



OFFICE OF POLICE OVERSIGHT

NOTICE OF COMPLAINT

April 1, 2022

ICMS #: 2022-0221

On March 28, 2022, the OPO received an online complaint.

The complainant alleges: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] observed APD patrol vehicle (SUV) in right lane (I was following). APD vehicle exited roadway into commercial driveway on right side without signaling turn and immediately re-entered roadway, initiating a U-turn in a commercial block, directly in front of oncoming traffic (my vehicle) without signaling & without activating emergency lights/siren. APD vehicle did -not- stop to observe oncoming traffic before re-entering roadway, causing me to blow my vehicle's horn loudly & for an extended period of time to warn APD driver of imminent collision. APD vehicle continued on path crossing directly in front of my vehicle as I traveled West bound, presenting that vehicle's driver door as primary impact for head on collision from my vehicle, now only about 20-25 feet away (2 car lengths). At this point I could clearly see driver illuminated by my headlights as white male with closely cropped hair. It was necessary for me to use aggressive, emergency braking techniques to prevent a severe collision with driver's door of APD patrol vehicle. APD driver completed U-turn into right lane [REDACTED] & slowed briefly. APD vehicle still had -not- activated emergency lights/siren. APD vehicle then continued [REDACTED]. I stopped my vehicle at a nearby service station at corner of [REDACTED] & called 9-1-1 approx [REDACTED] to report this vehicle for dangerous driving & was referred to the police oversight telephone number. This illegal U-turn in front of oncoming traffic was every bit as dangerous as any drunk driving I have witnessed in Austin for more than 25 years. I believe these events, when reported to 9-1-1, should be treated as any other dangerous driving or potential DUI infraction reported to 9-1-1, with relatively immediate attempts to intercept the driver & ascertain motivation, cause, and responsibility in order to minimize risk to public life & property. To be perfectly clear - the driver of this APD vehicle is very lucky that my vehicle is equipped with 4 wheel ABS disc brakes. Otherwise, the outcome for that driver might have been significantly adverse.

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



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