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Dear Director Myerberg,

Please see the below Management Action Recommendation response

OPA Case Number

- 2018OPA-0751 (2019COMP-0009)

Topic

- Detainee Management – Visual Check of Detainees every 30 minutes

Summary of Management Action:

- Policy requires officers to visually check detainees every 30 minutes while they are in holding cells and to document that check on a log sheet. The employee believed he had followed the policy because he visually inspected the subject by viewing his image and condition on the holding cell camera. The policy does not specifically state what constitutes “visual checks.”

OPA Recommendation:

- Clarify SPD Policy 11.010-TSK-1 to state whether “visual” checks include monitoring the detainee via a holding cell video feed or whether in-person checks are always required.

Action Taken:

- Policy 11.010-7 – Detainee Management was revised. The Policy now reads *“Employees will conduct in-person welfare checks on detainees in intervals of not more than 30 minutes and log the times on the detainee log sheet. Employees are not required to interact with the detainee, but the welfare checks must be in-person. Viewing the detainee via video feed only is not sufficient.”*
- APRS Issued Directive #19-00029 on July 17, 2019 advising Officers of the changes to the Policy. Officers are required to review the Directive and successfully complete a Quiz that shows they have read the new policy and understand the changes.

Final Outcome:

- Fully Implemented

Thank you for bringing this issue to light and please advise if you have any further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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