



January 25, 2026

Interim Director Bonnie Glenn
Office of Police Accountability
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Dear Director Glenn,

Please see the Management Recommendation response below:

Case Numbers: 2024OPA-0393 / 2025COMP-0014

Topic: Canine Certification Procedures

Summary of the Management Action:

It was alleged that an SPD Canine Officer and a King County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) Deputy altered or falsified test scores when certifying canines for explosive detection.

Original Recommendation:

- SPD should collaborate with CJTC and other agencies to review the written standards for the certification of canines in explosive detection. Revised standards should more clearly articulate formal testing and retesting conditions, procedures, as well as expectations for handlers, observers, and evaluators.
- SPD should consider expanding any such collaboration to include reviewing the written standards for testing all canine disciplines.

Action Taken:

Washington State Criminal Justice Training Center (WSCJTC) is the governing body to establish written standards and testing metrics for K9 Certification Training throughout Washington State. As such SPD K9 Personnel contacted WSCJTC to discuss OPA's recommendations pursuant to this Management Action.

From that discussion, WSCJTC Staff indicated they do not see an issue with their K9 Certification process and/or established testing procedures subsequently declining the recommendations provided by OPA.

As the scope of this request falls outside of our purview, SPD is declining this request as implementation is infeasible.

SPD Considers this Management Action:

Decline – Not Feasible

Please contact me if you have additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shon F. Barnes".

Shon F. Barnes, Chief of Police