



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION
Procedure for Family Impact Remarks
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1. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Family Impact Remarks (FIR) is to allot time to the families who have lost loved ones due to a fatal use of force by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD). The FIR provides an opportunity to the families who wish to address the Los Angeles County Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission (COC). The Chair or their designee will evaluate FIR requests on a case-by-case basis and retains discretion to determine who will be invited to provide FIR at each meeting.

2. FAMILY MEMBER

For the purpose of this procedure, the term "family member" will include and be consistent with the term "Next of Kin" (NOK) as used by the Los Angeles County Medical Examiner-Coroner, which describes the individuals as:

- A. Spouse or Partner
- B. Adult Children
- C. Surviving Parents
- D. Grandparents
- E. Siblings
- F. Family Representative

3. TIME LIMIT

Each family who is invited to speak at the COC meeting will have a maximum of ten (10) minutes for its FIR.

- A. The family may elect to have one (1) family member make the FIR during the allotted ten (10) minutes or may split up the ten (10) minutes amongst the family members listed in section 2.
- B. An individual's participation in a FIR does not affect their ability to provide General Public Comment at COC meetings, town hall events, and other engagements.

4. PROCESS TO REQUEST FAMILY IMPACT REMARKS TIME

- A. Individuals who want to make a FIR should email cocnotify@coc.lacounty.gov or call (213) 253-5678 at least 72 hours before the COC meeting to make the request. Please include the following information:
 - I. Email Subject Line: Family Impact Remarks Request for [Date] COC Meeting
 - II. Individual's name who died (decedent) as a result of LASD's use of force
 - III. Date the use of force took place
 - IV. Speaker name(s) from family
 - V. Relationship(s) to decedent
 - VI. Contact Information (email address and phone number for meeting coordination)
 - VII. To submit written remarks, please include them in the email body, word document, or pdf.
- B. Day of COC Event (meeting, town hall, etc.)
 - I. In-Person Events: Family member(s) scheduled to make a FIR shall check-in with COC staff at the registration table before the event begins.
 - II. Virtual Events: Family member(s) should log-in to the WebEx Virtual Platform 30 minutes before the meeting begins to conduct audio tests to ensure clear communication.

Questions regarding this procedure can be sent to cocnotify@coc.lacounty.gov or call (213) 253-5678.