



January 3, 2023

Interim Director Gino Betts
Office of Police Accountability
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Seattle, WA 98124-4986

Dear Director Betts,

Please see the below Management Recommendation response

Case Numbers: 2021OPA-0238 / 2022COMP-0009

Topic: Firearm Storage

Summary of the Management Action:

It was alleged that an employee lost their duty equipment, including firearm, while on an extended leave from work.

Original Recommendation:

- Require all SPD employees to receive training on the Washington State and Seattle safe storage laws.
- Create a policy that reference the requirements of these laws and discusses the safe handling and storage of firearms and other sensitive police equipment.

Action Taken:

SPD Policy Section 9.060(5) – Sworn Employees will Store Department-Authorized Firearms Properly, was revised in March 2022 and now comports with Washington State Law regarding Safe Storage of firearms. The updated policy reads:

“Sworn employees are responsible for taking reasonable precautions that their department-authorized firearms are safely stored. Sworn employees will store department-authorized firearms in such a manner as to prevent loss or access to prohibited or unauthorized persons.”

Additionally, as part of every policy change, officers are required to review the change and take a short test to verify they are aware of the change and understand their responsibilities under the revised policy.

SPD Considers this Management Action:

Completed

Please contact me if you have additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Diaz'.

Adrian Z. Diaz
Chief of Police