

5/30/2020

Chief of Police  
1301 81 Ave NE  
Spring Lake Park MN 55432

Dear Chief of Police for Spring Lake Park,

My name is Jeremy Vazquez-Kessel. I am a resident of Spring Lake Park. I am writing today mainly due to what happened to George Floyd. I am writing inquire if evidence-based de-escalation techniques are taught to our police force. I just don't want anything like what happened to Mr. Floyd to happen in Spring Lake Park, and I think that de-escalation could benefit in many situations. I was so happy and proud to see that our police department was one of the first in MN to require body cameras. Thank you so much for your time and I hope that all of our superb officers can stay safe in these crazy times.

*I appreciate all you do to  
keep us safe!*

Sincerely,

  
Jeremy Vazquez-Kessel

8040 Mckinley St NE

Spring Lake Park MN, 55432



June 2, 2020

Mr. Jeremy Vazques-Kessel  
8040 McKinley St. NE  
Spring Lake Park, MN. 55432

Dear Mr. Vazques-Kessel,

Thank you for your written correspondence inquiring about officer training regarding the circumstances surrounding the George Floyd incident in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The Spring Lake Park Police Department is very proactive in the training that is provided to our officers. We currently cover a wide range of training that is mandated by the Minnesota POST Board, Minnesota OSHA, Minnesota Legislature, and our own department.

This training includes, but is not limited to, Critical Incident Training, De-escalation Training, Community Relations, Use of Force, and a litany of other trainings. The Spring Lake Park Police Department has maintained a high standard of accountability by our officers in the past, and will continue to maintain those standards in the future.

It is the goal of the Spring Lake Park Police Department to provide our community with the most up-to-date professional services that we can through continued training of our officers to meet this goal. The police department always welcomes community input and cooperation when confronted with issues that are affecting our peaceful way of life.

I hope that this has answered your questions, please feel free to reach out to me with any additional questions or concerns!

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Douglas M. Ebeltoft". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Douglas M. Ebeltoft  
Director of Public Safety/Police Chief  
Spring Lake Park Police Department