



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

CHIEF OF POLICE

CRAIG N. MEIDL

Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: K19-001
Incident Number: 2019-20006055
Date of Incident: 1/10/2019
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

An officer and his K9 partner assisted patrol officers who were engaged in a vehicle pursuit of an eluding suspect. The suspect had rammed a police vehicle as the officer attempted a Pursuit Intervention Technique (PIT) maneuver. The suspect crashed after ramming a semi-truck and trailer. His vehicle caught on fire. He refused to exit the burning vehicle, making “suicide by cop” statements. The K9 officer was able to use his K9 as an apprehension tool to capture and extract the suspect from the burning vehicle. The suspect was transported to the hospital for medical clearance prior to jail. He was booked for Attempt to Elude, DUI, No Valid Operator’s License, and three counts of Assault.

