



Seattle Office of Police Accountability

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Interim Chief Adrian Diaz
Seattle Police Department
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Dear Chief Diaz:

Please see the below Management Action Recommendation.

Case Number

- 2021OPA-0343 / 2022COMP-0008

Topic

- Patrol Officer Responsibilities

Summary

- The complainant alleged officers in a particular sector are routinely parked at the Ballard library while assigned to active or completed calls.

Analysis

- On the date in question, named employee #1 (NE#1) logged herself to a low-priority call with named employee #2 (NE#2) at 7:47 AM. They got breakfast and met at the Ballard library, where NE#1 completed a police report for a prior call. Both officers responded to the low-priority call at 9:07 AM.
- NE#2 told OPA that his delayed response was as a direct result of how he processed low-priority calls, which NE#2 stated often rectify themselves before police arrive.
- [SPD Policy 5.100 – I. Patrol Officers – A. Responsibilities](#) instructs patrol officers to “monitor and take appropriate action regarding criminal activity in assigned area” and “update MDT/CAD log.”
- [SPD Policy 5.100 – III. Patrol Sergeant – B. Field Supervision](#) requires sergeants to ensure officers “manage their time appropriately.”

Recommendation(s)

- Revise *SPD Policy 5.100 – I. Patrol Officers – A. Responsibilities*:
 - Define “appropriate action” relative to Department expectations for timely responses to calls.
 - Define and provide guidance on stacking calls when there are multiple calls holding in a sector.
 - Require officers to log off assigned calls when taking a meal break.
- Revise *SPD Policy 5.100 – III. Patrol Sergeant – B. Field Supervision* to include meal breaks.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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