



September 14, 2021

Director Andrew Myerberg
Office of Police Accountability
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Dear Director Myerberg,

Please see the below Management Action response

Case Numbers: 2020OPA-0425 – 2021COMP-0004

Topic: Screening SPD Social Media Posts

Summary of the Management Action:

It was alleged SPD was dishonest in an official Twitter post that stated protesters had thrown improvised explosives at officers alongside an image of two broken candles in a cardboard box.

Original Recommendation:

- Require chain of command screening of all official Department social media posts concerning high-profile matters that are reasonably expected to impact community perception of SPD and its enforcement actions.
- Reiterate to both Public Affairs unit employees and command staff that while getting information out quickly is laudable, that desire should not undermine accuracy.

Action Taken:

The Director of Strategic Communications agrees that the recommendations made by OPA represent a standard to which the Seattle Police Department's Public Affairs Office adheres to and recognizes that while it is desirable to be transparent and publicize information quickly, that information needs to be – first and foremost – as accurate as possible. As the Director she is committed to ensuring that the Public Affairs Office adheres to these recommendations and spoken to her staff regarding this expectation.

SPD Considers this Management Action:

Fully implemented

Please contact me if you have additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'ADZ'.

Adrian Z. Diaz
Chief of Police