



Seattle

Police Department

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Director Andrew Myerberg
Office of Police Accountability
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Dear Director Myerberg,

Please see the below Management Action Recommendation response.

Case Numbers

- 2018OPA-0772/2019COMP-0010

Topic

- Impact of Swatting

Summary

- Law enforcement action was taken against the subject based on a 911 call that was later learned to be a "Swatting" call.

OPA Recommendation:

- Research national best practices in dealing with "swatting" calls and determine whether there are any mechanisms available to weed out these false crime reports.
- Determine whether such mechanisms can also be utilized to identify frivolous, racially-motivated reports in order to limit the inappropriate use of law enforcement to further systemic racism.

Action Taken

- The SPD Communication Section did research and found that swatting is a problem that many agencies are trying to address. Based on the information they received, the Communications Unit Manual was updated with some ways dispatchers may be able to use to identify swatting incidents. A portion of this describes ways to communicate their concerns to patrol officers and supervisors. The Department will revisit this issue as new information and technologies emerge to assist in identifying these calls and communicating that information to responding officers.

Final Disposition:

- Partially Implemented

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Marc Garth Green".

Marc Garth Green
Deputy Chief of Police