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1-67 MULTI-AGENCY TASK FORCE

Related SOP(s), Form(s), Other Resource(s), and Rescinded Special Order(s):

A. Related SOP(s)

- 2-8 Use of On-Body Recording Devices (OBRD)
- 2-52 Use of Force: General
- 2-60 Preliminary and Follow-up Criminal Investigations
- 3-30 Line Inspection Process
- 5-3 Criminal Investigations Divisions

—Form(s)2-52 Use of Force General

B.

PD 1385 Crime Scene Canvass and Witness Information Form

C. Other Resource(s)

None ROA 1994, §§ 9-4-1-1 to 9-4-1-14 Civilian Police Oversight Agency

D. Rescinded Special Order(s)

None

1-67-1 **Purpose**

It is the purpose of this policy is to outline how the ...the-Multi-Agency Task Force (MATF) ais a specialized unit which that assumes is to work with other law enforcement agencies and prosecutors to criminally investigative critical incident responsibility in criminal investigations related to critical incidents, such as officer-involved shootings (OIS), incustody deaths, and criminal allegations related to the use of force.

1-67-2 **Policy**

It is the policy of the Albuquerque Police Department (Department) toThe primary objective of the MATF is to provide the Albuquerque Police Department (Department APD) with a standardized professional, comprehensive, and neutral criminal investigative response into any use of force with criminal allegation(s) against an officer. These investigations include critical incident officer involved shooting OIS(s), in-custody death(s, in addition to any underlying crime that may be investigated. Should anany other investigation of an underlying crime where an officer employed a use of force and based upon probable cause, that the force used by the officer involved in the incident was contrary to law, the MATF assumes case responsibility for that criminal investigation as well.



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By partnering with other agencies in an agreement known as-through the Multi-Agency
Task Force (MATF)-Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), MATF detectives promote
accountability, shares investigative techniques and resources, and produces a fair,
impartial, and highly-professional investigation. The MATF will-ensures quality control in
its investigations and provides the professionalism required in constitutional policing and
accountability to the community.

The Administrative investigations of incidents where MATF is responsible for the criminal investigation, will be conducted by the Force Division or the Internal Affairs Section. MATF will not conduct administrative investigations into any use of force.

1-67-3 Definitions

Buddy Officer

A Buddy Officer is any uninvolved Albuquerque PoliceDepartment oOfficer whose presence was requested by an involved officer or witness officer to remain on the scene during the initial investigation until the involved or witness officer is released from the scene by the MATF. The purpose is to provide emotional support through the presence of a poer.

A. Civilian Police Oversight Agency (CPOA)

An Civilian police complaints are complaints originating externally from non-Department personnel.

independent agency of City government, not part of either the City administration or City Council, which was created by City ordinance and is overseen by a board comprised of community members, consistent with

All civilian complaints are forwarded to the Civilian Police Oversight Agency (CPOA) for investigation. The CPOA will investigate civilian complaints unless apparent criminal misconduct is identified by the CPOA.

<u>Complaints indicating apparent criminal misconduct will be administratively investigated by IAD and, if appropriate, criminally investigated by the appropriate criminal investigative unit or agency.</u>

<u>Civilian police complaints are assigned CPC numbers. The format is CPC, year, hyphenated unique six-digit number, for example, CPC16-123456.</u>

CPOA policy and procedures are not governed by the Department; however, they follow the City-Ordinance-Section, ROA 1994, §§ 9-4-1-et seq., Albuquerque Police Officers' Association Collective Bargaining Agreement (APOA CBA), and Department policy.-1 to 9-4-1-14.

Civilian Police complaints may be resolved through mediation or investigation.

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The Department will track allegations regarding misconduct involving civilians who are homeless and/or have behavioral health issues, mental illness or disorders, whether or not it is related to a complaint.

The information relating to alleged misconduct is obtained from the CPC form and tracked through the software programs IAPro/BlueTeam.

The CPOA receives, investigates, and reviews complaints and commendations submitted by community members concerning Department personnel. The CPOA also reviews Department policies, practices, and procedures, in order to provide recommendations throughout the policy development process and ultimately to the Chief of Police.

The CPOA is an independent agency created by municipal ordinance and is neither part of the City of Albuquerque administration nor the City Council. The law creating the agency notes that its purpose is to foster policing policies that effectively maintain social order, mutual trust, and cooperation and improve communications between police and civilians.

The CPOA serves as a civilian police oversight body. Its responsibilities include investigating civil complaints relating to police conduct; monitoring and reporting on police internal affairs matters; gathering and analyzing data on policing trends; providing community outreach, and promoting a spirit of accountability.

B. Critical Incident Officer-Involved Shooting (€OIS)

An oOfficer-ilnvolved sShooting is tThe intentional discharge of a firearm by a sworn officer in the line--of--duty, when the officer fires upon a threat or attack upon their person or another. An accidental shooting during a critical incident could also be investigated by the MATF.

C. In-Custody Death

The death of a person while in the custody of an APD Department officer. "In-custody death" is defined as the physical arrest or detention of a person by either submission to the officer's physical presence or physical control. The mere presence of an officer with a subject does not constitute an in-custody status. For the purposes of this section Standard Operating Procedure (SOP), "in custody-" means the physical restraint of a person or a show of authority that in some ways restrains the liberty of an person individual.

D. Involved Officer

A sworn officer or supervisor, or Prisoner Transport Unit (PTU) personnel, who used, participated in, or ordered the application of force, or who had custody of an person individual at the time of the use of force or the individual person's death.



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A. Multi-Agency Task Force (MATF)

The Multi-Agency Task Force is This is aAaAn investigatory task force composed of different police agencies and established by a memorandum of agreement (MOA). Its purpose is to conduct criminal investigations related to officer-involved shootings, uses of force where criminal allegations are made, and in-custody deaths, and, at the discretion of the Chief of Police..

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C. Witness Officer

ThisA Witness Officer is aA sworn officer or supervisor, includingor Prisoner Transport Personnel, who did not use, participate in or order the any application of the use of force but who was present on the scene and saw the application of force. A witness officer is required to cooperate in all phases of the investigation conducted by MATF. Cooperation includes providing a statement to investigators about his/hetheir involvement as well asnd describing what he/shethey observed during the incident.

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- The intentional discharge of a firearm by a sworn officer in the line of duty, when the officer fires upon a threat or attack upon his/hetheir person or that of another.

 An accidental shooting during a critical incident could also be investigated by the MATF.

E. H.—Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)

An agreement between the participating agencies which expresses an agreement to assist and participate in the established investigative purview of the Multi-Agency Task FerceMATF.

F. Multi-Agency Task Force (MATF)

An investigatory task force composed of different police and prosecuting offices and as established by a Mmemorandum of Aagreement (MOA). The the purpose of the MATF is to conduct criminal investigations related to critical incidents involving officer involved shooting OISs, uses of force where criminal allegations are made, and in-custody deaths.

G. Witness Officer

A sworn officer or supervisor, or Prisoner Transport Unit personnel, who did not use any force but was present on the scene and saw or otherwise perceived the application of force. A witness officer is required to cooperate in all phases of the investigation conducted by MATF. Cooperation includes providing a statement to investigators about their involvement and describing what they observed during the incident.

7 1-67-4 Rules and Responsibilities

A. The MATF shall investigate officers sworn personnel in the APD Department under the following conditions:



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- <u>1.</u> Critical incident OISOfficer-Involved Shootings, whether they result in injury or death or not;
- 2. =
 - 2. The death of any individual while in police custody; and
- <u>3.</u>
 - 3.—Any criminal allegation of force from a n-Albuquerque Police ODepartment officer or Prisoner Transport UnitPTU oOfficer while working in their authorized capacity.
- B. The MATF shall assist outside I\(\begin{array}{c}\) assist outside I\(\begin{array}{c}\) assist outside I\(\begin{array}{c}\) as stated in the \(\begin{array}{c}\) MOA or at the request of the agency and the approval of the Chief of Police.
- C. The MATF willshall assume the criminal investigation into other parties who are not officers who are not office
- D. The MATF willshall not conduct administrative interviews or investigations.
- E. C.—On-Scene Responsibilities
 - 1. 1. The on-scene investigative supervisor shall ensure the following:
 - a. a. TEnsure the call-out team conducts an investigative and administrative briefing of the incident as soon as possible; ■
 - For an investigative briefing, b. Ensure any civilian community members who are witnesses on-scene are immediately identified and an interviews areis attempted:
 - c. Evaluate the scene for additional needed resources:
 - d. Identify and prioritize critical investigative tasks;
 - e. Provide resources to and direct on- scene detectives;
 - f. Networking, coordinate,ing and monitoring communication with other investigative units and outside agencies as necessary;
 - g. Complete administrative tasks associated with the call- out prior to the conclusion of the preliminary investigation;.
 - hg. Notify City Legal prior to concluding the on-scene investigation;
 - b. ih. end can be briefing are present. This includes, but is not limited to the following:
 - i. 4. Primary, secondary, and collateral detectives/officers;
 - ii. 2. The on-scene investigative supervisor;
 - iii. 3.—MCST primary detective/investigator and MCST supervisor:
 - iv. 4.—District Attorney's Officer rRepresentatives; and

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— <u>5.</u> Office of the Medical Investigator (OMI) representative, (if needed);.;

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6. The primary dispatched officer-will participate in this briefing; and.

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7.—Additional officers or Crime Scene Specialists (CSS); with pertinent information may also participate in the briefing; and.

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viii. 8. Assisting personnel from the Investigative Bureau; and =

- ix. Observer from the Internal Affairs Force Division (IAFD).
- c. For an administrative briefing, Notify City Legal prior to concluding the onscene investigation.ensure that only the personnel who are needed are present. This includes, but is not limited to:
 - i. Chief of Police;
 - ii. Bureau Deputy Chief(s);
 - iii. Area Commander(s);
 - iv. ; and Office of the Mayor designee;
 - v. CPOA: and
 - vi. IAFD representative(s).
- d. Notify a City of Albuquerque Legal Department attorney Legal prior to concluding the on-scene investigation.

F. — 2. Detective Responsibilities

—The detective shall:

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N/A

- a. Follow the procedures outlined in SOP Preliminary and Follow-up Criminal Investigations (refer to SOP Preliminary and Follow-up Criminal Investigations for sanction classifications and additional duties);
- b. a. Ensure that all evidence to establish material facts related to the criminal investigation of the incident, including, but not limited to, audio and video recordings, photographs, and other documentation is collected;
- c. b. Canvass for and interview witness(s). In addition, the detective shall encourage witness(es) shall be encouraged to provide and sign a Crime Scene Canvass and Witness Information Form a written statement in their own words;
- d. <u>c.</u> Ensure interviews of involved and witness officers are conducted individually as soon as possible;...
- e. <u>d.</u> Ensure that all officers who were involved in the incident, witnessed the incident, or who were on-scene when the incident occurred are identified and documented;
- f. e. Conduct investigations in a rigorous manner designed to determine the facts and, when conducting interviews, avoid asking leading questions. The Detective shall and never ask officers or other witnesses any questions that may suggest legal or procedural justifications for officers' conduct;

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<u>g.</u> =	f. Record all interviews; and
_	g. Consider all relevant evidence, including circumstantial, direct,
3	and physical evidence, as appropriate, and make credibility determinations. The
(detective shall mMake all reasonable efforts to resolve material inconsistencies
k	between the officer, subject, and witness statements; and
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i. /	As discovery/evidence is received, notify ing Internal Affairs Force Division
((IAFD) personnel of it's existence and their ability to receive a copy.

G. 3. MATF Coordinator Responsibilities Sergeant Responsibilities ty

a) ____The MATF Sergeant shall: 1.

- a. Respond to all critical incident OIS's, or if on leave, sending a designee;
- b. Initiate communication with partnering agencies in the MOUMOA when an MATF case is initiated into a critical incident OIS or other related investigation into an officer's use of force;
- c. Continiously work with local prosecutors who normally review MATF cases, to ensure any follow-up needs are completed per the prosecutors request; and.
- d. Respond to all requests from the agencies listed in the MOUMOA to assist on any of their cases that need APD Department resources, perconsistent with the MOUMOA.

H. Witness Officer Responsibilities

1. A witness officer shall be is required to cooperate in all phases of the investigation conducted by MATF. Cooperation includes providing a statement to investigators about their involvement and describing what they observed during the incident.



- 1. The investigative ———1.uUnit supervisors willshall:
 - a. -Uuse a Delepartment--approved , automated tracking system for the overall management of all past and present investigative case files;
 - b. The investigative uUnit superviers shall mMaintain 2.cCase files will be maintained on all cases in which investigative activities are ongoing; and:

 i. The case files provide an immediate information resource to investigators.

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c. 3.The casese files will be consolidated transfer the case files red into the Central-Records System Division - when the case is suspended or closed.

4. Any records related to any MATF investigation will be closed to the public and/or have limited access until released by the MATF Coordinator or Violent Crimes Lieutenant.