



December 3, 2020

Director Andrew Myerberg - Office of Police Accountability
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Dear Director Myerberg,
Please see the below Management Recommendation response.

Case Numbers: 2019OPA-0190 / 2020COMP-0007

Topic: Sound Transit Response

Summary of the Management Action:

It was alleged that SPD did not properly dispatch or respond to an emergency involving a Sound Transit light rail train.

Original Recommendation:

- Develop a policy in consultation with the Communications Center and KCSO that clearly articulates which agency has the primary responsibility of responding to incidents on light rail trains. This policy should:
 - Be documented in the SPD Manual and supersede the 2015 MOU.
 - Clearly state the responsibilities of call takers, supervisors, and sworn personnel.
 - Consider requiring the creation of a CAD event for serious criminal (i.e., violent and/or felony) incidents on light rail trains.
- Revisit the MOU with regional law enforcement partners and ensure that any new MOUs are consistent with SPD policy.
- Retrain relevant personnel once this policy has been created and the MOUs revisited and revised to prevent incidents such as this from happening again.
- In developing its policy, SPD should reference *SPD Policy 15.265 – SR99 Bore Tunnel Response* and its associated *Communications Center Policy and Procedures Manual Section 5.201 – SR99 Tunnel Responses* as an example of policy that clearly articulates the responsibilities of the involved entities.

Action Taken:

Beginning January 1, 2021 911 Communication services will become independent of SPD and as such we will no longer have the authority to develop policies or MOU's as it relates to their operations.

SPD Considers this Management Action:

Decline – due to transfer of 911 services to another City Department.

Please contact me if you have additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Assistant Chief Lesley Cordner
Professional Standards Bureau