

LATENT FINGERPRINTING

HEY!
C.O.P.S. VOLUNTEERS
DO FINGERPRINTING
ON VEHICLES!

SPOKANE C.O.P.S.

NEIGHBORHOOD C.O.P.S. SHOPS

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| C.O.P.S. East Central..... | 625-3330 |
| 2116 E. 1 st Ave. 99202 | |
| C.O.P.S. Logan | 625-3333 |
| 802 E. Sharp Ave. 99202 | |
| C.O.P.S. Neva-Wood..... | 625-3353 |
| 4705 N. Addison St. 99207 | |
| C.O.P.S. NEWTECH | 354-7447 |
| 4141 N. Regal St. 99207 | |
| C.O.P.S. North Central..... | 625-3348 |
| 806 W. Knox Ave. 99205 | |
| C.O.P.S. Northeast..... | 625-3343 |
| 5124 N. Market St. 99217 | |
| C.O.P.S. Northwest..... | 625-3336 |
| 2215 W. Wellesley Ave. #D 99205 | |
| C.O.P.S. Southeast..... | 625-3326 |
| 2809 E. 29 th Ave. 99223 | |
| C.O.P.S. Southwest..... | 755-2677 |
| 1403 W. 3 rd Ave 99201 | |
| C.O.P.S. West | 625-3340 |
| 1901 W. Boone Ave. 99201 | |



SPOKANE C.O.P.S. MAIN OFFICE
 6107 N. Astor St.
 Spokane, WA 99208
 625-3300
www.spokanecops.org
CRIME CHECK - 456-2233

WAIVER OF LIABILITY

For and in consideration of the undersigned's property located at: _____, Washington, receiving the benefits of participation in the Spokane C.O.P.S. Latent Fingerprint Program, to include, but not necessarily limited to, latent fingerprint lift of fingerprints from a vehicle located on said property, the undersigned does hereby waive, release and discharge the City of Spokane, Spokane Police Department and Spokane C.O.P.S., and all their respective officers, employees, and agents as well as statutory sureties, from any and all claims, demands and causes of action that the undersigned ever had or that the undersigned has or may have, known or unknown, arising from participation in the Latent Fingerprint Program. The undersigned acknowledges that the action taken by the Latent Fingerprint Program, or its agencies, does not intend, or imply, that an arrest and/or conviction will occur, but that this process will be given to the Spokane Police Department Forensic Department for the investigative process to proceed. In addition, the Latent Fingerprint Program, or its agencies, is in no manner responsible for damage and the owner of the property is responsible for the cleanup and/or damage that may be required from the Latent Fingerprint process. Citizens need to know that the dusting powder can damage electronics inside the vehicle. Dusting for fingerprints creates a mess. This mess will be cleaned up by the owner of the vehicle.

Signature _____

Date _____

What are Latent Fingerprints?



Latent Fingerprints are skin impressions made of moisture, oils or other substances that are generally not visible to the unaided eye. They are made by a finger coated with a foreign substance like blood, grease or dirt.

C.O.P.S. Volunteers Do Fingerprinting on Vehicles!

Spokane C.O.P.S. volunteers are trained to lift latent fingerprints on vehicles only. When a citizen reports to Crime Check at 456-2233 that their vehicle has been compromised by either prowling or vandalism, they will be asked if they would like to have a volunteer check for prints that may be left by the perpetrator.

The Process

1. Citizens call Crime Check at 456-2233 to report a vehicle break-in.
2. Crime Check will ask citizen if he/she wants a volunteer to dust for latent fingerprints.
3. Crime Check will forward the citizen information to the latent fingerprint coordinator at the C.O.P.S. Shop.
4. The coordinator will contact the citizen to verify the information and make an appointment for a volunteer team to attempt a latent fingerprint lift.



Specialized fingerprint powder is gently brushed over surfaces which may hold fingerprints to see if any appear. If latent fingerprints emerge after dusting, they are photographed and then carefully lifted with clear tape before being affixed to fingerprint cards. The fingerprints are brought back to the Police Forensic Unit for analysis.

The Results

The latent fingerprints that are determined to be of value will be compared to any known suspects, complainant/victims that have prints on file and if no identifications are made they will be searched in AFIS (Automated Fingerprint Identification System).



The prints will be searched through the Western Identification Network database that consists of several million fingerprint records from Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Montana, Utah, Nevada, Wyoming, Alaska and California. Fingerprint records for WIN (Western Identification Network) come from criminals, as well as citizens, who are fingerprinted as part of a routine background check, and the substantial database greatly assists law enforcement in their jobs.