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Andrea Kersten
Chief Administrator
Civilian Office of Police Accountability (COPA)
1615 West Chicago Avenue, 4th Floor
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Re: Superintendent's Non-Concurrence with Findings and Penalty Recommendation
Complaint Log No. 2023-0000239

Dear Chief Administrator Kersten:

After a careful review of the above referenced complaint log number, the Chicago Police Department (Department) does not concur with both of the recommended findings but does concur with the remedial remedy as the penalty recommendation as they pertain to Officer Precious Dunn, Star No. 19452. Pursuant to the Municipal Code of Chicago, the Department provides the following comments.

The COPA investigation recommended that Officer Dunn receive a remedial remedy or discipline at the Department's discretion after concluding that she:

1. Unlawfully and/or unnecessarily displayed her firearm to [REDACTED] and three unidentified individuals;
2. Was verbally abusive to [REDACTED] by stating words to the effect of "I'll kill you" and/or "dumbass" and/or "fuck you" and/or bitch."

Regarding Allegation #1, the Department does not agree with the sustained finding and recommends a finding of Unfounded. First, there is no unlawful conduct as Officer Dunn is a law enforcement officer and is legally allowed to carry a firearm, either concealed or exposed. As far as it being unnecessary, that would have to be determined from the point of view of a reasonable police officer. COPA states that "CPD officers are permitted to display their weapons in performance of their duties as law enforcement officials. PPO Dunn, however, did not identify herself as a police officer." SRI at page 5. The fact that Officer Dunn took action and intervened in this situation shows that she was performing her duty. Simply because she didn't identify herself did not make her a private citizen nor did it render her actions as not being law enforcement action. Officer Dunn stated that the purpose of her raising her shirt to show the butt of her firearm was to show one of the unidentified individuals that she also had a firearm. This action by Officer Dunn was in response to the unidentified individual showing the butt of his firearm and stating that he would shoot her. Officer Dunn's goal was in effect a de-escalation technique in that she hoped it would scare him and cause him not to pull his firearm. Officer Dunn did not point her firearm at anyone nor did she even remove it from her waistband

and/or her holster.

Regarding Allegation #2, the Department concurs in the sustained finding as having met the burden of proof. However, in mitigation, the Department acknowledges that a weapons discharge incident can be the most traumatic incident an officer has during his or her career. Officer Dunn stated that she was in fear of being shot and/or killed during this situation. As such, the Department has determined that remedial training would be most beneficial to Officer Dunn. Officer Dunn has already completed Officer Involved Shooting Training subsequent to this incident. The Department looks forward to discussing this matter with you pursuant to MCC 2-78-130(a)(iii).

Sincerely,



Larry B. Snelling
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