



ICMS #: 2020-1467

November 12, 2020

Complaint: Complainant, [REDACTED], filed an online complaint with the Office of Police Oversight stating the following:

“I was driving [REDACTED] on the bridge [REDACTED]. A police officer in his police car pulls into the northbound lanes blocking all northbound traffic. I notice there are three individuals in the middle of the Northbound lanes. The police officer had blocked the road and blocked traffic for two individuals to do what appeared to be a wedding proposal. Guy on his knee, etc. The third individual filming. The police cruiser number was [REDACTED]. This was at [REDACTED] Traffic was backed up and people began to make u-turns in the middle of the [REDACTED] bridge. I have video of the incident, my video lasts over a minute, I estimate traffic was blocked for longer. I don't think it is appropriate nor legal to block a major road [REDACTED] for a proposal. They could have used the bike lane, the sidewalk etc. If you recall, when APD defended using bean bag bullets on protesters one of the reasons was that they were in the road blocking traffic. How could this cop think it was OK to block traffic on the [REDACTED] Bridge for a marriage proposal. To me this is evidence of this police officer abusing his power (albeit much less than other complaint) and an attitude that the rules don't apply to cops. Again, I have a video and will provide it. I'll also be sharing it on social media and all of the news outlets. [REDACTED]”

This notice of formal complaint is a request for Internal Affairs to initiate an investigation in order to determine if the employee conduct is within compliance of APD policy, Civil Service Rules, and Municipal Civil Service Rules.

Recommended Administrative Policies to Review (to include but not limited to):

301.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE – RESPONSIBILITY TO THE COMMUNITY

All persons deserve protection by fair and impartial law enforcement and should be able to expect similar police response to their behavior wherever it occurs. Employees will serve the public through direction, counseling, assistance, and protection of life and property. Employees will be held accountable for the manner in which they exercise the authority of their office or position. Employees will respect the rights of individuals and perform their services with honesty, sincerity, courage, and sound judgment.

900.3.2 ACTS BRINGING DISCREDIT UPON THE DEPARTMENT

Since the conduct of personnel both on-duty or off-duty may reflect directly upon the Department, employees must conduct themselves at all times in a manner which does not bring reproach, discredit, or embarrassment to the Department or to the City.

Recommended Classification: *The OPO is permitted to make a preliminary recommendation on the classification of administrative cases.*



The OPO recommends that this allegation receive a B classification.

