



September 11, 2019

Director Andrew Myerberg
Office of Police Accountability
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Seattle, WA 98124-4986

Dear Director Myerberg,

Please see the below Management Action Recommendation response.

Case Numbers:

- 2018OPA-0872 (2019COMP-0019)

Topic:

- Taser application

Summary:

- Employee used his Taser on a fleeing, non-violent subject

OPA Recommendation:

- OPA reiterates the need to rethink the purpose of the two prongs in Policy 8.300-POL-2(4) and the possible confusion that may result. Consider the sole requirement that all Taser applications be reasonable, necessary and proportional like any other use of force.

Action Taken:

- On August 16, 2019 revisions to the Seattle Police Department Policies and Procedures Manual Title 8 – Use of Force were approved by Federal Court Judge Robart. While the Seattle Police Department policy manual has always required the Use of Force to be reasonable, necessary and proportional, in response to the recommendation, language was added to 8.300-POL-2(4) that affirmatively states and requires that deployment of a taser under each prong outlined in policy “must be objectively reasonable, necessary and proportional.”

SPD Considers this Management Action:

- Fully Implemented

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "L. Cordner".

Lesley Cordner
Assistant Chief, Professional Standards Bureau