



June 8, 2022

Interim Director Grainne Perkins  
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Dear Director Perkins,

Please see the below Management Recommendation response

**Case Numbers:** 2020OPA-0766 / 2021COMP-0040

**Topic:** Use of Force Definitions

**Summary of the Management Action:**

OPA alleged that the named employee's baton push against a demonstrator may have constituted Type I force and was not properly documented.

**Original Recommendation:**

- Expand the definition of Type I force to read as follows: "Force that causes transitory pain or the complaint of transitory pain *or is reasonably likely to do so under the circumstances.*"
- Consider whether to a less expansive definition of Type I force is warranted in the context of demonstrations, given the significant amount of low-level force used by officers to move crowds.
- Alternately, as recommended in a previous MAR, set force reporting standards and procedure in the demonstration context that do not unnecessarily burden officers and supervisors while ensuring that force is fully and transparently documented.

**Action Taken:**

- Following the protests that occurred in 2020 both the Crowd Management and Use of Force policies were updated.
- The responsibility for reporting force during demonstrations can be found in SPD Policy 8.500-POL-6(1). The policy requires the Commander who directed the use of Type I force to report the force and specifically states that involved officers do not submit statements for Type I force ordered during crowd management. It also classifies any contact that occurs when using a police line to move the crowd as a Type I force.
- As was highlighted in the previous Management Action (21-0003), not only were policy changes made, but for any event where large crowds and/or arrests are anticipated the Seattle Police Operating Center assigns "Use of Force" Sergeants who are deployed to the field to investigate and ensure that proper Use of Force incidents are documented.

**SPD Considers this Management Action:**

Fully Implemented

Please contact me if you have additional questions or concerns.



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Sincerely,

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Adrian Z. Diaz  
Chief of Police