



September 11, 2023

Director Gino Betts, Jr.
Office of Police Accountability
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Dear Director Betts,

Please see the below Management Recommendation response

Case Numbers: 2021OPA-0343 / 2022COMP-0008

Topic: Patrol Officer Responsibilities

Summary of the Management Action:

The complainant alleged officers in a particular sector are routinely parked at the Ballard library while assigned to active or completed calls.

Original Recommendation:

Revise SPD Policy 5.100 – I. Patrol Officers – A. Responsibilities:

- Define “appropriate action: relative to Department expectations for timely responses to calls.
- Define and provide guidance on stacking calls when there are multiple calls holding in a sector.
- Require officers to log off assigned calls when taking a meal break.

Revise SPD Policy 5.100 – III. Patrol Sergeant – B. Field Supervision to include meal breaks.

Action Taken:

After careful consideration the SPD is declining the recommendation to make change policy 5.100 as suggested by OPA. The North Precinct has designated the Library as a satellite Precinct where officers can park and write up their reports. Oftentimes they will respond to several calls, essentially stacking them, and after their investigation will remain on the calls to write their reports. In discussion with the Assistant Chief of Patrol Operations and the North Precinct Chain of Command, all agreed that this particular issue can be handled as a training issue. That being said, Assistant Chief Kibbee has directed North Precinct Leadership to develop and ensure expectations around timely response to calls be communicated to all officers. He has also asked that the Library be monitored by on-duty supervisors to ensure no one is spend an inordinate amount of time there.

SPD Considers this Management Action:

Declined

Please contact me if you have additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Adrian Z. Diaz
Chief of Police