



## OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY

### Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number OPA#2014-0646

Issued Date: 04/15/2015

Named Employee #1	
Allegation #1	<u>Seattle Police Department Manual</u> 5.001 (9) Professionalism (Policy that was issued 07/16/14)
OPA Finding	<b>Not Sustained</b> (Lawful & Proper)
Final Discipline	N/A

#### **INCIDENT SYNOPSIS**

A vehicle collision occurred blocking a significant thoroughfare. The named employee was assigned a traffic post and his duties included diverting traffic around the area where the collision had taken place. The collision site was unobservable by the named employee and others at the diversion point. The complainant wanted to drive into the diversion area to get home but was denied access by the named employee.

#### **COMPLAINT**

The complainant alleged that the named employee was unprofessional when the complainant requested a route around a collision.

## **INVESTIGATION**

The OPA investigation included the following actions:

1. Review of the complaint email
2. Interview of witnesses
3. Search for and review of all relevant records and other evidence
4. Interviews of SPD employees

## **ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION**

The evidence showed that the named employee was assigned a traffic post and his duties included not allowing any traffic into the collision area. The conversation between the named employee and the complainant was witnessed. The witness said that the named employee was not unprofessional, contemptuous or disrespectful in his actions or demeanor toward the complainant. The complainant was frustrated by not being able to drive into the area of the collision.

## **FINDINGS**

### **Named Employee #1**

#### Allegation #1

The weight of the evidence showed that the named employee was professional in his interaction with the complainant. Therefore a finding of **Not Sustained** (Lawful & Proper) was issued for *Professionalism*.

*NOTE: The Seattle Police Department Manual policies cited for the allegation(s) made for this OPA Investigation are policies that were in effect during the time of the incident. The issued date of the policy is listed.*