Seattle Police Department
Public Safety Statement (Officer-Involved Shooting)

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.
• Will write down on this card the answers provided verbatim.
• Will disseminate public safety information immediately via radio as appropriate.
• Will provide this card to the first arriving Force Investigations Team supervisor.

The police supervisor receiving this information is required to submit a written statement to the Force Investigations Team. 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. From where and in what direction did you fire rounds?

2. In what direction did the suspect(s) fire rounds?

3. If you know of anyone injured, what is her/his location?

4. **If** any suspects are outstanding, what are their descriptions?

**Supervisors:** If there are no outstanding suspects, proceed directly to question #5, otherwise ask questions #4 (a-d).
   a. What was their direction of travel?
   b. How long have they been gone?
   c. With what weapons were they armed?
   d. Are there any other safety risks known about the outstanding suspect(s)?

5. Does any evidence need protection?

6. Any known witnesses?

7. 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. **Remain at the scene until directed otherwise by FIT.**”