



October 18, 2021

Director Andrew Myerberg
Office of Police Accountability
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Dear Director Myerberg,

Please see the below Management Recommendation response

Case Numbers:

2020OPA-0326 / 2020COMP-0015

Topic:

Recording Demonstrations on BWV

Summary of the Management Action:

Multiple complainants alleged a widespread failure by SPD to record Body Worn Video (BWV) when contacting and taking enforcement action toward protesters following the murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis, and that this was purposed to conceal numerous acts of misconduct.

Original Recommendation:

- Review the revised BWV policy in consultation with City Stakeholders and community groups to discuss the benefit of recording the entirety of law enforcement responses to demonstrations versus taking a more targeted approach that could serve to ensure transparency while upholding privacy and constitutional protections.
- Encourage City Council to revisit SMC Chapter 14.12 and pass changes to make it consistent with the expansive nature of SPD's current BWV policy.

Action Taken:

Recognizing that this may be a matter of state legislation, SPD intends to remain consistent with the Mayor's Executive Order on this issue pending further direction.

SPD Considers this Management Action:

Declined

Please contact me if you have additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Adrian Z. Diaz
Chief of Police