

Review Board Inquiry

On September 21st, 2015, Chief Roberts convened the Olympia Police Department Officer Involved Shooting Review Board to examine Officer Donald's actions in the May 21st Officer Involved Shooting.

The review board consisted of:

- OPD Deputy Chief Steve Nelson
- OPD Lieutenant Aaron Jelcick
- Deputy City Attorney Darren Nienaber
- OPD Officer Jason Winner
- Executive Director for the Commission of African American Affairs Edward Prince

The Board was responsible for answering two questions:

1. Did the force used by Officer Donald adhere to the policies of the Olympia Police Department?
2. Did the actions of Officer Donald precipitate the course of events that ultimately led to the use(s) of force? If so, were those actions reasonable and appropriate?

To answer these questions, the Board examined:

- OPD Policy
- Investigative Reports
- Witness Statements
- Forensic Reports and scene photographs and schematics
- Medical Reports
- Audio and Video Recordings

The Board reviewed over 600 pages of documents. On September 29, they visited the site of the shooting. They also interviewed Officer Donald extensively, asking detailed questions. Following their interview, the Board spent hours evaluating Officer Donald's actions and whether those actions were consistent with Department Policy, particularly regarding policies related to the use of force.

The Board determined that Officer Donald's actions were within policy and that they did not precipitate the use of force. The decision was unanimous. The findings were then given to Chief Roberts, who concurred with them.

Officer Donald will return to duty in the next few weeks. Because of the trauma of the event and the length of his absence, the Department has a plan to reintegrate Officer Donald before assigning his routine duties.

The Shooting Review Board decision is on our website. You will also find more information about the entire incident on our Officer Involved Shooting webpage.