

Use of Force Recommendation 04

Guidance for

Concurrent Investigations- Scene Responsibilities



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Recommendation Highlights

What should be the scene involvement of Professional Standards and Training for critical use of force incidents?

For an OIS incident:

- Attend debrief
- Ammunition round count
- Walk through by Homicide Case Agent

For an injury incident:

- Interview involved civilian and civilian witnesses
- Ensure protocol is followed to obtain medical attention and photos
- Download AXON videos
- Provide UOF writing guide; ensure report is completed

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Gap Analysis

Recommendation

- Identify the roles and responsibilities of the administrative investigators.
- Scene responsibilities will dictate when the investigator needs to arrive on scene.

Current Policy

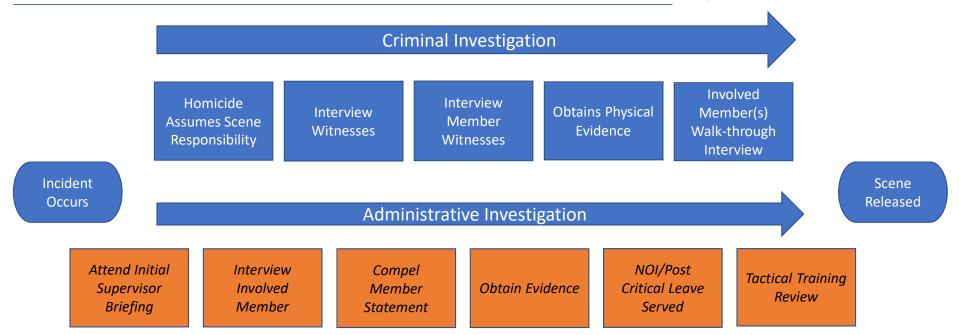
- Range Sergeant or designee responds to the scene to examine the weapon(s) of all involved members.
- Peer Team will coordinate when the member is required to attend a session with a licensed psychologist or psychiatrist.
- Administrative leave paperwork is completed by the supervisor.
- An administrative investigation is not automatically initiated and is delayed months following the criminal investigation.



Regional Trends – Administrative Activities

Phoenix PD	(1) Training Representative(2) PS/IA Sergeants(1) PS/IA Lieutenant	 Present for briefing from scene supervisor NOI/NOAR served; Interview at later date Receive walk through update from case agent Training evaluation is conducted for later presentation to committee
Los Angeles PD	30 Member Team	 All-inclusive investigative unit Team conducts simultaneous administrative/criminal compelled interview Training evaluation is conducted for later 72 hour and 7-day review
Long Beach PD	(1) PS/IA Sergeant	 Walk-through for "Cone Placement" No interview completed, involved member completes written report
Scottsdale PD	(1) PS/IA Sergeant	 Conducts ammunition count NOI/NOAR served; Interview at later date Schedules appointment with a psychologist or psychiatrist Receive walk through update from case agent
Chandler PD	(1) PS/IA Sergeant or Lieutenant	 NOI/NOAR served; Interview at later date Schedules appointment with a psychologist or psychiatrist Receive walk through update from case agent
Anaheim PD	(2) PS/IA Sergeants	 Involved member is not interviewed on the day of incident. Team monitors interview with case agent and district attorney (48-72 hrs)

Discussion Points for Administrative Investigations



Committee Feedback

- It was recommended the administrative investigators not respond to the initial supervisor debrief on OIS incidents
 - Information provided is often limited
 - Additional useful facts are developed after the initial debrief
- Discussion was initiated on the best time to interview the involved member
 - Prior to member being released from scene
 - No later than 24-hours after incident
 - 48-74 hours after incident and member obtains a couple sleep cycles.
- Compelled interviews should be completed later date so additional evidence can be reviewed prior to interview
- It was recommended to serve NOI at a later date
 - · Raised issue of potentially serving an admonish prior to member leaving scene
- It was recommended to keep the responsibility of completing the Post Leave Form with the immediate supervisor
- It was recommended Professional Standards complete the Use of Force Report on qualified Use of force Incidents



Final Guidance

- It is recommended for OIS scenes, Professional Standards and Training maintain an observation role on the day of the incident and will receive a debrief from the case agent during a second scene walk-through.
- If compelled interview is needed, the interview will occur within 24-72 hours giving the investigator the ability to review evidence to better prepare for interview.
- No additional administrative documents will be provided the day of the incident, unless exigent circumstances exist.
- The Professional Standard Supervisor on scene will complete the Use of Force Report.





Questions