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USE OF FORCE COMMISSION AT FULL STRENGTH
Mayor Condon announces members and support for choices

Spokane Mayor David Condon today is announcing the full membership of the independent Use of Force Commission, which will review the Spokane Police Department’s use of force policy and how it is implemented. The Commission is slated to conclude its work by June.

“Our citizens must trust their Police Department,” Mayor Condon says. “We must review what happened in the past and make meaningful change for the future if we are to restore public trust and confidence. This Commission and its outstanding membership will assist us in that charge.”

The members of the Commission were chosen by Earl “Marty” Martin, Executive Vice President and former Law School Dean at Gonzaga University, who is the Commission’s Chair. The other Commission members include:

- Commission Vice Chair, **William D. Hyslop**, a principal at Lukins & Annis PS law firm and a former U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Washington.
- Chief Justice (retired) **Gerry L. Alexander**, Washington State Supreme Court.
- **Ivan Bush**, Equal Opportunity Officer, Spokane Public Schools.
- **Susan Hammond**, Director of Outpatient and Psychology Services, Spokane Mental Health.

“Within this Commission, we have tremendous experience as well as deep understanding of the Spokane community and the issues at hand,” Martin says. “The diverse talents and interests of these individuals will give the community the results we need.”

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Interim Police Chief Scott Stephens welcomes the review. “We are focused on efforts to restore and enhance public confidence in the Spokane Police Department,” says Chief Stephens. “We look forward to hearing the Commission’s findings on what’s working and what’s not.”

Separately, the Spokane City Council will consider a resolution at its Jan. 30 legislative meeting in support of the Use of Force Commission and the selected members. The Council meets at 6 p.m. in the City Council Chambers in the lower level of City Hall, 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd. The Council will accept public testimony on this issue.

The establishment of the Use of Force Commission was one of the actions outlined by Mayor Condon at a news conference on Jan. 3—his first working day in the office.

At that time, the Mayor also announced other actions to enhance the accountability and openness of the City’s law enforcement. Those actions included created the Mayor’s Advisory Board on Policing to assist the interim chief, plans to explore the use of police body cameras, and evaluation of the City’s citizen oversight process.

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