



**Seattle**

Police Department

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December 12, 2020

Director Andrew Myerberg  
Office of Professional Accountability  
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Dear Director Myerberg,

Please see the below Management Recommendation response

**Case Numbers:**

OPA 19-0364; COMP 19-0033

**Topic:**

Search Warrant Exception

**Summary of the Management Action:**

Allegation that employee violated Department policy by effectuating a warrantless entry into the subject's residence based on a Non-Emergent Detention order.

**Original Recommendation:**

Provide a training update to the Patrol Bureau concerning Non-Emergent Detention orders. Draw the distinction between emergent detentions, Emergent Detention Orders, and Non-Emergent Detention Orders and describe the contours and legal parameter of each. Remind officers that, without additional information supporting community caretaking or exigent circumstances, these orders to not permit a warrantless entry into an otherwise constitutionally protected space.

**Action Taken:**

Language was added to the Crisis Intervention Policy 16.110-POL-5(8) providing clarity regarding using an ITA as authority to enter a constitutionally protected area. Directive 19-00021 was issued on August 1, 2019 outlining the changes that had been made to the policy. Whenever a Directive is issued, all employees are notified and are required to review the directive. A short quiz must be passed to ensure the directive was read and understood. Directive 19-00021 contained a question regarding the language added to the policy regarding this issue, which the department views as a training update.

**SPD Considers this Management Action:**

Fully Implemented

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

Sincerely,

Lesley Cordner, Assistant Chief  
Professional Standards Bureau