



## OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY

### Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number OPA#2014-0543

Issued Date: 03/26/2015

Named Employee #1	
Allegation #1	<u>Seattle Police Department Manual</u> 8.300-POL-1 Use of Force Reporting (Policy that was issued 01/01/14)
OPA Finding	<b>Not Sustained</b> (Training Referral)
Allegation #2	<u>Seattle Police Department Manual</u> 8.300-POL-2 Type I Investigations (Policy that was issued 01/01/14)
OPA Finding	<b>Not Sustained</b> (Training Referral)
Final Discipline	N/A

#### **INCIDENT SYNOPSIS**

The named employee was the Acting Sergeant at an incident where an intoxicated subject was arrested. The subject did not cooperate and was taken to the floor to be cuffed. The subject complained of pain.

#### **COMPLAINT**

The complainant, a supervisor within the department, alleged that there was possibly reportable force used during an arrest and that the named employee did not initiate a Use of Force packet.

## **INVESTIGATION**

The OPA investigation included the following actions:

1. Review of the complaint memo
2. Search for and review of all relevant records and other evidence
3. Review of In-Car Videos
4. Interviews of SPD employees

## **ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION**

The named employee stated he was the Acting Sergeant for this incident but had not attended the SPD Sergeant's training related to Use of Force. The incident should have been documented as a Type 1 Use of Force.

## **FINDINGS**

### **Named Employee #1**

Allegation #1 and #2

The weight of the evidence showed that the named employee had a limited understanding of the reporting requirements for the level of force used; therefore a finding of **Not Sustained** (Training Referral) was issued for *Use of Force Reporting and Type 1 Investigations*. A Training Referral will allow a supervisor to review Use of Force policy with the named employee to ensure that he understand the reporting requirements. It is critical that employees understand and follow the Use of Force policy.

*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.*