



Mark Gissiner,
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Police Auditor Processing Several Complaints Related to EPD's Response to Vehicle Collision at Protest on Sunday, June 29

Leia Pitcher,
Deputy Police
Auditor

July 1, 2020 – The Office of the Independent Police Auditor has received complaints from several community members related to the Eugene Police Department's (EPD's) response to a vehicle-pedestrian collision at the Black Lives Matter children's march on Sunday, June 29.

In response to the community concerns we have received, we have opened a complaint investigation into EPD's actions. Our administrative investigation will review the actions taken in EPD's criminal investigation of the incident.

We urge members of the community who directly observed or have video of the incident to contact EPD, so that they can include that evidence in their criminal investigation. We also urge community members who have concerns about EPD's actions to continue to contact our office with those concerns.

Beatriz Otero-
Hernandez,
Community
Engagement
Coordinator

Our office is committed to providing transparency and accountability in policing to the fullest extent permitted under Oregon state law, and we are grateful to our community for actively participating in the civilian oversight process. Eugene is fortunate to have a robust civilian oversight system, including our office to investigate complaints, the Civilian Review Board's oversight of our office, and the Police Commission's input into EPD policies.

We continue to take complaints related to this and other matters. If you have complaint related to a specific incident, especially if you directly witnessed something that concerned you, please contact our office via email, phone, or social media. Our office is still closed to walk-in traffic due to the COVID crisis, but we will continue to take complaints by phone, our website, email, and/or social media. If you have video that you think may be useful, please include a link to it.

Vicki Cox,
Senior
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Coordinator

Thank you for your assistance in these important matters.