



City of Seattle

Seattle Police Department

September 19, 2011

Councilmember Tim Burgess, Chair
Public Safety and Education Committee
Seattle City Council

RE: Chief's Response to Accountability Recommendations

Dear Councilmember Burgess:

Please find attached materials for Wednesday's Committee briefing on the referenced subject. These two documents, very much a work in progress, address the Seattle Police Department's initial response to various policy and training recommendations that have been made during the past year:

- The "Categorized List of Policy/Training Recommendations from City Council" includes eleven recommendations from the Public Safety Committee submitted in the February 25, 2011 letter to Mayor Mike McGinn plus a recommendation from City Council regarding body-worn cameras that the OPA Auditor also noted.
- The "Categorized List of Policy/Training Recommendations from OPA and the OPA Auditor" includes items from the OPA's last report on policy recommendations, published in December 2010, along with all recommendations made by OPA Auditor Anne Levinson.

There are a total of 121 recommendations: 19 from the OPA December 2010 policy report, 90 from the OPA Auditor, and 12 from City Council. The recommendations from OPA and the OPA Auditor are grouped into alphabetized categories, while those from City Council follow the numbering used in the February 25, 2011 letter.

Recommendations from City Council, OPA and the OPA Auditor are cross referenced. The status of each recommendation is noted as either "Closed" or "Ongoing." A specific individual and/or unit responsible for follow-up is noted, along with comments about the feasibility of implementing the recommendation, legal or bargaining issues, and steps being taken by the Department related to the recommendation. Where there is a comment to "consult with the OPA Auditor," the particulars of a recommendation require clarification. There is some overlap and a number of duplications, which are identified. Though the recommendations from City Council were pulled out of the master list to assist with the presentation to PSE on September 21, 2011, they will be folded back into the master list to facilitate the tracking process. Steps the Department plans to take before the next debriefing with the PSE Committee include:

- Incorporate feedback from PSE following the September 21, 2011 committee meeting.
- Continue to add information regarding specific recommendations, such as closure dates.



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- Meet with the OPA Auditor to get clarification on recommendations where needed, and to address issues of duplicate or overlapping recommendations.
- Work with the OPA Auditor to begin prioritizing her list and setting timelines for implementing or responding to recommendations where implementation is not feasible.

This transmittal is identified in our internal record keeping system as our response to Council Question #18 for 2011. We look forward to our discussion with you and the other members of the Committee this coming Wednesday. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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Chief of Police

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