



September 27, 2021

Director Andrew Myerberg  
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Dear Director Myerberg,

Please see the below Management Recommendation response

**Case Numbers:**

2020OPA-0344 / 2021COMP-0003

**Topic:**

Force Reporting in Demonstrations

**Summary of the Management Action:**

It was alleged that the Named Employee did not adequately document and justify each individual use of blast balls during a protest.

**Original Recommendation:**

Improve processes for reporting force in the demonstration context, particularly in sustained protests where reportable force is used multiple times. This could be achieved by, for example, assigning officers to serve as administrative sergeants to screen and assist in the documentation of force in real time.

**Action Taken:**

It is important to point out that the unprecedented events that took place over the summer of 2020 would have strained any system. In an ideal world, we would assign a UOF Sergeant to every squad that is deployed during large events, unfortunately this not feasible. The resources and staffing required to maintain a system that is robust enough to deal with the events SPD was faced with are beyond our current capacity.

That being said, we have taken multiple steps to address the concern outlined in this management action including changes to the Crowd Management Policy; training officers to narrate their use of force actions which are captured on their BWV; and tactical changes in how we respond to large scale events. Additionally, for any event where large crowds and/or arrests are anticipated the Seattle Police Operating Center (SPOC) assigns "Use of Force" Sergeants who are deployed to the field. Per Policy, they are responsible for responding to locations where reportable force has occurred to immediately investigate and ensure that proper paperwork is completed.

**SPD Considers this Management Action:**

Fully Implemented

Sincerely,

Adrian Diaz  
Chief of Police