



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION
CHIEF OF POLICE
CRAIG N. MEIDL

January 23, 2020

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

RE: R19-04 Use of Force Policy Concern

Dear Mr. Logue,

Thank you for forwarding your recommendation regarding the Spokane Police Department's use of force language as it pertains to mandatory initiation of a BlueTeam review by supervisors reviewing incidents in which force was used to detain or arrest a subject.

The language has been updated and the relevant portion states:

"If upon review of an application of force by an officer(s), the supervisor believes that the application of force could rise to the level of misconduct, or the supervisor sees conduct that could rise to the level of misconduct, the supervisor shall initiate an internal affairs complaint in BlueTeam. If the subject of the use of force makes a complaint about the use of force or demeanor of the officer(s) involved in the incident, an Internal Affairs Complaint will be generated in BlueTeam."

I have appreciated the collaborative nature of our communication in formulating this updated language. I believe this new language addresses concerns outlined in the initial recommendation.

Respectfully,

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

Craig Meidl
Chief of Police
Spokane P.D.

