



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

CRAIG N. MEIDL
CHIEF OF POLICE

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Office of Police Ombudsman
Bart Logue, Ombudsman
808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd.
Spokane, WA 99201

RE: Response to R18-03 – Use of Force Dashboards

Dear Mr. Logue:

On March 1, 2018 I received a recommendation from you that "SPD strongly consider collaborating with the OPO in creating and implementing this program in order to increase public transparency into use of force cases."

Since the date that this recommendation was written, Director MacConnell has been collaborating with your office to ensure that Police Strategies, LLC has the necessary data to create a dashboard for SPD and the community. Director MacConnell has also identified Officer Mike Russo as the subject matter expert assigned to this project to help ensure a smooth and effective implementation of this data as it relates to SPD's categorization of uses of force.

This continues to be a work in progress and we look forward to the implementation of the use of force dashboard program. We will continue to collaborate with the Office of the Police Ombudsman to ensure the best product possible for the community and SPD. Upon completion of the internal dashboard protocols, we will need to have further discussions regarding the information that will be on the external facing dashboards.

I look forward to seeing the product that results from this collaboration and the implementation of another tool that increases the transparency of SPD related to its interactions with the community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig Meidl".

Craig Meidl
Chief of Police

