



Seattle

Police Department

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Director Andrew Myerberg
Office of Police Accountability
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Dear Director Myerberg,

Please see the below Management Action Recommendation response

OPA Case Number:

- 2018OPA-0061 (2019COMP-0006)

Topic:

- Detainee Management – Application of Spit Sock

Summary of Management Action:

- Policy regarding spit sock hood directs supervisors to screen the application when in a “Department Facility”. OPA felt that the intent of the policy was to have a supervisor screen whenever a spit sock was applied, but the policy limited that to the Department Facilities.

OPA Recommendation:

- The Department should clarify whether supervisors should always screen and document the use of a spit sock hood, regardless of whether the subject is later brought to a Department facility.

Action Taken:

- The Detainee Management Policy 11.010 was revised and the language “Department Facilities” was removed from the description under 11.010-POL. The Policy now reads “This Policy applies to all employees who have contact with a detained person.”

Final Disposition:

- Fully Implemented

Thank you for bringing this issue to light and please advise if you have any further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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