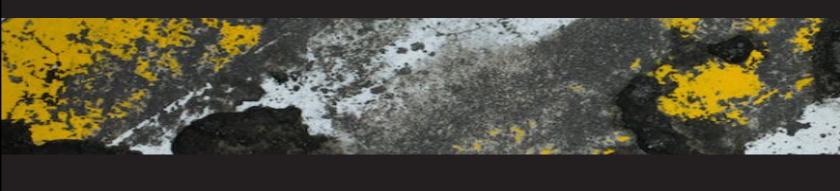
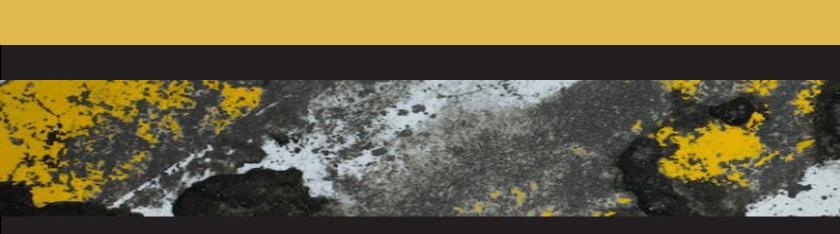


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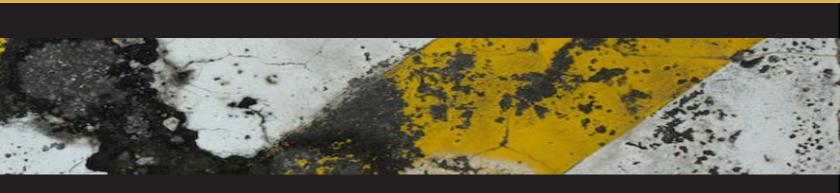
We at Spokane C.O.P.S. want to take a moment to acknowledge the community around us. As an organization, we exist to make this community better and safer. But that only happens when the community steps up and rises to the challenge. Our volunteers give their time freely and serve passionately to make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





#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

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



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#### **CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD**



First and foremost, I want to thank the staff, the City of Spokane, and, most importantly, the Spokane C.O.P.S. volunteers for all the work that they do on a regular basis. Without these groups working together, this organization would not exist. 2022 was another year of adapt and overcome for Spokane C.O.P.S. We finally started to see the pandemic recede, and the world start to fully open back up. We were able to get back to more normal operations, and it was amazing to see everyone's unmasked, smiling faces again! Our staff and volunteers continued to do an amazing job being creative in problem solving and helping the community deal with crime and quality of life issues.

It was special for me to watch our staff and volunteers have a renewed sense of value with all the things they do. There was great excitement and energy for folks getting back out full force into the community. The number of hours put into our Neighborhood Observation (NOP) Patrol, school NOP, Mounted Patrol, Paws on

Patrol, Off-road Patrol, and all our other great programs are invaluable to the City of Spokane and its residents. We also got to see the return of National Night Out Against Crime celebrations. I got to spend time talking with individuals at their neighborhood parties. It was wonderful to hear all the positive comments surrounding Spokane C.O.P.S. from the neighborhood residents.

Having my DOC staff housed at both C.O.P.S West and the North Precinct, I have been able to observe our Community Victim Advocates in action. The individualized time they spend with our community members who have been victims of crime is unparalleled. Their hard work, professionalism, knowledge, and empathy provides crime victims with an understanding and sense of empowerment that they would not have otherwise. I am looking forward to an even better 2023!

Scott Burkart Chairman of the Board

#### CHIEF OF POLICE



Heraclitus is credited with saying, "There is nothing permanent except change." Change can be challenging, scary, daunting. But it can also be exciting and energizing. As our wonderful C.O.P.S. program enters 2023, a new Executive Director will take the helm. C.O.P.S. has never been in a stronger position to continue the significant growth that it has enjoyed for the last several years; the program has been left on solid ground. I strongly believe that even in my position, the Department is larger than any one person. The men and women who make up SPD, much like the men and women who make up the C.O.P.S. program, are what drives the success and future of our organizations. C.O.P.S. is full of amazing, energetic, thoughtful, committed, compassionate volunteers; all of whom want to continue serving their communities.

We can all still feel the hangover effects from the COVID lockdowns. Things are just... different. It's going to take us awhile to get back to where we were at pre-COVID. Right now, Spokane needs a light to help show them that things are good, they

can be better, and they are only going to get better. Our amazing C.O.P.S.' volunteers, who give of their most prized possession (time!), truly brighten countless peoples' days with their patience, understanding and willingness to listen and help those who have been victimized. They continue to play a crucial role in helping to make Spokane a safer city for us to all live and play in. Spokane, and the Spokane Police Department, are blessed to have each and every one of our C.O.P.S. volunteers. They are a light for us all to follow, and they are needed now more than ever.

So on behalf of the Spokane Police Department, I want to thank all of our C.O.P.S. staff and volunteers for the truly thankless efforts you put forward every day that you volunteer. When I think of the Spokane C.O.P.S. volunteers, I'm reminded of Isaiah 6:8: "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I (our C.O.P.S. volunteers) said, "Here am I. Send me!" Here's to an amazing 2023!

#### **Craig Meidl**

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#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**



**Patrick Striker Executive Director** 

Patrick joined Spokane C.O.P.S. in April of 2015. His background is diverse, having been in leadership roles in a number of varied organizations in the area. Patrick moved out to Spokane some years ago to attend Whitworth University, where he received his Bachelors in Theology/ Philosophy, and later achieved his Masters of **Business Administration** from Green Mountain College.

He enjoys Spokane C.O.P.S. because of its mission and the people it serves. He thinks it's a great organization and sees the difference it makes in the lives of everyday people. He thinks his staff are amazing and appreciates how much time his volunteers and Board of Directors give to the organization.

2022 was another incredible year for this organization! As life returned to normal from all the changes we experienced in the pandemic, we saw a renewed interest in community events and a renewed desire to get involved by so many community members, and that was encouraging! In fact, we gained 145 new volunteers this year, which is a strong number and a testament to this organization, that so many people were choosing us as their organization that they wanted to be a part of.

We saw growth in our programs, and particularly in things like Block Watch and Business Watch. We found that this year, businesses and neighborhoods were really ready to step up and see what they could do to minimalize criminal activity in their area. That was encouraging and some of the feedback we got from those Business Watch groups and Block Watch groups who implemented our suggestions was pretty incredible!

In a world where technology reigns supreme and serious matters like crime prevention are often dealt with by simple internet searches, we are seeing that people still desire that face-to-face interaction. People see that crime prevention needs more than bullet points on a website with ideas, it needs advice specific to that person's issues if we want to make a difference. This has led to a growth in Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) assessments at peoples' homes and businesses – well-trained staff and volunteers are able to come out and make recommendations that are specific to that location. We saw a big rise in people asking us to do that this year, and we are always happy to help them feel safe.

And finally, as the year ended, I announced that I would be moving on from this position as the Executive Director. I have loved every moment of my 8 years here and the difference this organization has made in my life and the lives of our community members. I wish everyone in this organization all the best, and I'll still be in the area as I am going to work as the Director of the Office of Neighborhood Services for the City of Spokane.

Thank you all for not only a great 2022, but a great 8 year experience!

**Patrick Striker Executive Director** 

#### STAFF



Johanna 'Jo" Ross | Administrative Assistant

Jo joined the team this year in a new role for Spokane C.O.P.S. She came to us from one of our very own partners, Dept. Of Correction (DOC) in the community division. So she was no stranger to our C.O.P.S. Shops. With her diverse background in administration, IT, graphic design, and marketing, Jo has brought new life into Spokane C.O.P.S. Her passion is to serve clients, community members, stakeholders and our very own volunteers with grace and compassion.



Sandi McIntyre | Programs Manager

Sandi served the Spokane Community as a Police Officer for 25 years. During that time, she served as a Neighborhood Resource Officer at C.O.P.S. Nevawood, Hostage Negotiator and was certified by the National Institute in Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design. When it was her time to retire from the Police department, it was a great transition for the C.O.P.S. program to hire her. She enjoys sharing her knowledge, expertise, and passion about crime prevention. She has now been our Programs Manager for 3.5 years. She believes in the programs and loves spending time with all the volunteers!



Traci Ponto | Crime Victim Advocate

Traci moved to the Spokane area from East Wenatchee. She served as a volunteer with Spokane Police department for 2 years while attending college and then was hired as a patrol officer for SPD in 1994. She worked patrol for the first 10 years of her career. During those years she served on the Dignitary Protection team, Field Training Officer, TAC officer and Mounted Patrol. The last 15 years of her career were employed as a Neighborhood Resource officer. She started the C.O.P.S. Mounted Patrol Unit in 2018 and retired in 2019 from the department when she took the position of a Crime Victim Advocate with Spokane C.O.P.S.



Annette Henriksen | Crime Victim Advocate

Annette has lived in the PNW most of her life, with the better part of that time being in Spokane. Her diverse training and work experience lends her to being a successful victim advocate, which includes mediation & dispute resolution, human resources, and people management. And, prior to joining Spokane C.O.P.S. in May of 2021, she worked as a liaison between veterans and their medical care team at Mann-Grandstaff VA Medical Center. She has a passion for serving individuals and her community, and she's a compassionate and successful advocate for those in need. Annette's job is one that makes a difference and changes lives, every day.

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# CRIME PREVENTION **PROGRAMS**

s good people and caring citizens, we need to understand crime prevention is a shared Aresponsibility; it's not just an individual citizen's problem nor does it all fall upon our police. It is a societal problem that can only be addressed by our entire community working together. In other words, safety is absolutely a shared responsibility. So, to help prevent crime or becoming a victim of crime, we need to band together and watch out for each other. These are people like you, your neighbors, friends, and co-workers who care about the safety of their community and who are willing to make a difference in positive ways.

Spokane C.O.P.S. has a proven and well-developed approach to crime prevention. It's our numerous Crime Prevention Programs where community members get involved to help make their city safer and more secure. Our goal is to train individuals and give them the tools to prevent crime by helping them make decisions in their everyday lives to reduce the opportunity for crime to occur. The successful C.O.P.S. Crime Prevention Programs we provide for this community makes a safer place for all of us.

Of our numerous programs, there will certainly be one that is a good fit for anyone. No matter

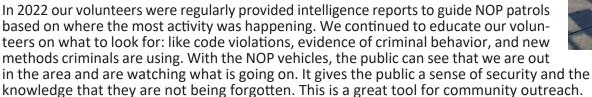
how much (or how little) time you have to give, no matter what your interests are, no matter what part of town you live in, no matter what skills you have, we have something for you. Now, you just need to get involved!

- Neighborhood Observation Patrol (NOP)
- Paws On Patrol (PoP)
- Off Road Patrol (ORP)
- Mounted Patrol (MPÚ)
- Operation Family I.D. (OFID)
- Latent Fingerprinting
- Bicycle Registration
- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)
- Crime Free Rental Properties (CFRP)
- Block Watch
- **Business Watch**



# NEIGHBORHOOD **OBSERVATION PATROL**

Neighborhood Observation Patrol (NOP) has been a part of the C.O.P.S. Programs since the early years of this nonprofit organization. Our volunteers are trained by staff and SPD personnel on safe, effective methods of patrol. This program is an instrumental part in community policing efforts. The NOP program has shown to be a great opportunity where the Spokane Police Department can collaborate with its local volunteer citizens wanting to make a difference in their community. Neighborhood Resource Officers and SPD officers will typically give volunteers locations they would like them to check out. They also give locations based on areas experiencing high calls for service. This partnership makes for a stronger united front in confronting criminal and nuisance activities in the greater Spokane city area, between the community and the police department.



Our volunteers continued to work with 37 elementary schools on the walking school routes grant. They had a presence at the elementary schools, reporting issues, talking to people to let them know we were there. They talked to crossing guards and got information and feedback about concerns they had. All this focus on schools made our patrols more effective and our volunteers enjoyed knowing they were making a difference. With the presence of fewer police officers, our volunteers found a way to make the community safer, particularly around schools, asking the question, "would I want my kids to walk past this?" Often, kids are walking to school past areas where speeding traffic is a concern. There are areas with drug houses, areas with dangerous sidewalks where kids are walking out into the street to avoid tripping, the list goes on. Between 9 of our C.O.P.S. Shops, our volunteers were able to raise \$24,000.00 through the Walking School Routes grant!



#### **NOP SPOTLIGHT**

In the spring of 2022, I reached out to Spokane C.O.P.S. to ask for support to our school for activity occurring in the park and surrounding area during the school day, specifically during lunch. The activity being reported included both truancy and substance abuse, as well as some vandalism of cars in our student parking lot. After calling Spokane C.O.P.S. and having the opportunity to meet with them, the folks at Spokane C.O.P.S. increased patrols in and around the park at Shadle, and we saw an immediate decrease in activity which negatively impacted our school community and distracted from student learning. This change and decrease in negative behavior/ activity was felt by our school community, and the feedback we received from parents, staff, and students alike was positive and appreciative of the increased presence in the area. As a school, we are continually thankful for the support of Spokane C.O.P.S. -Chris Dunn, Principal Shadle Park High School

OG ownership in the United States has grown and it's estimated there are 63.4 million households in the United States that have at least one dog. Wow! This means there are a lot of canine residents that need to go out for a walk at least a handful of times a day. This brings us to our volunteer program, Paws on Patrol, that caters specifically to dog walkers.

Paws on Patrol "PoP" is basically Neighborhood Observation Patrol while you are already doing something you love: walking your dog. Dog walkers naturally take notice of what's going on in their neighborhood: which cars are in the





driveways, where that one cat lives (your dog certainly knows), and when neighbors leave work or come home, which are all things that may seem insignificant until something is amiss. The objective of this is showing a united presence and getting more eyes out looking around; this prevents crime from happening in neighborhoods, parks, and around schools. Criminals don't want to be seen, so the presence of the PoP walkers usually results in them scurrying off.

PoP Orientation shows our volunteers how to keep an eye on their neighborhood and local parks while they are out walking their dogs. The training also explains how to deal with unexpected situations in a safe and

responsible manner, and how to report certain things one may come across.

POP Volunteer membership is at 77 and growing. We've logged several hundreds of hours and countless miles of dog-walking at numerous walks and fun events around the City of Spokane and our surrounding communities. Our volunteers and their dogs out there on patrol do make a huge

difference in keeping our community a safer place!









#### POP VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHTS

**Pamela Reeff:** Recipient of the City of Spokane's 2022 Leadership Award! We are thrilled Pamela is an integral part of the Paws on Patrol Program. We thank her for her dedication to this program, and the kindness and compassion she shows to all. We look forward to a successful and fun 2023 with Pamela on our team!







Today at C.O.P.S. NW, Laura Renz, who I met at the St. Patrick's Day parade stopped in. She introduced us to her dog Vinnie, and a young man that attends Shadle High School. She met him on patrol in Shadle park, and he had concerns about spending time in the park waiting for a ride from his parents. . . she verified that our waiting area is a "safe place" for him or any young person to come in if they feel threatened or have concerns. This was a very good thing!

Later, she came in and asked if we had a first aid kit she could borrow. A man had fallen while on his skate board and had hit his head on the pavement. She put on latex gloves, gently cleaned up his abrasion and took care of him till his mother came to take him to

urgent care. I was in the shop and went out to briefly see if anything else was needed. The man that appeared homeless declined an ambulance, but waited on his Mom

to come desk, so handled and dis though her skill

to come. It was really busy at the desk, so I had to go back in. She handled the situation very well and displayed first aid training. I thought you should know about her skill and compassion.

-Sincerely, Victor Frazier





#### **STATISTICS**

OUR VOLUNTEER NEIGHBORHOOD OBSERVATION PATROL PROVIDED OVER 3878 HOURS OF SERVICE TO THE SPOKANE COMMUNITY.



Spokane has incredible parks. Few cities can boast of the beauty we have around us, and our parks can be a great draw for people in the area to come visit. Not only does Spokane have parks throughout the city, but we also have beautiful rural parks that are incredible to walk or bike through. But particularly in those rural parks, crime can be an issue. Since they are public spaces but out in secluded areas, they can be great places to attract crime. Drug deals, human trafficking, car prowls at trailheads, and all sorts of other issues can, and do, occur in those areas. Not only does it make



it so that everyday people don't feel safe in the parks and tend to stay away, but those criminal issues then spill over into the residential areas. Those drug deals that happen in the trailhead parking lots bring drugs right back into the community. The car prowlings, the stolen merchandise, all of the issues effect the rest of Spokane. Since some of these rural parks become hubs for this activity, and since that activity can then effect the city overall, we wanted to help get in there to deal with these issues. The problem is that those areas where things are happening can be very difficult to access. The best way to get in there and have a presence and be able to cover large distances would be by ATV. As result, we have the Off Road Patrol. We work closely with the Parks Department, and many of our patrols have a Park Ranger with us. Getting deep into the parks to

have a presence and often just talking to park-goers makes a big difference.

For 2022, the Off Road Patrol did quite a number of things to help keep our community safe. We continued with our regular patrols, having a presence in those rural areas that often see a lot of crime. During those routine patrols, we continued to report issues we saw. In addition, we continued to talk to regular park-goers and let them know why we were there and get feedback from them about areas that were concerning or issues



they wanted us to know. Doing so allows community members to feel safe, as they know the parks are being patrolled.

We also did cleanup events as a big part of crime prevention is sending a message that an area is being taken care of. When areas begin to see a lot of garbage, it sends a message that no one cares and





a presence out there, and engaging the community, we are able to see a decrease in concerning behavior.







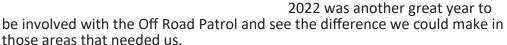
Along the same lines, we did several graffiti cleanup events this year as well. We worked with the City of Spokane for a big graffiti removal event in one of the areas that had been hit hard with graffiti in High Bridge Park. We also came back and did several more graffiti removal events in that area to further our efforts. Since these areas aren't accessible by vehicle, having four-wheelers enabled us to load up the paint, gear,

rollers, etc., and go clean them up. This also ties in to crime prevention as graffiti is a huge nuisance issue that tends to attract criminal behavior and tends to dissuade every day, ordinary people from being in that area. Cleaning up the graffiti makes the parks feel safer and more inviting to the people and families that we want to make use of those areas.



We also made appearances at numerous events around the community throughout

the year. We were in multiple parades on our four-wheelers and promoting crime prevention, and we had tables at many events as well, promoting crime prevention through community engagement.











# MOUNTED PATROL

he Mounted Patrol program is about crime prevention by engaging the community and making use of the community itself to fight crime in positive ways. The Spokane Police department originally had a Mounted Patrol from the

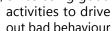


1970's through the 1990's. The unit rode strictly in Riverfront Park and served in an outreach function. We attended open houses, schools and rode in parades.

In 1998, the unit returned to patrol and the outreach program ended. In 2018, C.O.P.S. Executive Director Patrick Striker met with Spokane Police Officer Traci Ponto and together they formed a plan to bring the Mounted Patrol back to the families and into the city parks. The unit recognized that all city parks had some sort of problem - whether it was disorderly conduct, alcohol or drug related problems, suspicious activity, etc. We realized early on that these park problems could not be solely a police problem but are actually a community

problem. The community needed to be more involved with activities in their city parks that would draw families into the parks and help eliminate crime.

This is where C.O.P.S. Mounted Patrol comes in to play. We recognized that horses were a natural draw for families who want to see them up close, pet them, and interact with them. This created an opportunity to talk to families about C.O.P.S. shops, crime prevention and why we were in their city parks. The goal of the Mounted Patrol is to "own" our spaces, namely city parks, since using good





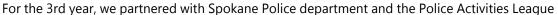


In 2022, just about every weekend from May to September, our Mounted Patrol volunteers brought their horses in to multiple city parks like, Audubon, Grant,

community members on crime prevention techniques and how to report crimes.

parks. Volunteers logged in over 2500 hours for the year! In those parks, we used our presence to draw people into the parks, report issues, and educate the community on

crime prevention and staying safe. The horses are huge draw for community members!



(PAL) so we could talk to the kids about being a good neighbour and why our parks are so important. Our volunteers and horses also attended the East Farms STEM school and provided a beautiful canvas for kids to finger paint on.



We attended 6 retirement and assisted living centers, letting residents pet the horses and listened to their stories about horses they had

when they were growing up. Residents of memory care facilities really lit up at the sight of the horses. One very memorable moment was seeing a staff member tearing up over a resident who was nonverbal. Seeing the horses, the resident began to sing and continued to sing for the 20 minutes we were there. It was incredible!





We walked horses through graffitied alleys and in front of Ferguson's milk bottle at the Garland Farmers Market.

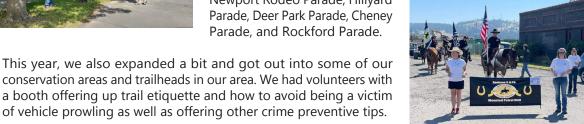
We made friends at the Emerson Garfield Farmers Market, Summer Parkways Block party, West Central Neighborhood Festival, Perry Street Fair and at Cheney's Rascal Rodeo. Our Drill Team performed at the Lind Combine Derby, Colville PRCA Rodeo, Newport Rough Stock Rodeo, 'Liberty Lake Police department, Cops, Cruisers and Kids for Special Olympics' event, Rockford Playdays,

and the Colville NE Fair.



Our horses are so popular with people that they took home awards at Lind Grand Parade, Lilac Parade, Colville Rodeo Parade,

Newport Rodeo Parade, Hillyard Parade, Deer Park Parade, Cheney Parade, and Rockford Parade.





conservation areas and trailheads in our area. We had volunteers with a booth offering up trail etiquette and how to avoid being a victim of vehicle prowling as well as offering other crime preventive tips.

In August, volunteers attended West Central National Night Out event while others went into the downtown scene and brought smiles to faces at Wall and Riverside with the Downtown

National Night Out party.



In August, we also had COPS MPU volunteers at the NE Youth Center Back to School 'Shop with a Cop' event where we helped 60 kids get school clothes from Target.

On September 11th, we had horses as the 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb Fundraiser at Day Mt Spokane and Hwy 2.

In September, we also hosted our favorite nighttime family event, the 'Mounted Patrol Scavenger Glo Hunt' in Franklin Park. This is another fun event that brings people out to the park to see the horses lit up at night as children try and find

them. Kids are given a trading card of each horse they find with a prize at the end.

Also during this 2022 season, we brought on 10 new MPU volunteers with a wide range of experience with horses and serving their community.



We keep growing our social media influence, with our "FRIENDS of COPS Mounted Patrol" on Facebook, which has over 1100 followers, and our Instagram page is over 400.

Our COPS Drill Team hosted their first Annual Drill Team Playday Fundraiser for the public and raised over \$600.





This program continues to move in a direction of great success by patrolling our city parks, speaking to the community on crime prevention and being great ambassadors for our Spokane COPS organization.

We value our continued partnerships with Spokane Parks Foundation where through their grant program we are able to send our volunteers through training and host free family events.

We want to thank other partnerships that include Spokane Parks and Rec, Spokane Police Department, Spokane Police Chaplains, Spokane Police Guild, West Central Community Center, Emerson Garfield and Garland Business District, Howard Hirsch Trust, Stimson Contracting, as well as many more!

# PROPERTY AND MEDICATION DROP-OFF

We lose things. All of us do. We set something down for just a moment, get distracted, stand up and leave....and forget the item. Sometimes it's not even our fault – someone broke into our car and stole our wallet or purse. Sometimes the item is important, like credit cards, passports, driver's licenses, and things like that. Sometimes, the item isn't worth much to anyone else, but to our child that object was the world. At the C.O.P.S. shops, you can drop off any item you find and we'll try and unite it with its owner. We'll use any tools at our disposal to get your items back to you. We've gotten pretty creative to return items to their owner and we're happy to do it.

2022 saw all the usual items that get turned in: keys, bikes, wallets, purses, credit cards, passports, cell phones, tools, etc. If you find something and want it returned to its owner, take it to your neighborhood C.O.P.S. shop! Our volunteers work hard to track down the owners before having to put the unclaimed property in the property room. The owners are so thankful and most of the time start to break down because they are getting back a piece of their lives they thought was gone.





Lach year, C.O.P.S. works with other organizations to sponsor drug take-back events. This year we partnered with the Shadle Prevention & Wellness Coalition on two events. For 2022, with the April and October Take Back Days, we had 176 pounds of medication turned in. Also another 40 pounds were turned into the North Precinct! Our goal is always to keep medicine and other sensitive things, and be able to keep them safe until we can deal with them. Even regular prescription drugs that seem harmless can create a lot of problems in the wrong hands. Not only do we have those big events to take drugs back, but you can drop off prescription drugs at any C.O.P.S. shop and we'll take them from you and ensure they are properly disposed of.



# An estimated 216 lb of prescription drugs were turned in and properly disposed of this year.

#### PROPERTY SPOTLIGHT

Time has many values. When you're retired it can be valuable or a curse. As we enter the winter of our lives we have plenty of time to reflect.

For me, I was raised as a patriotic person in the northeast. We were taught to respect anyone doing a service to the public. That included police, fire, and any public works employees.

It's difficult to know what's truly going on in your city if you just watch the evening news. My friend Kerry and I volunteered directly for the police department for four years and we were exposed to some degree the issues ongoing in our city. Whether it's theft, robbery, drug related and assorted other crimes, we felt the need to help in some small way.

It's very satisfying to take what seems like insignificant things off of an officers workload. This way they can handle the more important issues at hand. Working around these wonderful people was and is very gratifying. For their part, almost every one of them thanked us for helping them. They understood how valuable volunteers can be.

We got to see some things that we'd never have seen in our lives. For example, hard-core drugs. Not to mention, some stories concerning crimes that were fascinating.

Currently we're able to insert items into the property room while protecting the chain of custody. We also check schools for anything unusual which translates into improved security for students and teachers.

If someone wants to volunteer, this is an extremely important piece that helps our police department on a daily basis. It also educates the public to focus on their own safety and there's printed material to assist them with the many available resources available to help them.

We also have retired officers that are part of the organization. They have many years of experience on the street in this community, making it a validated resource for us all.

We hope you'll consider helping us and you can get satisfaction out of your efforts while helping a worthy cause. -Joe Kent







# OPERATION FAMILY I.D.

peration Family ID (OFID) is a community service program directly tied into the Missing & Exploited Children Organization and Amber Alert. This program is administered by Spokane C.O.P.S. in collaboration with the Spokane Police Department and S.C.O.P.E. (Sheriff's Community Oriented Policing Effort).



For any person who is at risk for disappearing in the community (children, elderly persons with dementia, persons with developmental disabilities), C.O.P.S. will create an identification kit with the person's important information including a digital photograph, fingerprints, and the person's personal information such as name, address, height and weight. The kits are given to the parent or guardian. In the event a loved one comes up missing, a family member can forward the critical information quickly to local law enforcement agencies to provide law enforcement with the information needed to help find your loved one quickly. We recommend that you update the identification kit at least once a year to keep it current. There is no age limit, but children must be accompanied by a parent as the finished kit will only be released to the parent or guardian. In addition to parents bringing their children to the substations, volunteers provide the Operation ID service at various safety fairs, daycare's, bike rodeos, nursing care facilities, schools and business open houses.











his program is so important to our community because the victim won't always get a police response to a minor crime like vehicle prowling. Spokane residents who have their cars prowled can request a fingerprint lift attempt when they report the crime. They can go to a specific C.O.P.S.

shop at a set time where Latent Fingerprint Teams will be there to dust for prints. All lifts and paperwork are sent to the Forensics Unit, who will search databases for a hit that would hopefully lead to a conviction.

Our volunteers are trained extensively every quarter by the Sheriff Forensic Unit. They learn how to effectively dust for fingerprints by using the different methods and technology available before they can process the first prowled car. Understanding the significance of properly filling out paperwork since the lifts can become court documents is part of the training. They are taught fingerprints are a means to identification and how that is used in law enforcement.





Our volunteers put in a lot of hours to perfect this skill and strive to get a "good lift" to help identify the suspect. This is so rewarding for them and the community. Currently Spokane C.O.P.S. has 25 trained and certified volunteers that are able to lift prints. This year 2022 we had 451 Latent Fingerprint lift requests by victims.



#### STATISTICS

**Lantent Finger Print Lifts** 

2022 451

2021 391

## BICYCLE REGISTRATION

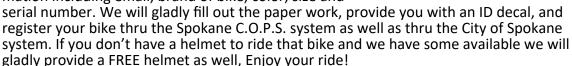


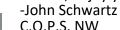
ave you ever had your bike stolen? It's frustrating whether it cost a hundred dollars or ten thousand dollars. Maybe it was a hand me down in the family and has sentimental value, it really hurts. If your bike is stolen without registration, Law Enforcement has no way of contacting the owner of the many stolen bikes that are recovered every year.

We also see many bikes turned into C.O.P.S. Shops as lost and found that are not registered, with no way to again match an owner. Spokane C.O.P.S. has a program to solve

that mishap, we call it Bike Registration and it's FREE.

If you are the proud owner of a unregistered bike it is very simple to complete the process. You can bring your bike to a local Spokane C.O.P.S. Shop and our volunteers will help you complete the process and tag your bike before you leave. If you would rather not ride or haul your bike to a shop we can help as well. You can provide the following information to our volunteers in person, your contact information including email, brand of bike, color, size and







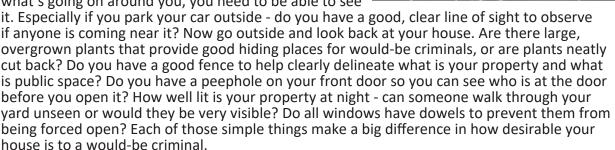




# **CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN (CPTED)**

rime prevention is an incredibly large field of study. There are countless tips, tricks, concepts, methods, actions, and philosophies you can use to reduce your risk of becoming a victim. In my personal and professional opinion, Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) is one of the most effective concepts you can make use of to stay safe. In terms of the proverbial "bang for your buck," CPTED offers a great way to reduce your risk of crime with fairly minimal effort.

CPTED is a fairly simple idea, but has quite a number of specific things to look for. CPTED is about looking around your house and property and asking what changes do you need to make to make it less desirable for a criminal? A few of the basics would be things like landscaping. Go around your house and look out all of your windows. Can you see out to the street with an unobstructed view in all directions? In order to know what's going on around you, you need to be able to see



Even things like graffiti, cars on blocks in your yard, overgrown grass, etc., increase your risk of crime. Criminals prefer to operate out of areas that appear more chaotic and suggest less ownership. Neighborhoods where owners don't show as much pride in their homes are far more susceptible to crime than areas that are well-maintained and tidy. That's not to say that well-maintained areas experience no crime, but certainly far less of it, statistically.

All these things are just a small sampling of what you should be looking at around your house. There are hundreds of specific things you can do around your house to make it safer. And most of them are very quick, inexpensive fixes.



#### **5 PRINCIPLES OF CPTED:**

-NATURAL ACCESS CONTROL -TERRITORIAL REINFORCEMENT -IMAGINE AND MAINTENANCE -NATURAL SUREILLANCE -LEGITIMATE ACTIVITY SUPPORT



# BUSINESS WATCH



Businesses often have concerns that relate to crime and safety around their property. Theft, graffiti, transients, dumpster diving, are all just a handful of things that businesses have approached us about. One great way to help is with Business Watch. The goal of the Business Watch program is to teach businesses how NOT to become a target for crime. If businesses do not take a proactive attitude, crime can creep in before you know it. Law enforcement cannot be on every corner so merchant involvement is essential to prevent and combat crime. You and your fellow business owners/managers are the ones who really know what is happening in your area. By working with each other and the police, businesses can help fight crime in their commercial districts in the most effective way — before it begins.

2022 saw us growing this incredible program to a total of 30 Business Watches. We kept hearing from more and more businesses that they had serious concerns – everything from smash-and-grab situations, to transient camps all around them, to overly aggressive customers. This year we saw a large increase in speaking engagements with business and their entire

staff. We spent time speaking to businesses about CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) site survey and worked on connecting law enforcement with them if needed. Additionally our volunteers would provide a neighborhood observation patrols to these areas.



#### **BUSINESS WATCH SPOTLIGHT**

We formed the West Cataldo Avenue Building Owners Group last year (2022) in response to the issues we were facing with regard to trespassing, vagrancy and homeless encampments on our respective properties. Our tenants and their employees were fearing for their safety due to the presence of these issues.

Spokane C.O.P.S. and the "Business Watch" program were instrumental in helping us make landscaping changes that discouraged these types of activities on our properties and improved safety issues for all concerned. It was a "game changer" for all of our building owners. In addition, Sandi and her team made a number of suggestions to improve security and discourage trespassing. All of these suggestions resulted in more effective response to the challenges we have been facing.

We are forever grateful to Spokane C.O.P.S. and the "Business Watch" program.

Sincerely,

Mark Newbold West Cataldo Avenue Building Owners Group

# BLOCK WATCH

lock Watch is the backbone of what we do at C.O.P.S. Our Bapproach to Block Watch is really two-fold. First, we train you to identify problems and then, what to do about them. That house that you believe to be selling drugs - what can you do to deal with it? How do you report that? What information should you be getting? And who do you give it to? Or, if your neighborhood is getting hit with car prowls, how do you fight back against that? Are there tricks to keeping your car safer? Can you get more police presence? Are there ways to discourage prowlers from coming down your street? Whatever the issue is that you and your neighbors are concerned about, we can help. We will meet with you and your neighbors and find out what your concerns are. We will listen to YOU.





hen, we will help you start dealing with those problems. We will get you in contact with people who deal specifically with those issues you are seeing – the right city official, the right police officer, whoever it might be. We will help you come up with a solid plan to deal with those issues. We can get you and your neighbors working together and educated so you can make your neighborhood safe again. And that's the idea behind Block Watch, a sense of community. Often, it is the fear of crime that is worse than the crime itself. It's that sense of not being able to sleep well at night because of concerns for safety, of constantly feeling like you have to guard your property, all of those things that lower your quality of life. Once you have a good Block Watch and you start to learn how to combat the issues you are seeing, and

you start to develop good relationships with your neighbors, you will find that your fear begins to go away. When you have a handle on those issues, when you know your neighbors are looking out for you and you're looking out for them, you'll begin to enjoy your neighborhood again. Just like you should.

In 2022, we focused on assigning a Block Watch Volunteer Coordinator in every C.O.P.S. Shop. This provided an opportunity for us to reconnect with our previous and present Block Watch groups. As a result C.O.P.S. added another **23** Block Watch representatives to our program this year and it continues to flourish!

**CRIMINALS TAKE** NOTICE... **BLOCK** 



Our city has done a great job in educating our communities on when to report a property crime to Crime Check. However once you have reported the crime what happens next? Often times victims do not hear back on the report they have just filed which can cause them to wonder 'Why am I taking the time to call Crime Check?' Our victim callback program helps answer those questions and concerns. Our volunteers speak to victims and let them know what they can expect next. They walk them through the process of protecting themselves against identity theft/fraud and scams, car break-ins, and so many other things. Having your identity theft/fraud and what do you do next can be a be daunting task, our volunteers have the ability to also refer a victim to our very own Crime Victim Advocates (CVA). Spokane C.O.P.S. has two CVA's that can come alongside a victim and help support and guide these victims through a very stressfull time!

These callbacks are incredibly important to build relationships with our community members, our police department and our C.O.P.S. shops. Victims have often told our volunteers they were not expecting a call-back and are very grateful for the contact. Many victims of vehicle prowling have not updated their police reports to reflect stolen identification or personal documents which can lead to identity theft and fraud down the road. In making these connections we are building stronger partnerships with our community.

"I do call backs because I want the public to know someone cares. To help people navigate the system and have their feelings validated. One call back, this lady had just recovered her stolen pickup from Montana. As we talked, we found we had a lot in common (loss of children etc) after about an hour, I was ending the call. The lady told me that my phone call was a miracle call. I'm like, excuse me? She went on to tell me that she had been depressed and down in the dumps, that my phone call lifted her up and gave her encouragement.

If everyone does one thing small everyday for some else, the world will be a better place for all." -Cindy Robinson



#### **STATISTICS**

Our Volunteers and Staff called back **2,277** victims of crime.

## CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORTING

ode Enforcement is, in many ways, a sister agency of ours. We work hand-in-hand with Code Enforcement as our missions are so similar – make Spokane safer for us all to live in. How do Code Enforcement related

issues make that happen? The Broken Windows Theory. The Broken Windows Theory is the idea that many code issues – broken down cars, overgrown grass, graffiti, litter – all attract crime. Criminals operate where they think they can get away with their antics. They pick neighborhoods that give them the impression that no one is watching and no one cares what is going on. These areas are where we see more crime likely to occur. So we work with Code Enforcement to try and get neighborhoods cleaned up because it makes for a safer, better living experience for everyone.



In 2022, our NOP patrols were out and reported hundreds of issues,



many of which were code-related. This year, we focused on school zones in particular. Knowing that all those seemingly small issues do, in fact, attract criminal behavior, we worked in conjunction with Code Enforcement, City Council, and the local elementary schools to try and clean up the areas where kids walk. We want your kids to be able to walk to school safely and without incident, and focusing on Code Enforcement issues is just one of the many ways we can help make that happen. Not only do many of those Code issues attract crime, but even simple things like unplowed sidewalk, and broken sidewalks can create an unsafe environment for your kids.









# VOLUNTEERING

/hy it is important to work the C.O.P.S. shop front desk in South East Spokane?

We think it is important to work the front desk because the shops are located throughout our city giving citizens easy access and availability to a venue to report situations and receive assistance to whatever issue they are facing: anything from break-ins, to lost and found property, to

code violations, or just getting a dump pass. In addition, front desk volunteers take care of those minor situations that free up Police Officers and provide resources to handle situations that truly require their presence. This allows for immediate problem solving and allows the police to utilize their resources more effectively elsewhere. Front deskwork also puts the average citizens in a comfort zone to talk with a volunteer openly and freely, seeing people just like themselves. The first thing we do in introduction is note that we are volunteers and there to help them resolve their issues. Finally, the trained front desk volunteers help citizens triage the serious problems of breakins and home invasions in Spokane, by offering solutions like Crime Prevention through Environ-



mental Design (CPTED), Block Watch, Operation Family ID (OFID) and bike registrations. All these programs help them understand how to better protect their families, their property and their neighborhoods, and prevent crime in Spokane.

As an example, we had an incident that involved a citizen finding a lost wallet at Rosauers parking lot on the south hill. At 10 AM, the citizen brought the wallet to the SE C.O.P.S. shop with \$20, a COVID vaccination card, multiple ID's including a DOD ID and driver's license, USAA and Health Savings account credit cards, and a student ID. USAA was called, identifying the person who had lost the wallet and asked to contact him and have him call the SE C.O.P.S. Shop as soon as possible. The person who lost the wallet contacted SE within 15 minutes and noted that he must have lost it that morning. The wallet was returned by noon that same day.

When we volunteer on the front desk at the C.O.P.S. South East, we feel rewarded because we help to get the resources of the City of Spokane to the citizens and provide an important service to the community... both by freeing up city and police resources and by solving citizen challenges in a timely manner.

-Kevin Burke



-Mark Arnold



# **PARTNERSHIPS**

2022 saw Spokane C.O.P.S. partnering with several local entities. This year we had the pleasure of continuing our partnership with the Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS) on several programs, including a new program called "Neighbors Drive 25". Also, this year our volunteers and staff assisted ONS and the City of Spokane Streets Department with moving 6 mobile radar units to different locations every 2 weeks from May 2022-October 2022. And let's not forget our C.O.P.S. Shops continued the yearly program of passing out Dump





Our mobile radar unit grew from 1 radar to 6 radars this year. Our volunteers moved 6 mobile radar units to different locations every 2 weeks from May 2022-October 2022. The Office of Neighborhood Services took requests from both neighborhood councils and the Spokane Police Department on where to place the units. C.O.P.S. is very committed to keeping the community safe by placing this machine in "high speed" areas. This gives our volunteers an opportunity to be "pro-active". The importance of this unit is two-fold:

- 1) As soon as it is seen by the driver, the brakes come on and they slow down.
- 2) It makes the concerned neighbors feel the city is listening and that we are trying to help them solve the problem.







# **CRIME VICTIM ADVOCATES**



Traci Ponto Crime Victim Advocate



Annette Henriksen Crime Victim Advocate

**As Crime Victim Advocates,** we'd like to share some of what we offer the victims. Let's start by asking a few questions...

How would you want to be treated if you or a loved one were a victim of a crime? Being a victim of a crime is very frightening and confusing, and they will often have to cope with feelings such as fear, grief, anger, depression, and even guilt. All this can be very overwhelming for the victim, so having the support and assistance from a victim advocate can lead to the victim being put at ease and becoming empowered during their time of trauma.

What makes a good Victim Advocate? As victim advocates, we must have a strong sense of empathy and compassion when we are helping our victims. We need to understand what happened from the victim's viewpoint, and to do this, we must have excellent listening skills, be non-judgmental, and be willing to put our biases aside. It is important we build a trusting relationship with the victim, as it allows us to provide the most effective support.

What does a day in the life of a Victim Advocate look like? We have an extremely varied job description and what we do on a day-to-day basis requires us to be flexible with our tasks, work location, and time. Here are some of the ways we offer many levels of support to the victim:

- Establish rapport with the victim by meeting them at the hospital, their homes, a "safe place," or even crime scenes.
- Work alongside and serving as a liaison between the victim and law enforcement. judicial assistants, and behavioral health professionals.
- Guide and accompany them through the legal system [court forms and hearings] and keep them informed of their case status.
- Give direction on developing their Safety Plan, assist in the application process for victim assistance, and even work with banks and creditors on their behalf.
- •Inform victims about services such as battered victim shelters and other local victim support and recovery resources.

What do we have to offer from the Spokane C.O.P.S. Programs? Many people go to the police for all kinds of issues that aren't always police matters, but we as victim advocates do our best to point them in the right direction, leading them to the help or assistance they need. We listen to their concerns, offer ideas and options, and counsel them on the best next steps. In conjunction with our local C.O.P.S. Shops, we help through programs that may include Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED), Neighborhood Observation Patrol (NOP), and Block Watch.

#### STATISTICS

ID Theft/Fraud Scams	94
Protection Orders AHO & DV	.207
Property Theft	.169
Chronic Nuisance Issues	.159
Block Watch-set up and meetings	16
Business Watch-set up and meetings	3
Misc- Crime Check Referrals	.305
<b>Mediation &amp; Outside Support Referral</b>	s25

In Closing - Victims don't choose to be victims and when I say to them, I'd like to help you through this," and they feel a sense of relief and trust, that's a big part of what being a victim advocate is all about. When I assist a victim, it makes their lives a little easier. I know it doesn't take away their pain, but I know I've been able to lift some of the burden off their shoulders by helping them navigate through a tough time. Many of the victims I've helped have later told me, "Without your support, assistance, and just being here by my side, I would not have been able to get through this," and that's my reward. My job is one that makes a difference and changes lives, every day. -Victim Advocate, Annette Henriksen



"Annette, thank you for giving your time to help people like me. You are truly a wonderful person, and I am so grateful for you. It was my lucky day when I saw the Crime Victim Advocate sign on the street and came to see you!" - ID Theft/Fraud Victim, P.J.

I was living in a wonderful little residential neighborhood where all our neighbors knew one another and looked out for one another. For years things were calm and quiet, but over the past two years we started noticing a neighbor whose adult son began to spiral out of control. We began to notice gang related activity showing up, numerous jacked up noisy roadster style cars and trucks, parties involving bonfires until 3 in the morning, gun shots, and bullying type behavior the son was doing towards the neighbors themselves. The worst of it was the constant nightly 'burn outs' in the street and the threatening behavior that had us fearing for our safety.

We reached out to our local C.O.P.S. Shop to see what resources we had and we were put in contact with a Crime Victim Advocate. We learned that we no longer had a Neighborhood Resource officer but that didn't deter the Victim Advocate from getting us all on board as a neighborhood to collectively resolve this problem. It began with a neighborhood meeting, where we all got together and realized every one of us had valuable information to add to this case. The victim advocate would come by in the mornings and nights to NOP, and observe the activity and photograph the burn out marks in the street. She spoke to neighbors individually, did a Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design site survey on 2 houses and got us started with a Block watch.

We began to document the constant nuisance activity with Crime Check and she even managed to get the former NRO involved and back out on the street talking to neighbors and filing a Chronic Nuisance and citations against the house. We felt that we were heard and that we had the ability to help resolve this problem with the Spokane Police department and Spokane COPS.

Our street is now quiet and we have gained back our enjoyment of the neighborhood.

## **NRO THANK YOU**

have been asked to share my thoughts on what was the best part of working with the Spokane C.O.P.S. program. This seems like a simple question but it really is not because there are so many ways to say how amazing each part of the program is. It boils down to the people, the amazing volunteers, and the amazing C.O.P.S. crew.

I was blessed to be an NRO for about 4 years, to have been given the opportunity to work in a unique capacity in law enforcement. The opportunity to serve in the heart of the community with such incredibly talented and caring people. Truly the heart of the community is our volunteers, they sacrifice their time, talents and energy to help make this community a little better each and every day.

Aristotle once said "What is the essence of life? To serve others and to do good." That is the heart of the C.O.P.S. program. That speaks to the volunteers and to the staff that keep this true purpose going each and every day. To be in a profession that mirrors what you do is a blessing, to serve others and do a little good each and every day. That is the joy of being an NRO and the joy of serving along side such like minded and astounding individuals. I have met volunteers throughout the city not just the area I served southeast. Each time I spoke with any of the volunteers I was struck with the same feeling of amazement that these people are just plain good, and they have a heart of gold and they just want to give what they can to help anyone in need. It warms my heart to see people such as these, because it's easy for my heart to be saddened and burdened with the awful that comes my way each day.

When I see people who have love, and kindness be their motive that gets them up each day to do a work, I can only describe as Gods work, gives me hope and peace that not all is broken and not all is lost. It gets hard to see that when I don't get to be around such people, when I get stuck in the rut of patrol and the trauma and sadness I see. To get to see you all, the volunteers and the staff that makes such sacrifices to support these volunteers, to make sure they can go out and do as Aristotle once said.

The staff is equally amazing to me, they are so talented and so full of love and kindness and they too only want to do good in this time they have to serve this community with the volunteers. I

can speak for myself and say that I am a better man for having been able to be around you all the volunteers and the staff of which in my opinion God's program the C.O.P.S. I want to end by saying to each and all of you, THANK YOU, thank you for lifting my heart and my spirit each time I saw you all, thank you for the love of your fellow mankind, and for the sacrifices you make to be away from your family and friends to help us the Spokane Police Department and the City of Spokane. We are all better because of you, God Bless and God be with you till we meet again!

Officer Jake Willard Southeast NRO Spokane Police Department



### C.O.P.S. SHOPS

rom Neighborhood Observation Patrol to Latent Fingerprinting to Block Watch, it all comes together and is coordinated from our 9 shops. The C.O.P.S. shops are the base of operation where all the action is. Here our volunteer presidents work with C.O.P.S. staff to ensure that our programs are successfully implemented across the various neighborhoods of Spokane. These shops are in the neighborhoods and work with real citizens across Spokane. They are also community centers where meetings or other events can be held and serve as a stopping place for Spokane Police and Washington State Department of Corrections to write reports and do other work. The shops are great repositories for information, so stop by and meet your local volunteers!



#### **STATISTICS**

Abandoned venicles	512
Accident Report Forms Given Out	16
Animal Problems	
Bicycle Registrations	213
Block Watch Inquiry	
Call-Backs for SPD	
City Service Referrals	2
Crime Against Person	
Crime Victim Advocacy Outreach Contacts	121
DOC Clientele Shop Usage	1,500
Domestic Violence	<b>4</b> 4
Drug House	117
Dump Passes Given Out	1,200
Event Outreach Contacts	1,200
Fire Hazard	25
Found Property	302
Gang Related	
General Inquiries	417
Graffiti	
ID Theft/Fraud	106

Illegal Dumping	44
Junk Vehicles	
Land Use Violations	
Landlord/Tenant Issues	
Latent Fingerprint Requests	
Loud Noise/Parties	
NRO Call/Inquiry/Visit	
Prescription Med Drop Of	
Program Outreach Contacts	
Property Crime Misc	
Property Lost	
Right of Way Violations	
RV Illegally Parking	
Social Service Referrals	
Solid Waste/Garbage	
SPD General	
SPD Officer Shop Usage	
Substandard Building	
Traffic/Speeding Issues	
Transient Camps	
Vehicle Theft/Prowl (reported to shop)	

**TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS** 40,803

lacksquare 022 was another incredible year for this organization! As life returned to normal from all the changes we experienced in the pandemic, we saw a renewed interest in community events and a renewed desire to get involved by so many community members! In fact, we gained 145 new volunteers this year, which is a strong number and a testament to this organization, that so many people were choosing us as their organization that they wanted to be a part of.

Some individual shop highlights include:

C.O.P.S. West partnered with the Spokane Police Department's community outreach, Spokane Police Chaplain's office, West Central Development Project, West Central Community Center, Native Project, Spokane Parks and Recreation, REI, Latinos en Spokane, Marie and Joe Pence Properties, and the Spokane Police Department's TAC

Bike team, to name a few.



**C.O.P.S.** West hosted multiple events including: C.O.P.S. West open house, which had over 50 people in attendance and gave the community a chance to get to know us and what we offer, our 2nd Annual Bike Rodeo, our 3rd Annual Halloween event with multiple volunteers dressed in costumes and handing out candy to all the children who came to see us, presented at various groups and neighborhood councils about crime prevention, and hosted our 4th annual Pictures with Santa and Mrs. C event.

**C.O.P.S. West** shop hosted a National Night Out event in Cannon Park on August 2nd. We had 12 vendors, face painting, the Mounted

Patrol, Paws on Patrol, Spokane Police and Fire department, Spokane Police Explorers program, Shadle High School football players, a classic car show complete with awards, a food truck, our C.O.P.S. BBQ trailer and a live band playing classic rock music. It was an incredible event, all done in the name of

crime prevention.



**C.O.P.S. Southwest** contributed to Traffic Safety by moving the SPD speed radar around the Spokane south hill along with moving a speed radar sign made available to neighborhood councils. We helped set up two Block Watches in our shop boundaries. One volunteer solicited businesses on West Third Ave. for interest in forming a Business Watch. There was some interest, but no commitment from anyone. The shop also performed "Victim Call Backs" for victims of car break-ins, warning them of the

potential of Identity Theft and to watch their credit reports for unusual activity. We have only three volunteers but are mighty in spirit and will be vigilantly seeking new members in 2023.



**C.O.P.S. Northwest** The year started out with 17 volunteers at Northwest. As the school year started the addition of three Whitworth Students in addition to EWU student Alexandria Clark helped us maintain hours through the winter and into early summer before they all were done with their

internships. By the close of the year we were at 22 members, not counting the three interns who all left for the summer.

C.O.P.S. Northwest Northwest continued

it's Shred day fundraising tradition with the two annual events in April and September. Together these two events brought in over \$1000. On June 30th C.O.P.S. Northwest put on a concert in Shadle Park – the Safe Summer Kick Off Concert featuring the Lilac City Community Band. That event raised \$550 which Northwest split with the band for it's performance that evening from 6:30pm – 8:30pm. Over 350 people enjoyed the 40 piece orchestra bands music and military service hymn medley's.



#### C.O.P.S. SHOPS



**C.O.P.S. Nevawood** organized two new fundraisers this year with Panda Express in the Northtown Mall. They were able to set up a table and educate shoppers on crime prevention while promoting their neighborhood C.O.P.S. Shop.

C.O.P.S. Nevawood has the McGruff costume, and the volunteer who uses it is a Nevawood volunteer. McGruff was seen at dozens of events this summer. helping promote crime prevention for kids.

C.O.P.S. Logan focused hard on NOP patrols, with several volunteers logging in hundreds of hours between them. They also focused on gathering found property from the shops and having a presence in school zones.



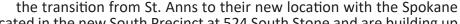
**C.O.P.S. North Central** really encouraged the volunteers to be involved in programs outside of the shop as well as manning the front desk, and they are active in latent finger printing and community events.

**C.O.P.S. North Central** and Northwest had very active participation in

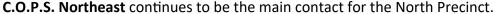


the area farmers markets each week. By setting up a booth and having a presence, our volunteers were able to talk to dozens of people at each farmers market and promote crime prevention.





Police Department. They are now located in the new South Precinct at 524 South Stone and are building up their volunteer base!





The shop also hosts 4 high school students weekly volunteering their time from the criminal justice program at Newtech Skills Center.

C.O.P.S. Southeast volunteers focused on NOP (Neighborhood Observation Patrol) extensively this year. Southeast logged the most hours and patrols for the elementary school walking routes this year! They were very active in community events such as: Summer Parkways, school bike rodeo, Perry Street Fair and several OFID events.

# WHAT TO EXPECT IN 2023

One of the new things in 2023 is me, Jeff Johnson, the new Executive Director. I am going to do my best to fill the big shoes (both literally and figuratively) of Patrick Striker, who did an amazing job over the last 8 years of building Spokane C.O.P.S. into the important and thriving organization that it is.

We have a great schedule this year, full of events, activities and opportunities for people of all ages and interests. The ATV's will be active in the rural parks with the Off-Road Unit. The ever growing number of horses in the Mounted Patrol Unit will be busier than ever. Paws on Patrol is one of our most popular programs. A great way to get a bit of exercise with our canine friends while helping to keep our eyes and ears open to help keep our neighborhoods safe.

New this year will be a concert series that will take place on Thursday nights this summer. There will be 4 concerts happening from June 29th to July 20th that will be fun for the entire family.

While there are fun volunteer opportunities for all ages, it is important to remember why we are here. Community policing is a tried and true method of helping our neighborhoods to becoming safer places. The more that we communicate, the more that we "See something, say something", the better off we all will be.



We invite you to join us as we pull together to do what we can to make the city that we love a safer and better place to live. Our staff is amazing. Our volunteers are second to none. Together they make up a dedicated team of people that are truly making a difference. We would love to have you join us!

# PAWS ON PATROL PHOTOS























































# MOUNTED PATROL PHOTOS



























































# **2023 EVENTS**











































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