



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

CRAIG N. MEIDL

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C23-023 OPO Number: N/A

Date of Complaint: 3/10/2023

Allegation: Inadequate Response

Chain of Command Finding: Training Failure

Final Discipline: Additional Training

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

An SPD officer responded to a traffic collision. The officer investigated the collision and issued a notice of infraction to one of the drivers for not yielding to the other involved vehicle. The other involved vehicle was a commercial vehicle and did not have its headlights on. The driver of the other involved vehicle lacked the proper credentials to operate that vehicle.

COMPLAINT:

The complainant alleged that the SPD officer disregarded some of the information provided to them, and that the SPD officer should have cited the driver of the commercial vehicle for not having the proper credentials.

INVESTIGATION:

The investigator reviewed the completed collision report, notice of infraction, body camera footage, and other pertinent information to the incident. The complainant and involved officer were interviewed.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

The investigation concluded that the officer lacked training in the area of commercial vehicles and the credentials required to operate a commercial vehicle. The officer's supervisor followed up and provided additional training. This allegation was closed due to a training failure.

