



February 27, 2023

Director Gino Betts, Jr.
Office of Police Accountability
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Dear Director Betts,

Please see the below Management Recommendation response

Case Numbers: 2019OPA-0186 / 2019COMP-0037

Topic: Use of Force Reporting and Investigation

Summary of the Management Action: It was alleged that the named employee violated Department policy by failing to properly report and document use of force.

Original Recommendation:

Reevaluate use of force reporting and investigation requirements under two common scenarios: 1) If subjects harm themselves or inadvertently suffer an injury while in police custody and while officers are not hands-on with them, and 2) When subjects injure themselves while officers are hands-on but where those officers do not cause the harm.

Action Taken:

If a person suffers an injury (that did not result from an action taken by an officer) while in police custody SPD does not consider that to be a use of force. To address this issue, SPD has created a "Injured Person" policy which is currently in draft form. We are waiting for the infrastructure in Mark43 to be completed and once it is, the Policy will be distributed. The new policy will direct officers to document (in Mark43) any incident where a person has sustained an injury while in police custody that was not a result of use of force. We believe this will address the issue highlighted in this Management Action.

SPD Considers this Management Action:

Fully Implemented

Please contact me if you have additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "ADZ", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Adrian Z. Diaz
Chief of Police