



OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number OPA#2016-0833

Issued Date: 01/05/2017

| Named Employee #1 | |
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| Allegation #1 | <u>Seattle Police Department Manual</u> 16.090 (6) In Car Video System: Employees Will Record Police Activity (Policy that was issued March 1, 2016) |
| OPA Finding | Sustained |
| Final Discipline | Oral Reprimand |

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

The Named Employee arrived at the scene of a use of force investigation.

COMPLAINT

The complainant, a supervisor within the Department, reported that the Named Employee informed him that he (Named Employee) might have failed to activate In-Car Video (ICV) prior to arrival at an investigation scene.

INVESTIGATION

The OPA investigation included the following actions:

1. Review of the complaint memo
2. Review of In-Car Videos (ICV)
3. Search for and review of all relevant records and other evidence
4. Interview of SPD employee

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The complainant alleged that the Named Employee responded as a supervisor to investigate a use of force. He did not activate his ICV when he responded or when he arrived despite having the time to do so. The Named Employee activated his ICV 28 minutes into the call. During his interview the Named Employee stated that he thought the ICV was activated during the entire incident. This was his first investigation into a use of force so he was concentrating on what he needed to do to complete the investigation. The ICV started when the Named Employee turned on his light bar while at the scene. The Named Employee did not know why the ICV did not start when he pushed the button, it was the same thing he did on every call. There were no known technical problems with his ICV system.

FINDINGS

Named Employee #1

Allegation #1

Based on the lack of video, the Named Employee's statement that he tried to start the ICV, and no documented technical problems with the ICV system, a **Sustained** finding was issued for *In Car Video System: Employees Will Record Police Activity*.

Discipline Imposed: Oral Reprimand

NOTE: The Seattle Police Department Manual policies cited for the allegation(s) made for this OPA Investigation are policies that were in effect during the time of the incident. The issued date of the policy is listed.