



October 16, 2019

Director Andrew Myerberg  
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Dear Director Myerberg,

Please see the below Management Recommendation response

**Case Numbers:**

2019OPA-0225; 2019COMP-0029

**Topic:**

Search Warrant

**Summary of the Management Action:**

It was alleged that the employees violated Department policy by effectuating a warrantless entry into the complainant's residence based on an Involuntary Treatment Act (ITA) court order.

**Original Recommendation:**

Provide a training update to the Patrol Bureau concerning ITA court orders. Remind officers that, without additional information supporting community caretaking or exigent circumstances these orders do not permit a warrantless entry into an otherwise constitutionally protect space.

**Action Taken:**

Language was added to the Crisis Intervention Policy 16.110-POL-5(8) providing clarity regarding using an ITA as authority to enter a constitutionally protected area. Directive 19-00021 was issued on August 1, 2019 outlining the changes that had been made to the policy. Whenever a Directive is issued, all employees are notified and are required to review the directive. A short quiz must be passed to ensure the directive was read and understood. Directive 19-00021 contained a question regarding the language added to the policy regarding this issue, which the department views as a training update.

**SPD Considers this Management Action:**

Fully Implemented

Please contact me if you have additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "L. CORDNER".

Assistant Chief Lesley Cordner  
Professional Standards Bureau