

City Council Meeting

Date: November 12, 2024

Presenters: Shelby Parker, Police Deputy Chief

Elizabeth Drake, Community Representative



After Action and Community Representative Report: August 22, 2022, Critical Incident

AGENDA

- DC Parker- Introduction and Overview of the Critical Incident
- DC Parker- Overview of the Internal Review Process and the Role of the Community Representative
- DC Parker- Board Recommendations
- Elizabeth Drake- OPD Internal Review Process
- Questions and Answers



Review of the Critical Incident

- On August 22, 2022, at 10:09 a.m. Olympia Police Officers were dispatched to a disorderly individual inside a business on Martin Way E.
- Officers responded to the scene and located the subject of the 911 calls.
- A deadly force encounter resulted.
- Officers immediately provided medical aid.
- The community member did not survive his injuries.

Review of Investigation

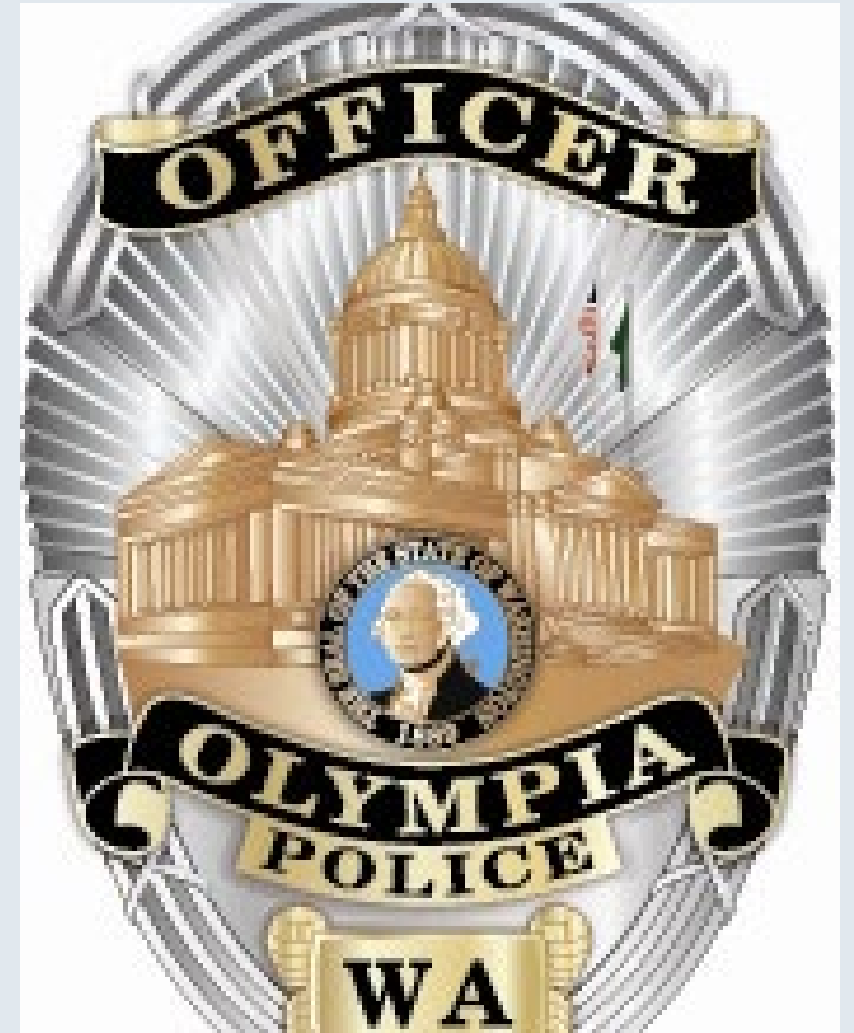
- Within minutes, the Capital Metro Independent Investigative Team (CMIIT), absent its OPD members, responded to the scene and assumed the investigation.
 - Two Olympia Community Representatives responded to the scene and observed the investigation.
 - After the involved officers were processed by investigators, they were placed on administrative leave in accordance with policy.
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Legal Review of the Investigation

- The investigation was completed and forwarded to the Clark County Prosecuting Attorney's Office for review on January 19, 2023.
- On December 1, 2023, Clark County's Chief Deputy Prosecutor provided their legal review of the case. The prosecutor concluded that the officer's actions were reasonable, justifiable, and lawful.
- The Thurston County Chief Deputy Prosecutor informed OPD that after examining the legal review from the Clark County Deputy Prosecutor, their office would not be pursuing criminal charges.

Review of Internal Review Process

- Per OPD policy, a Use of Force Review Board was convened to investigate the circumstances surrounding the use of force incident.
- The Use of Force Review Board consisted of:
 - Lieutenant in the involved member's chain of command
 - Training Sergeant
 - Patrol Sergeant
 - Officer selected by the involved officer
 - Sworn Peace Officer from an outside law enforcement agency
 - Department Instructor for the type of weapon, devise, or technique used.
 - Community Representative



Role of the Community Representative

- Transparency and Accountability
- Community Perspective
- Impartiality
- Improved Policies
- Education and Engagement





Responsibilities of the UOF Review Board

- Examine the circumstances surrounding any use of force that results in great bodily harm, death, or an officer's intentional discharge of a firearm.
- Determine if the officer's actions were within department policy and training or outside of department policy and training.
- Recommend changes to policy, training, or equipment.

UOF Review Board Findings

- After two 8-hour sessions of evaluation and inquiry, the Board determined that the officer's actions were within training and policy.
- Board members made recommendations pertaining to Policy/Procedure, Training, and Equipment.





Board Recommendations – Policy and Procedure

- Examine Policies where Police Response Intersects with Behavioral Health Entities (CRU, DCRs, and Familiar Faces)
- Explore CRU Staging
- Public Safety Statement

Board Recommendations – Training

- Retention of Acting Sergeant Training Records and Standardized Curriculum
- Verbal De-escalation Training
- Reality-based Training Integrating CRU and DCR with Patrol Officers
- Movement Drills During Electronic Control Weapon (ECW/Taser) and Firearms Training





Board Recommendations – Equipment

- Printed Behavioral Health/Crisis Information for the Community
- Additional Less Lethal Platforms
- Evaluate Contents of Medical/First Aid Bags in Patrol Vehicles

Community Representative: Elizabeth Drake

- Elizabeth will discuss her experience of the OPD Use of Force Review Board process.





Questions?