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### ***FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE***

## **Spokane Police and Downtown Partnership Team Up to Keep Downtown Safe and Active in Summer Months**

(Downtown Spokane, WA, May 4, 2009) –The Downtown Spokane Partnership (DSP) and Business Improvement District (BID) and the Spokane Police Department (SPD) are teaming up to maintain a police presence in Downtown Spokane for the summer months. The SPD summer bike patrol is back in Downtown and will be patrolling the 80-block district beginning Friday, May 1, 2009. SPD will patrol the Downtown area Monday -Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and a night shift, courtesy of BID funding, from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. Thursdays through Saturdays. These hours will be maintained from now through September 5, 2009.

“The Spokane Police Department has found that our partnership with the Downtown Spokane Partnership and Business Improvement District has enhanced our ability to perform our Law Enforcement Mission,” said Captain Steve Braun of the SPD. “Partnerships have proven to be force multipliers which, in these times of shrinking resources, are extremely important and cost effective.”

“The Spokane Police bike patrol has always had a significant impact on the safety of Downtown during the summer months,” said Marty Dickinson, DSP President. “Police presence, as well as our Downtown Security Ambassador patrol, are crucial to maintaining a vibrant and friendly atmosphere and encourage everyone to be a part of the events, shopping, dining and activities that take place in Downtown all summer.”

In addition to the summer police presence, the Downtown Spokane Security Ambassadors will continue to make their rounds in the BID, Monday-Saturday 11:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. To contact the Security Ambassadors regarding an employee or customer escort, or security concerns please call 509.353.9111. For more information on the Security Ambassadors and other Downtown Spokane programs, visit our web site [www.DowntownSpokane.net](http://www.DowntownSpokane.net).

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**About the Downtown Spokane Partnership (DSP)**

The DSP is a private, non-profit organization that serves as Spokane's central city advocate and service provider, dedicated to enhancing the quality and vitality of Downtown Spokane as the basis for a healthy region. The DSP accomplishes its mission through advocating for public policies, business and project development, quality planning, physical improvement projects, public safety, beautification, and marketing programs that ensure Downtown's continued success.

**About the Downtown Spokane Business Improvement District (BID)**

The BID was created by Spokane City Council in July 1995 and reauthorized in 2001 at the request of the area's business and property owners. The City of Spokane hires the DSP to administer the BID on the City's behalf. Comprising approximately 80 blocks of the Central Business District, the BID boundaries are generally Maple to Browne, and the Railroad Viaduct to North River Drive. More than 850 businesses and 350 property owners are contained within the area. Special assessments of over \$900,000 from within the BID fund activities, programs, and management.

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