

G.O. #: _____

Date: _____

Seattle Police Department
Use of Force Public Safety Statement

Directions to on-scene supervisor:

This is a compelled statement. The supervisor (at minimum, a Sgt. or permanent A/Sgt.) compelling this statement will not deviate from its content.

The supervisor will write down on this card the answers provided verbatim, disseminate public safety information immediately via radio as appropriate, and provide this card to the first arriving Force Investigations supervisor or commander.

The police supervisor receiving this information is required to submit a written statement to the Force Investigations detective. The statement is to include that the Public Safety Statement was formally given to the involved officer, the content of the answers given by the involved officer, and that the supervisor did not deviate from the specified questions.

“Officer _____, I am directing you to give me a public safety statement. Due to the immediate need to take action, you are ordered to answer the following questions listed below. If you refuse to answer these questions relating to the performance of your official duties, you will be subject to Department charges, which could result in your dismissal from the Department.”

Requesting Supervisor’s Name _____ **Ser#** _____ **Time** _____

“At this time and to the **best of your knowledge**, please answer the following”:

1. If you know of anyone who is injured, what is their location? _____

2. If you know of any outstanding suspects, what is their description and direction of travel? _____

3. Do you know of any other risks to the safety of the public or to other officers? _____

4. During this incident, did you use Type I force on the subject, as defined below? _____

Force that is not reasonably expected to cause injury, does not result in an actual injury or complaint of an injury, but causes transient pain and/or disorientation during its application as a way of gaining compliance. This includes pointing a firearm directly at the suspect

5. During this incident, did you use Type II force on the subject, as defined below? _____

Force that causes an injury, could reasonably be expected to cause an injury, or results in a complaint of an injury. This includes a 'hard' strike, takedown, or kick, a taser deployment of any type, use of an impact weapon to strike the subject, canine deployment with injury or complaint of injury, OC deployment at a subject, or placing the subject in the full restraint position

6. During this incident, did you use Type III force on the subject, as defined below? _____

Force that results in great bodily harm or substantial bodily harm as defined by RCW. This includes force that results in broken bones, loss of consciousness, or hospitalization of the subject. This definition specifically includes application of a neck hold (LVNR) or a hard strike to head or neck of the subject with any impact weapon.

7. Does any evidence need protection? _____

8. Any known witnesses? _____

8a. If yes, where are they located? _____

"Officer _____, in order to prevent the contamination of your statement, I order you not to discuss this incident with anyone, including your supervisors or staff officers, prior to the arrival of the assigned investigators, with the exception of your legal representation."