



Seattle

Police Department

9/1/2026

Director Bonnie Glenn
Office of Police Accountability
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Dear Director Glenn,

Please see the Management Recommendation response below:

Case Numbers:

- 2024OPA-0333/2025COMP-0007

Topic:

- Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Summary of the Management Action:

- It was alleged that a sworn named employee used AI to draft emails and Blue Team Reports.

Original Recommendation:

- SPD should develop a policy on the use of AI for department related purposes and consider incorporating existing city of Seattle policy on GenAI directly into SPD's policy manual.
- If SPD is planning to adopt any AI-based software for report writing, then it should consider:
 - Coordinating with impacted stakeholders to discuss any concerns with the software and a proposed transparent timeline for implementation.
 - Requiring employees to disclose their use of AI tools in any report where it was utilized and incorporating this directly into SPD policy.

Action Taken:

The Seattle Police Department has created a work group to develop policy, guidelines and effective solutions to address the emerging technology of Artificial Intelligence. Because this workgroup is in its infancy, meaningful development in these areas will take some time.

Currently, development of language specific to the use of Artificial Intelligence is still in early phases as research and stakeholder engagement continues. At this time, the Seattle Police Department has no plans of incorporating AI software for report writing. KCPAO has prohibited use of Axon Draft One, specifically, and further engagement will be required to see what technologies and use cases would be acceptable.

UPDATE:

SPD has developed and adopted policy 12.120 Use of Artificial Intelligence- effective 9/1/2026, which conforms to the City of Seattle's policy on Artificial Intelligence. As outlined in SPD policy, *"Employees will not use artificial intelligence to write, rewrite, generate, or substantially edit any official document that constitutes a factual account of an incident or that an employee signs, certifies, or submits under penalty of perjury."*

SPD Considers this Management Action:

Implemented



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Please contact me if you have additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andre Sayles".

Andre Sayles
Interim Chief of Police
Seattle Police Department