



OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number OPA#2015-1533

Issued Date: 03/04/2016

Named Employee #1	
Allegation #1	<u>Seattle Police Department Manual</u> 16.090 (6) - In Car Video System: Employees Will Record Police Activity (Policy that was issued 02/01/2015)
OPA Finding	Sustained
Final Discipline	Written Reprimand

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

The named employee responded to a "Help the Officer" alert broadcast over the radio.

COMPLAINT

The complainant, a supervisor on the Department, alleged that the named employee did not use his In-Car Video while at a scene.

INVESTIGATION

The OPA investigation included the following actions:

1. Review of the complaint memo
2. Review of Force Review Unit Video log
3. Search for and review of all relevant records and other evidence
4. Interview of SPD employee

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The investigation determined that the named employee had been working as the watch commander of a precinct, in uniform. He had been monitoring an incident over the radio as it escalated from a suspicious circumstance call to an officer involved struggle. When he heard a "Help the Officer" alert broadcast over the radio and one of the sergeants who had responded to the call requested that a Public Safety Statement be delivered as a result of a Use of Force. The named employee responded to the scene driving a marked patrol car equipped with an In-Car Video (ICV) system. He had not logged into the patrol car's computer system at the beginning of the shift so he initiated the log in process as he proceeded to the scene. The named employee determined that his presence at the call was more "mission-critical" than performing all of the steps associated with logging into the ICV system, so he did not initially log into the ICV system. After being at the scene for some time, he returned to his vehicle and logged into ICV.

FINDINGS

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The evidence supports that the named employee did not record law enforcement activity with his In-Car Video while at a scene. Therefore a **Sustained** finding was issued for *In Car Video System: Employees Will Record Police Activity*.

Discipline imposed: Written Reprimand

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.