



February 27, 2023

Director Gino Betts
Office of Police Accountability
PO Box 34986
Seattle, WA 98124-4986

Dear Director Betts,

Please see the below Management Recommendation response

Case Numbers: 2020OPA-0753 / 2022-0014

Topic: Vehicle to Vehicle Contact

Summary of the Management Action:

OPA alleged that the named employees may have failed to report vehicle-to-vehicle contact which may have amounted to a collision.

Original Recommendation:

Consider reconciling sections of SPD Manual Title 13 and 8 to eliminate ambiguity in the vehicle-to-vehicle context of what constitutes a reportable collision as opposed to a use of force, specifically with respect to de minimis contact during approved containment.

Action Taken:

As discussed with OPA and OIG, SPD has drafted revised policies on vehicle tactics and an interim directive was issued. These policies were submitted to the Monitoring Team and the Department of Justice for review. This is an ongoing issue that the department is aware of and reconciling with revisions to clarify.

SPD Considers this Management Action:

In progress

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 circular background.

Adrian Z. Diaz
Chief of Police