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**



Crime prevention really does start with you. Learn to create lines of defense in your neighborhood and help lower the chances of crime happening in your neighborhood.

Neighborhood Watch will help you to;

- ⇒ Identify suspicious activity
- ⇒ Coordinate with your neighbors in lowering your chances of becoming a victim.
- ⇒ Create lines of defense
- ⇒ Raise a feeling of safety and unity in your neighborhood.
- ⇒ Build better and stronger bonds with your neighbors and law enforcement
- ⇒ Prepare for emergencies
- ⇒ Understand that keeping crime at bay in your neighborhood can only be as good as the response in that neighborhood.

# S.C.O.P.E.

## Sheriff's Community Oriented Policing Effort



### S.C.O.P.E. substation addresses

S.C.O.P.E. has 13 active stations with wonderful, active volunteers! If you need help with questions about crime and safety, or how the station in your area can help your neighborhood, please give them a call or stop by!

#### Central Valley S.C.O.P.E. Station

115 N. Evergreen, Spokane, WA  
[scopecv@spokanesherriff.org](mailto:scopecv@spokanesherriff.org)  
 (509) 928-3807

#### Deer Park S.C.O.P.E. Station

316 E Crawford, Deer Park, WA  
[scopedeerpark@spokanesherriff.org](mailto:scopedeerpark@spokanesherriff.org)  
 (509) 276-7848

#### East S.C.O.P.E. Station

4904 N Harvard Rd #1, Otis Orchards, WA  
[scopeeast@spokanesherriff.org](mailto:scopeeast@spokanesherriff.org)  
 (509) 922-3150

#### Edgecliff S.C.O.P.E. Station

522 S. Thierman Rd, Spokane WA  
[scopeedgecliff@spokanesherriff.org](mailto:scopeedgecliff@spokanesherriff.org)  
 (509) 477-6345

#### ELK S.C.O.P.E. Station

0116 N Elk Camden Rd, Elk WA  
[selk@spokanesherriff.org](mailto:selk@spokanesherriff.org)  
 (509) 292-0188

#### Fairchild AFB S.C.O.P.E. Station

2E Arnold Street, Fairchild AFB, WA  
[scopefairchild@spokanecounty.org](mailto:scopefairchild@spokanecounty.org)  
 (509) 247-5988

#### Liberty Lake S.C.O.P.E. Station

23127 E Mission Ave, Liberty Lake, WA  
[scopelibertylake@spokanesherriff.org](mailto:scopelibertylake@spokanesherriff.org)  
 (509) 755-1143

#### Medical Lake S.C.O.P.E. Station

124 S Lefevre St, Spokane, WA  
[scopemedicallake@spokanesherriff.org](mailto:scopemedicallake@spokanesherriff.org)  
 (509) 299-7525

#### North S.C.O.P.E. Station

9507 N. Division Ste E, Spokane, WA  
[scopenorth@spokanesherriff.org](mailto:scopenorth@spokanesherriff.org)  
 (509) 477-6377

#### S.C.O.P.E. Mounted Patrol (no station)

4904 N Harvard Rd. #1, Otis Orchards, WA  
[scopemountedpatrol@spokanecounty.org](mailto:scopemountedpatrol@spokanecounty.org)  
 (509) 280-5174

#### South S.C.O.P.E. Station

4827 S. Palouse Hwy, Spokane, WA  
[scopesouth@spokanesherriff.org](mailto:scopesouth@spokanesherriff.org)  
 (509) 868-0200

#### Trentwood S.C.O.P.E. Station

2400 N. Wilbur #79, Spokane, WA  
[scopetrentwood@spokanesherriff.org](mailto:scopetrentwood@spokanesherriff.org)  
 (509) 473-9270

### S.C.O.P.E. substation addresses continued

#### University S.C.O.P.E. Station

10621 E. 15th Ave, Spokane Valley, WA  
[ScopeUniversity@SpokaneSheriff.org](mailto:ScopeUniversity@SpokaneSheriff.org)  
 (509) 477-2582

#### West Valley S.C.O.P.E. Station

3102 N Argonne Rd, Spokane, WA  
[scopewestvalley@spokanesherriff.org](mailto:scopewestvalley@spokanesherriff.org)  
 (509) 477-0629

### S.C.O.P.E. Programs

Want to help make our community a better place to live? Join S.C.O.P.E. and be a part of one of the many programs!

**Abandoned Vehicle Enforcement:** Tag and ticket vehicles parked on left on county roads.

**Bicycle Safety Training:** Fit helmets and training children in bike safety.

**Business Watch and Relations:** Build relationships with businesses by conducting prowl checks and delivery information.

**COP (Citizens On Patrol):** Helping the community by patrolling neighborhoods, schools and trails; providing prowl checks in businesses and homes.

**Disabled Parking:** Commissioned volunteers issue citations to cars parked illegally parked.

**Latent Fingerprinting:** Lift fingerprints are lifted from prowled cars and other items.

**Mounted Patrol:** Volunteers on horses and mules who patrol trails, rural areas and private property on request.

**OFID (Operation Family ID) Fingerprint and photograph children and vulnerable adults to provide to law enforcement in an emergency.**

**Pawn Detail:** Information on pawned merchandise is scanned and reviewed for detectives.

**Radar Watch:** Radar board set-up to document speeding.

**Sheriff's Front Desk:** Respond to inquiries, take reports at various buildings of the Sheriff's office.

**SIRT:** Control traffic at crimes scenes, community events and other incidences.

**Victim Call Backs:** Work with property detectives and update victims about their cases.

**Property Checks:** S.C.O.P.E. will drive by your home while you are away on vacation.

S.C.O.P.E. is the Sheriff's Community Oriented Policing Effort. SCOPE is a 501(c)3, non-profit program who works with strong, committed volunteers that supports safety in our neighborhoods. S.C.O.P.E., the residents of the community, and our local law enforcement are working together toward a common goal; to organize neighborhood groups, and promote crime prevention and safety, to help ease the burden to our deputies for safer communities. With law enforcement agencies facing drastic budget cuts; crime prevention information, education and supporting our neighborhoods and communities with great volunteers is key!

S.C.O.P.E. has 13 stations and over 20 services that are each headed by our wonderful, hard-working volunteers! The services we provide is to help ease the burden off of our local law enforcement and help the residents of our community. SCOPE also participates in parades or visits organizations in support of our community!

Overall, the S.C.O.P.E volunteer organization provides more than 2 million dollars of services per year back to Spokane County and the cities and towns within it.

All those who wish to volunteer with S.C.O.P.E. are provided with free background checks, basic training and on going training throughout the year! SCOPE appreciates all of its members and recognizes their efforts. We would love for you to become a part of our family!

**Interested in joining S.C.O.P.E., or want find out more information? Please call S.C.O.P.E.'s Executive Director, Rick Scott @ 509-477-3376 Or, go to the SCOPE website at, <https://www.scopespokane.org/>**

**Written by, TED WESTFALL,  
SCOPE Edgecliff President**

### Written by Ted Westfall, President S.C.O.P.E. Edgecliff

As President of the Edgecliff SCOPE station, along with my VP, Vern Staack, our volunteers enjoy a variety of programs, events and opportunities to serve in the community as additional "eyes and ears" for the Sheriff's Department.

We have an active group of volunteers headed up by Kym and James Faulkner, who operate our SCOPE car as Citizens on Patrol and alerting Crime Check to areas of concern. They also do vacation home checks, and deliver our radar speed sign to high speed traffic areas.

We have another group of volunteers, including longtime volunteer, Sandra Christianson, who partner with the YMCA warmup project facilitated by Carole Hankal and Karen Gallion to sew, crochet and knit items to distribute to the needy in the Spokane area. They are busy now during the pandemic making protective face masks for children and adults.

Other parts of our group enjoy yard work and spend hours planting, pruning, mowing and keeping our station grounds looking green. Kudos to Rodney who heads up that project!

Many of our volunteers spend hours doing office work keeping records, reception duties, greeting clients and neighbors who are seeking information or requesting help to address neighborhood concerns.

We couldn't operate our station without longtime Treasurer, Pam Cole, loyal receptionist Elaine Staack, and Secretary and office Manager, Linda Kane.

Our talented Kendra Ooms, who just completed her studies in criminal justice, also designed and completed laying a new bathroom floor at our station.

We have event coordinator Dick Baker, coordinating many sponsored events throughout the year. Our volunteers participate in annual National Night Out, picnics, local parades and Fairs; Valley fest, providing refreshments at a local Interstate rest stop, plant and yard sale fundraisers.

During the Holidays we do food baskets, Toys for Tots, and donate and help at our local food banks to serve those in need throughout our community.

There's never a dull moment as a SCOPE volunteer.

Come join S.C.O.P.E. and become part of a family" of volunteers who love our community. We are proud to support our law enforcement officers and look forward to the reopening of our State.



### S.C.O.P.E. on Fairchild

**By: SSgt Rebecca Wyatt , S.C.O.P.E. Volunteer  
(92 SFS Police Services NCO)**

The 92d Security Forces Squadron entered into a partnership with Spokane County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) January 12th, 2007 to establish a Joint Crime Prevention Program as a Fairchild Air Force Base (FAFB) Integrated Defense (ID) initiative. This partnership was recognized as vital in preparing the unit for the 2007 and 2010 Air Mobility Command Inspector General Compliance Inspections when the installation security section's selection as "Outstanding Team" significantly contributed to the Squadron's "Outstanding" rating. S.C.O.P.E. on Fairchild's stalwart performance also helped in the unit's selection for Air Mobility Command's 2019 "Outstanding Medium Security Forces Unit Award".

Fairchild's security perimeter now begins at the Spokane County line with over 15,000 volunteers in the civilian community acting as our eyes and ears. FAFB collaboration with the SCSO to expand Crime Prevention Programs, as well as incorporate a Neighborhood Watch (NW) program for both on and off-base residents was codified in a single all-inclusive Civilian Law Enforcement Agency (CLEA) Mutual Aid Support Agreement with concurrent jurisdiction.

FAFB set up office space in 92 SFS HQ Building for Crime Prevention, NW coordinator and SCSO utilization as a substation. SCSO provides flyers and crime prevention information that is stocked in this official S.C.O.P.E. Station

to serve those on base. SCSO provides a monthly crime prevention story for the FAFB newspaper, monthly crime statistics using GEOBASE mapping and a quarterly Crime prevention newsletter as well as several crime prevention training opportunities throughout the year.

FAFB hosts a monthly Right Start briefing on the second Friday of each month and SCSO Crime Prevention Officers co-host a table at these briefings. The Right Start briefings are for military families new to the area. S.C.O.P.E provides the Wing Anti-Terrorism Officer (ATO) with analytical data pertaining to high crime areas and its members act as eyes and ears for threats in the community which could impact FAFB personnel. A crime prevention Deputy also briefs newcomers on Washington State laws and local crime trends.

FAFB provides Eagle Eyes terrorism brochures and training that is incorporated into the off-base SCSO NW Program. The Eagle Eyes brochures include steps for individuals to take in spotting terrorism behavior, and wallet cards with a FAFB phone number to report suspicious activity. 92 SFS trained their Base Defense Operations Center to take informational calls and answer questions from citizens and S.C.O.P.E. volunteers. Information gathered is forwarded to the appropriate agencies with several success stories to date. S.C.O.P.E. on Fairchild has also purchased a golf cart for the NW Block Captains to use on base to increase citizens-on-patrol involvement and enhance all of our community policing efforts.

S.C.O.P.E. on Fairchild currently participates in events hosted by the base, such as:

- Halloween "Pumpkin Patrol"
- Police Week (includes LE Memorial Day)
- Annual Inland Northwest SKYFEST (FAFB Open House and Air Show)
- National Night Out Against Crime (large BBQ in housing with all first responders in attendance)
- D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Program to include summer camp
- McGruff Program (use both McGruff and Scruffy costumes)
- Eddie the Eagle Gun safe Program (using the Eddie the Eagle costume)
- COP (Citizens-On-Patrol) Program
- Neighborhood Watch with registered Block Captains
- Operation Family ID (purchased new electronic fingerprinting equipment)
- Radar Reader Board
- School Patrol/Michael Anderson Elementary School
- Crime Statistics and Sex Offender Notification
- SIRT (Sheriffs Incident Response Team)

### Written by, Brenda Davis S.C.O.P.E. West Valley

Our West Valley S.C.O.P.E. (Sheriff Community Oriented Policing Effort) volunteers have a variety of backgrounds and experiences to help make our group a success. Everyone has experiences and knowledge to share and has something to contribute. We have a variety of activities so people can choose what interests them and put in as many hours as are comfortable for them. Some of our members have been with the same office since its beginning in 1995.

Anne LaSalle at age 97 is one of those members. She has slowed down, as one might expect, but she used to help with our annual carnival fund raiser and sit at the desk at the office and help people when they came in or phoned with questions. Anne also recalls the Christmas parties every year and the crazy gift exchange we do during the party. Our annual fund raiser is a carnival and parade that is held the first Saturday of every June for 24 years. The carnival was canceled this year due to COVID-19.

We also help with traffic control at races, the Fairchild Air Show, parades and any other event where we are needed. The (COP) Citizens On Patrol patrols our neighborhoods and businesses for suspicious activity. Lifting finger prints off cars is another service we do under the supervision of the Sheriff's office.

A couple of years ago several volunteers put their knowledge together and started a HAM radio club. We have a weekly net and a monthly meeting for training. We are available to assist for events and emergencies.

SCOPE is a great program to put your talents to work and meet a great group of people. There are several offices in different neighborhoods so each member volunteer can get acquainted with their local neighborhood. Being a part of the SCOPE team is really being a part of something worthwhile.

**Written by, Dale Davis, President of S.C.O.P.E. East**

Here at our SCOPE East station, our volunteers have participated in many events. Along with many years prior, 2019 was a good year for us. In addition to setting up a booth at Otis Elementary School, our OFID Team was at 9 different events in 2019. SCOPE's OFID (Operation Family Identification) Team took the fingerprints and a photo each parent or guardian who requested it for them to keep on hand.

Our volunteers have provided coffee and home-made cookies to weary travelers headed East on I-90 at the rest area near Sprague Washington. We also had a very successful yard sale where many nice items were donated. The items that were left over from our sale were then donated to Vets in Post Falls which is a non-profit organization that helps those veterans in need. We have also assisted in helping at the Valley Fest Parade, Valley Fest Du-Athlon, Torch Light Parade in downtown Spokane.

SCOPE station also has volunteers who run our C.O.P. (Citizens on Patrol), and run radar in the area. The C.O.P. Teams and are generally on patrol weekly, and our radar team goes out a couple times per week to conduct radar readings per requests from the general public. The information that we collect is then turned over to the Sheriff's Department Traffic Unit.

We have also assisted in two potluck events at the Station. A local Citizen's Band Radio Club asked to use our facility for their two events, and gave us a donation after each event. Our Station, via the "Moving Forward" program, assisted Central Valley (CV) SCOPE with their Sprague Rest Stop event, and assisted CV SCOPE with an event at the learning center on Sprague Avenue in Spokane Valley. Members of our Station, in association with the Sheriff's Incident Response Team (S.I.R.T.), participated in the "Trunk or Treat" event on Halloween.

We have many different members who have different talents, and one of our members who enjoys sewing, has generously made in excess of 100 lap blankets and shirt protectors that have been donated to local nursing homes. We have also taken time to upgrade the look of our office by painting the kitchen and bathroom area so we can enjoy our space while we are here assisting any residents who come to our station looking for assistance.

Here at the East SCOPE station, we are not just all work and no play, as our station also participated in the "No Shave November" contest, which helped us to collect and then donate \$100.00 to St Jude. We have held a very successful dinner event in December that included representatives from the SCOPE Board and the Sheriff's Office.

Please come by and see us! Our SCOPE station is located at: 4904 N Harvard Road, Otis Orchards, WA. (509) 981-3150



**Written by, Greg Preuss, a volunteer of S.C.O.P.E. North**

Our SCOPE North location has many active members which participate in a lot of the SCOPE programs. We have listed the programs that we are involved in and hope to have you join SCOPE and become a part of our stations!

Abandon Vehicles: Currently done along with COP ( identify and report only )

Business Watch: Currently done along with COP

Citizens on Patrol: Have approximately 10 volunteers doing COP weekly, but since COVID19 restrictions, only have 2 couples going out - Carol & Sonny and Duane & Nancy. Greg Preuss is lead

Disabled Parking: Have 5 volunteers commissioned. No enforcement being done currently due to COVID

Flagging/SIRT: Have 3 SIRT volunteers active currently - Jeff Banke, Peter Stuart, and David Lohse. (Jeff Banke was recognized with a terrific article in the Spokesman Review recently.)

OFID: Have around 10 volunteers but no events since March. Carol and Sonny are leads

Pawn: Marilyn Miller and Chuck Haley continue to do this.

Radar Watch: Peter Stuart took temporary charge as lead after the lead retired. He reorganized into one group covering the entire county.

Latent Fingerprints: Have about 6 people trained/certified. No printing done currently at SCOPE North due to COVID. Jeff Banke works at Sally Port on Tuesdays. Greg Preuss and Rod West are co-leads.

DOC Volunteers continue to work with Dept. of Corrections but due to COVID, only one person can be at the office at a time. Neta, Duane, Nancy, Chuck, Lynda, and Greg Hoch (Lead) do this.

SCOPE North Office: Mondays - Diana Dunn Thursdays - Marilyn Miller Fridays (or Saturday) - Neta McKenzie

SCOPE ERC: Emergency Response Communication nets continue on GMRS frequency on Tuesday evenings and weekly at 6:30pm followed by the Amateur Radio frequency at 7:00pm. Monthly meetings continue on the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30pm held on ZOOM set up by Peter Stuart.

Our Ham radio program has four people involved from this station are, Jeff, Peter, Greg, and Chris Hilton. The whole program of Ham is to 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 ". 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.

We all hope to get back to normal schedules soon, especially COP, DPE, LAFP, and OFID.





**WE NEED YOU!**  
 We need extra hands, eyes and ears to help keep our communities safe

**S.C.O.P.E. Volunteer Application**  
*Sheriff's Community Oriented Policing Effort*

**Please complete and return to S.C.O.P.E. Main (address below) or to your S.C.O.P.E. substations.  
 All information is required to complete a criminal background check.**

*\*Please Print\**

**Last Name, First, Middle:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Any other names by which you have been known:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Any other states you have lived:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone: Home:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact Name and Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Male/Female** \_\_\_\_ **Last 4 #s of Soc. Sec. ID:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Driver's License #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State Issued:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I would like to volunteer at (SCOPE station):** \_\_\_\_\_

***Authorization to Release Information***

I authorize the Spokane County Sheriff's Office to check my criminal history and access any files, reports, or information which they may have concerning me not prohibited by the Washington State Law Against Discrimination (RCW 49.60). Information of a confidential or privileged nature may be included. The purpose of accessing such information is to determine my qualifications and fitness for the position I am seeking with the Spokane County S.C.O.P.E. Volunteer Service Program in conjunction with the Spokane County Sheriff's Office.

I hereby release you, your organization, and others from any liability or damage which may result from furnishing the information requested.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

If you have any questions or comments, please contact your S.C.O.P.E. substation, or call or write to:

Spokane County Sheriff's Office  
 ATTN: S.C.O.P.E. Main  
 12710 E. Sprague Ave.  
 Spokane Valley, WA 99216

Telephone: 509-477-3376  
 Fax: 509-477-5461

Email: SCOPEMAIN@spokanesherriff.org

*~For Administrative Use Only~*

**Accepted: YES / NO**

**Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_



Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, many events have been cancelled this year, but we will be back! Please see all the wonderful events (with more to come) that are happening next year! More information about the events below.

**January 24, 2021**

**SCOPE SIRT Team**

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

**May, 2021**

**SCOPE Elk**

- Elk Days and Parade
- Ram Fest– event held at the in the sports field at Riverside High School. There will be an information booth, a candy tree, sticker badges & pencils for the kids!
- Christmas Toy Drive, free toy giveaway to our local Elk community.

**June, 2021**

**SCOPE West Valley**

- West Valley has a carnival and parade every year on the first Saturday in June. A large part of the money raised goes back into the community in donations. The carnival is a lot of work setting up/taking down and getting a lot of people to run it.

**June, 2021**

**SCOPE East**

- Yard Sale– donate your gently used household goods, books, etc. Or, come on and see what there is to buy!
- Otis Days parade– kids games, vendor booths and refreshments will be served

**SCOPE Deer Park**

- Deer Park Pioneer Days

**Neighborhood Watch and Sheriff's Crime Prevention Unit Events**

Annual National Night Out (August)

Neighborhood Watch NNO party at the Spokane Valley Mall (August)

Crime Prevention conference (October)  
Open to all!

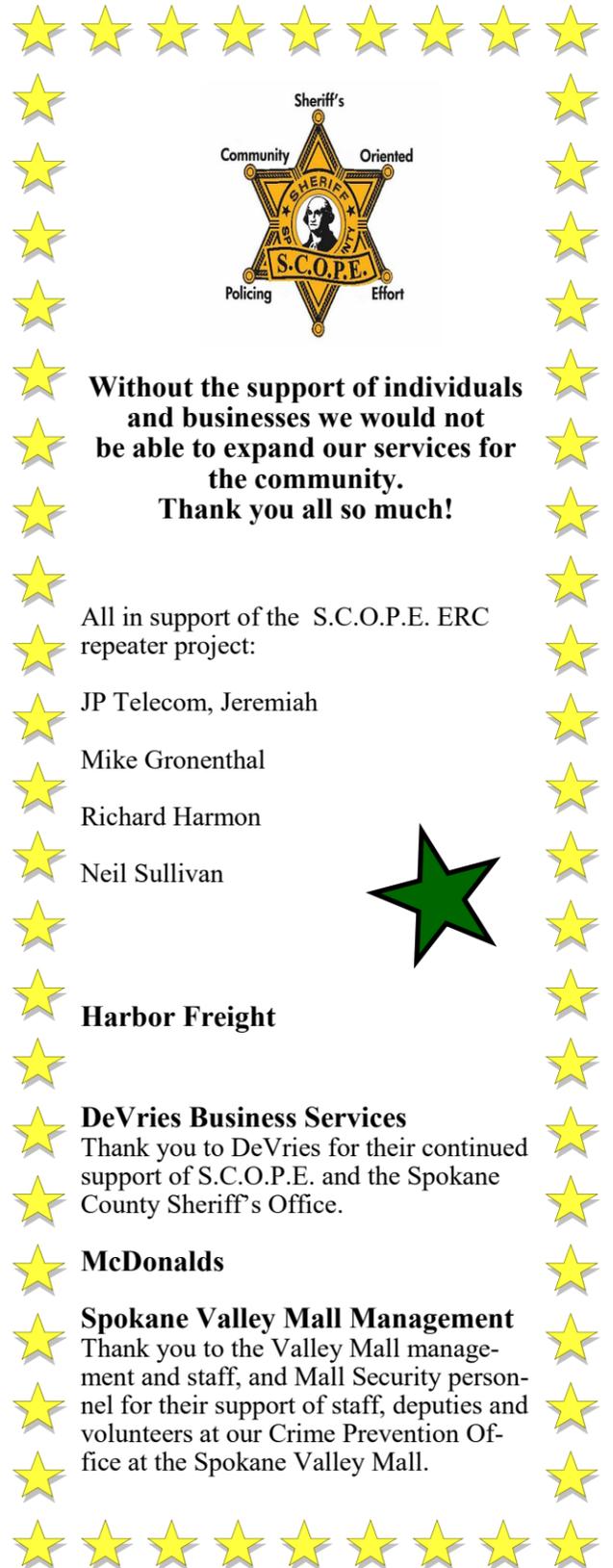
Trick-or-Treating at the Spokane County (October)

Sheriff's Office in the Spokane Valley Mall. Treats and goodies for all the kids for a safe and fun environment!

**October, 2021**

**Spokane Valley Precinct Police**

- Trunk-or-Treat



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

All in support of the S.C.O.P.E. ERC repeater project:

- JP Telecom, Jeremiah
- Mike Gronenthal
- Richard Harmon
- Neil Sullivan



**Harbor Freight**

**DeVries Business Services**

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

**McDonalds**

**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.



**There are many things that \$136.00 can buy, don't let a traffic ticket for distracted driving be one of them.**

**If you are behind the wheel DON'T:**

- Hold your phone while driving even if you are stopped at a traffic light.
- Type messages on devices; cell phones or laptops.
- Watch movies or videos.

**If you are behind the wheel DO:**

- Pay attention to the road.
- Pull over if you need to make a call or text.
- Use hands free devices or a speaker phone.
- Focus, drive and stay alive!

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ASSAULT Aggravated/Simple	45	57	46	53	33	36	13	12	18	11	14	35	33	17	19	7	4	0	1	0	0	454
BURGLARY/ROBBERY	32	30	28	21	13	31	16	20	17	16	18	19	23	10	12	1	4	0	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	0	180
FORGERY/ Fraud	34	49	38	45	27	45	18	16	29	16	23	27	33	18	23	8	2	0	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	0	157
THEFT	127	100	58	170	40	131	34	25	27	27	17	37	37	24	30	12	7	1	0	1	0	905
VEH PROWL	78	107	58	76	28	66	27	52	32	34	12	35	39	17	12	5	4	0	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	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.spokanesheriff.org](http://www.spokanesheriff.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) Station no longer in operation  
 FAFB (12) 509-247-5988  
 Liberty Lake (9) 509-755-1143  
 Medical Lake (12) 509-299-7525  
 Mounted Patrol 509-280-5174

North (7 & 13) 509-477-6377  
 South (11) 509-868-0200  
 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

**Spokane County Sheriff**

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

**Crime Prevention Deputies**

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

**Area Law Enforcement Agencies**

City of Airway Heights Police  
 509-244-3707

City of Cheney Police  
 509-498-9235

City of Liberty Lake Police  
 509-755-1140

City of Medical Lake  
 (services provided by Sheriff's Office)  
 509-625-4100

City of Spokane Police  
 Desk  
 509-625-4100  
[www.spokanepolice.org/](http://www.spokanepolice.org/)

City of Spokane Valley Police\*  
 509-477-3300  
[www.spokanevalley.org/](http://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

**Law Enforcement Help Lines**

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  
 (Crime Check is available 24/7)

**Crime Stoppers**  
[www.crimestoppersinlandnorthwest.org](http://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**  
 24-hour Regional Crisis Line 1-877-266-1818

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

**Emergency Management Spokane**  
[www.gsem.us](http://www.gsem.us), 509-477-3046

**LOCAL**

**S.C.O.P.E.**  
 Sheriff's Community Oriented  
 Policing Effort for Spokane County  
 509-477-3376  
[www.scopespokane.org](http://www.scopespokane.org)

**To start a Neighborhood Watch**  
 509-477-3055  
[Vdelcambremorrisspokane.org](http://Vdelcambremorrisspokane.org)

**Spokane C.O.P.S.**  
 Community Oriented Policing Services,  
 for The City of Spokane  
 509-625-3300  
[www.spokanecops.org/](http://www.spokanecops.org/)

**G.S.S.A.C.**  
 Greater Spokane Substance Abuse Council  
 509-922-8383  
[www.gssac.org](http://www.gssac.org)

**SCRAPS**  
 Spokane County Regional  
 Animal Protection Service  
 509-477-2532  
[www.spokanecounty.org/SCRAPS/](http://www.spokanecounty.org/SCRAPS/)

**HEART**  
 Humane Evacuation Animal Rescue Team  
[Heartofspokane.org](http://Heartofspokane.org)  
[www.Spokaneheart@gmail.com](mailto:www.Spokaneheart@gmail.com)

**Spokane Humane Society**  
 509-467-5235  
[www.spokanehumanesociety.org/](http://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](http://www.wscpaonline.org)

The Neighborhood Watch Newsletters are also available online at [spokanesheriff.org](http://spokanesheriff.org). Click on Crime Prevention and then click on Neighborhood Watch.