



Seattle

Police Department

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Interim Director Bonnie Glenn
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Dear Director Glenn,

Please see the Management Recommendation response below:

Case Numbers: 2023OPA-0482 / 2025COMP-0002

Topic: Time, Place, or Manner Restrictions

Summary of the Management Action:

- A named employee followed SPD policy and training that improperly restricted a protesting community member.

Original Recommendation:

- SPD should revise its training on time, place, or manner restrictions to comply with the 9th Circuit's holding in *Meinecke v. City of Seattle*, 99 F.4th 514, 522-24 (9th Cir. 2024). Consider building examples of both heckler's vetoes and authorized time, place, or manner restrictions into training.

Action Taken:

Time, place and manner restrictions are discussed during Commander's Training and through the establishment of protest zones during demonstration event planning to ensure there are no heckler vetoes.

The training curriculum for mandatory Commander's Crowd Management discussed the legal considerations and authorized Time, Place and Manner, providing examples such as:

While the First Amendment Rights are seriously protected in the US, there are times when the government can restrict those rights when Public Safety is concerned. Examples: Blocking a major highway, marching wrong way on a one way, rioting, etc...

SPD Considers this Management Action:

Fully Implemented

Please contact me if you have additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Shon Barnes
Chief of Police