Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C18-063
Date of Complaint: 8/7/2018
Allegation: Demeanor/Inadequate Response
Chain of Command Finding: Mediation
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS
The complainant was a bicyclist involved in a collision with a vehicle. Police responded and took a collision report.

COMPLAINT
The complainant alleges that the officer displayed poor demeanor during the interaction. He also alleged inadequate response by not talking to witnesses who were present during the collision.

INVESTIGATION
The investigation determined that the witnesses left the scene prior to law enforcement arrival. The officer and the complainant got off to a bad start when both of them were short with each other. The body worn camera video shows the officer tell the complainant “Let’s get off on a new foot”. The two then shook hands and conducted business from there.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION
The Office of Police Ombudsman, the Police Department, the individual officer, and the complainant all agreed that mediation would be an appropriate mode of resolution for this case. The officer, complainant and others met and discussed this case in which both parties got to talk it out and come to a mutual understanding. The complaint was then closed via mediation.