



Seattle

Police Department

1/29/2026

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

Please see the Management Recommendation response below:

Case Numbers: 2023OPA-0399 / 2025COMP-0001

Topic: Firearm Storage

Summary of the Management Action:

- The Named Employee (NE) stored his department-issued firearm and other police equipment in the back of his vehicle in an unsecured parking lot overnight.
- The NE's vehicle, firearm, and other police equipment were stolen.
- OPA determined the NE neglected to properly store his firearm.

Original Recommendation:

- SPD should revise its policy to provide more specific guidance for safely storing firearms in unattended vehicles.
- In making any revisions, SPD should review the prior issues raised in two prior OPA Management Action Recommendations (2022COMP-0007; 2022COMP-0009) and more specific policies outlined in comparable cities.

Action Taken:

SPD Policy 9.060- Firearms is being updated to provide guidance on storing department issued equipment, including firearms:

“Sworn Employees are responsible for taking reasonable precautions to ensure 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.

Note: Per RCW 9.41.010(39), safely storing firearms means the act of securing a firearm in a locked box, gun safe, or other secure locked storage space that is designed to prevent unauthorized use or discharge of firearm.

UPDATE:

Firearms Policy has been updated as stated above.

SPD Considers this Management Action:

Implemented



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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 Ph.D.

Chief of Police

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