



# Seattle

Police Department

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January 16, 2024

Director Gino Betts, Jr.  
Office of Police Accountability  
PO Box 34986  
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Dear Director Betts,

Please see the below Management Recommendation response

**Case Numbers:** 2023OPA-0058 / 2023COMP-0007

**Topic:** Vehicle Tactics and Joint Taskforce Agreements

**Summary of the Management Action:** It was alleged that the named employee used their vehicle to pin a suspect's vehicle while acting as a United States Marshals Task Force member operating in Snohomish County.

**Original Recommendation:**

- SPD should identify qualifying courses that meet the practical training requirements outlined in Chief Diaz's January 13, 2022, email.
- SPD should consider a process to inventory which officers have qualifying practical training and permit officers to petition for the qualification of prior training.
- SPD should consider whether officers have qualifying training when selecting officers for task force assignments.
- While the MOU is clear, SPD should ensure its task force members understand they are subject to SPD policies regardless of where the task force operation takes place.

**Action Taken:**

- SPD has developed training that is currently being reviewed by the Inspector General's Office. The training is scheduled to begin in the first quarter of 2024. It will be mandatory for all sworn SPD personnel to complete. In the training vehicle force tactics will be covered which will provide all sworn officers with the skills necessary to perform these maneuvers when appropriate.
- SPD is re-evaluating all of the MOU's currently in place that set out agreements between partnering agencies and responsibilities of task force members who are working under the jurisdiction of an outside law enforcement agency.

**SPD Considers this Management Action:**

Fully Implemented

Please contact me if you have additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adrian Z. Diaz".

Adrian Z. Diaz  
Chief of Police