



April 13, 2020

Director Andrew Myerberg
Office of Police Accountability
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Dear Director Myerberg,

Please see the below Management Recommendation response

Case Numbers: 2019OPA-0280/2019COMP-0031

Topic: Pursuits

Summary of the Management Action:

Allegation that named employee violated Department policy during a potential Driving Under the Influence (DUI) pursuit.

Original Recommendation:

Add language requiring that reasonable suspicion for a DUI pursuit be established prior to the traffic stop being initiated.

Action Taken:

After review of the recommendation and weighing the risks associated with any vehicle pursuit, SPD decided to take a more conservative approach by amending Policy Section 13.031 – Vehicle Eluding and Pursuits. The updated policy removes the exception that allowed officers to pursue DUI suspects. Policy Directive 20-00006 was published on February 28, 2020 and the new policy went into effect on March 1, 2020.

SPD Considers this Management Action:

Fully Implemented

Please don't hesitate to 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