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Statement from the Seattle Community Police Commission Co-Chairs on Recently Released Body Camera Footage from May 24, 2025

The Seattle Community Police Commission has become aware of recently released body-worn camera footage documenting Seattle Police Department officers' response to the May 24 protest at Cal Anderson Park.

What is shown in this footage raises serious concerns. The public rightly expects that officers conduct themselves in a professional manner and exercise appropriate decision-making. While we cannot comment on an open investigation or make conclusions about its outcome, we remain committed to advocating for community priorities as the accountability process moves forward.

SPD policy establishes clear expectations that “employees may not engage in behavior that undermines public trust in the Department, the officer, or other officers. Employees will avoid unnecessary escalation of events...Any time employees represent the Department...they will not use profanity directed as an insult or any language that is derogatory, contemptuous, or disrespectful toward any person.” [Standards and Duties Pol. 5.001 10.](#)¹

Words matter. Actions matter. How officers speak and how they exercise their authority shapes outcomes and influences public trust.

Moments like this reinforce that community perspective must remain central to oversight and reform efforts. The CPC's role is to amplify the voices of those most affected by

¹ the complete Seattle Police Department Policy Manual is located here: [SPD Policy Manual](#)



policing and ensure those perspectives inform policy and oversight work, leading to systemic change.

We remain committed to bringing community insight into the spaces where decisions are made so expectations for professionalism and accountability are reflected not only in policy, but in practice.

Sincerely,
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