



## OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY

### Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number OPA#2015-1427

Issued Date: 03/16/2016

Named Employee #1	
Allegation #1	<u>Seattle Police Department Manual</u> 16.090 (6) In Car Video System: Employees Will Record Police Activities (Policy that was issued 02/01/2015)
OPA Finding	<b>Not Sustained</b> (Lawful and Proper)
Final Discipline	N/A

#### **INCIDENT SYNOPSIS**

The named employee was dispatched to a call for service.

#### **COMPLAINT**

The complainant, a supervisor within the Department, alleged that the named employee did not start his In-Car Video (ICV) system when dispatched to a call for service.

#### **INVESTIGATION**

The OPA investigation included the following actions:

1. Review of the complaint memo
2. Search for In Car Video (ICV)
3. Search for and review of all relevant records and other evidence
4. Interview of SPD employee

## **ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION**

The OPA investigation documented that the named employee was dispatched to a call that would require In-Car Video (ICV) system activation. The named employee had one minute of ICV recorded which started as he was leaving the scene. The named employee stated that he had continuously used his lights and sirens on his way to the scene, thinking that the lights would trigger the ICV system. At the conclusion of the scene, the named employee pressed the stop button, thinking that this would stop his ICV. Instead, it started the recording. Information Technology staff reported to OPA that the named employee's ICV system was not working as designed. Apparently the light bar switch did not activate the ICV as it should have. In addition, the system did not give the named employee any indication of the malfunction.

## **FINDINGS**

### **Named Employee #1**

#### Allegation #1

The preponderance of evidence supports the named employee attempted to use his In-Car Video (ICV) system as required by policy but was unable to due to a malfunction. Therefore a finding of **Not Sustained** (Lawful and Proper) was issued for *In Car Video System: Employees Will Record Police Activities*.

*NOTE: The Seattle Police Department Manual policies cited for the allegation(s) made for this OPA Investigation are policies that were in effect during the time of the incident. The issued date of the policy is listed.*