



Deputy Involved Non-Hit Shootings & Non-Hit Unintentional Discharge of a Firearm

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INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU

The Internal Affairs Bureau is comprised of approximately 62 Department members (47 Sworn & 15 Civilian) / Six Investigative Teams.

- Five teams handle Shooting/Force Reviews and Administrative Investigations
 - On-call duties rotate weekly
- One team handles Equity Investigations (Policy of Equality violations)
- Team Lieutenant and Sergeant Investigators
- Fifteen civilian professional staff members

DEPUTY INVOLVED NON-HIT SHOOTINGS



CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

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ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

DEPUTY INVOLVED NON-HIT SHOOTINGS

Administrative Review

Handled by Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB)

- Notification to IAB Lieutenant
 - IAB Lt notifies OIG, Training Bureau, BWC Unit
- IAB Force/Shooting Response Team (1 LT & 2 SGTs)
- Round count, BWC/CCTV review, incident information, and interview
- Interview of involved deputy – within



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Administrative Review

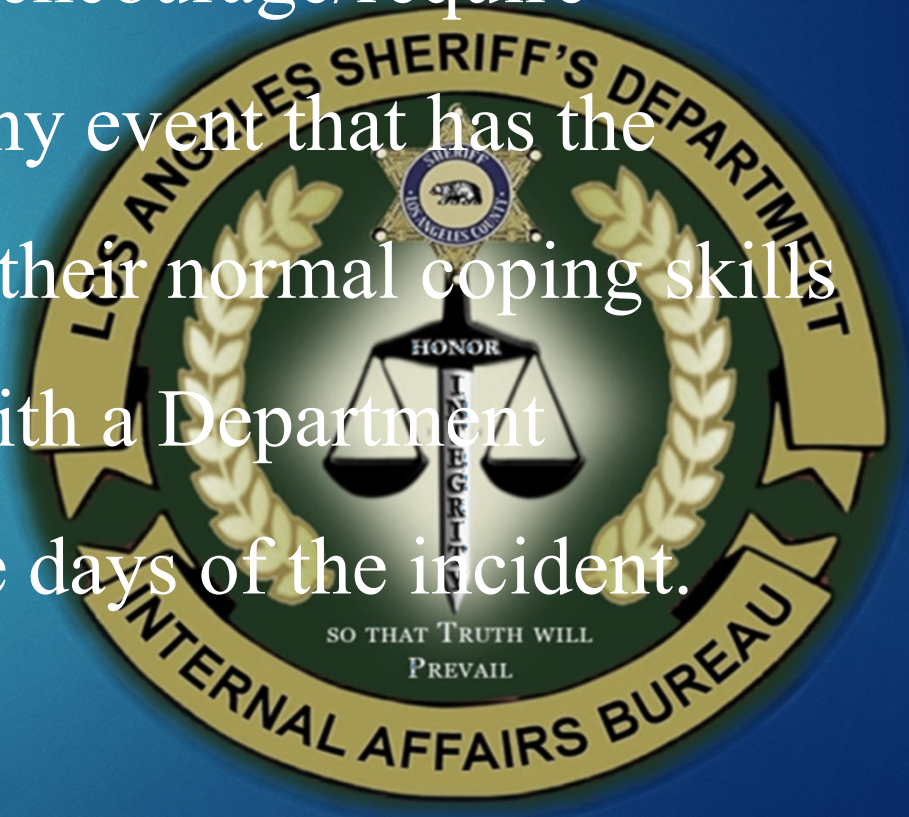
- Critical Incident Review presentation – IAB Lt
- Thorough review of the entire incident
 - Actions before, during, and after
 - Confirm weapon qualification
- Case submission
- Executive Force Review Committee
 - Approximately 6 months after incident
 - Recommendations
 - Impose discipline for policy violation(s)



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Post Shooting Procedures

- MPP 3-10/460.00 Department Psychologist Response
 - Unit commanders shall encourage/require personnel involved in any event that has the potential to overwhelm their normal coping skills to attend a debriefing with a Department psychologist within five days of the incident.



NON-HIT UNINTENTIONAL DISCHARGE

A non-hit unintentional discharge is an incident (on or off duty) in which a firearm has been discharged by a Department member **without the deliberate intention** of the user of the firearm.

Non-hit unintentional discharge incidents will be handled as a **unit level administrative investigation** with a 1-year statute date from the date of incident.

NON-HIT UNINTENTIONAL DISCHARGE

Handling an unintentional discharge investigation:

- Notification to IAB LT and Civil Litigation (on-duty property damage or civilian hit)
 - Contact local law enforcement if off-duty and outside of LASD jurisdiction
 - Determine if alcohol was a factor; breath test applicable
- Submit IAB Mandatory Notification form
- Assign investigator and request IV number
- Thorough investigation of the incident
 - Causal factors
 - Tactical or non-tactical situation
 - Weapon qualification
 - Unique circumstances

NON-HIT UNINTENTIONAL DISCHARGE

Mandatory Notifications ~ In addition to the verbal notification to the on-call IAB Lieutenant, Watch Commanders and Supervising Lieutenants are also required to complete this form and send it to the IAB email group, "IAB Mandatory Notification," whenever any of the following incidents occur (**Check all that apply**):
[\(MPP 3-10/130.00 Activation of Force/Shooting Response Teams\)](#)

<input type="checkbox"/>	All shootings by any Department member, both on-duty and off-duty, including unintentional discharges, warning shots, and shooting at animals.	<input type="checkbox"/>	All incidents where Deputy personnel are shot.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hospitalizations due to injuries caused by any Department member.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Skeletal fractures caused by any Department member.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Category 2 or 3 force used by any Department member during or following a vehicular or foot pursuit.	<input type="checkbox"/>	All large party situations where Category 2 or 3 force is used.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Injury or complaint of injury to a person's head or neck area resulting in medical evaluation and/or treatment, following contact with a Department member (This does not apply to contamination due to Oleoresin Capsicum spray, Freeze +P or Deep Freeze aerosols, or Pepperball projectile powder).	<input type="checkbox"/>	Any situation wherein a Department member pushes, shoves, takes down, or otherwise causes a person to hit their head against a hard object (e.g. roadway, driveway, concrete floor, wall, door jamb, jail bars, etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Kick(s) to an individual's head with a shod foot.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Canine bites resulting in medical treatment.
<input type="checkbox"/>	At any scene where the Sheriff's Response Team (SRT) is deployed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Knee strike(s) to an individual's head.
<input type="checkbox"/>	All Inmate deaths.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Any death following a contact with any Department member.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Any Use of Improvised Weapons and/or Techniques	<input type="checkbox"/>	Any of the above uses of force witnessed by a Department member applied by personnel from another law enforcement agency involved in an operation with Department personnel.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Relieved of Duty or Arrest of a Department member. (MPP 3-04/020.10 ; 3-01/030.10 ; 3-01/050.30)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Arrest, detention or allegation of domestic violence involving a Department member. (MPP 3-01/030.19)

NON-HIT UNINTENTIONAL DISCHARGE

Mandatory Notification and Response ~ The following incidents require an immediate verbal notification to the on-call IAB Lieutenant who will determine if a Force/Shooting Team response is appropriate.
(No form required if IAB responds)

All shootings in which a shot was intentionally fired at a person by a Department member.	Any type of shooting by a Department member which results in a person being hit.
Force resulting in admittance to a hospital.	Any death following a use of force by any Department member.
All head strikes with impact weapons.	Skeletal fractures, with the exception of minor fractures of the nose, fingers or toes, caused by any Department member.
Kick(s), delivered from a standing position, to an individual's head with a shod foot while the individual is lying on the ground/floor.	Knee strike(s) to an individual's head deliberately or recklessly causing their head to strike the ground, floor, or other hard, fixed object.
Inmate deaths from other than obvious natural causes. This includes murders, suicides, overdoses, etc.	Deliberately or recklessly striking an individual's head against a hard, fixed object.

Station/Bureau/Facility:	<input type="text"/>	Incident Date:	<input type="text"/>	Incident Time:	<input type="text"/>
Incident Location Address:	<input type="text"/>	City and Zip:	<input type="text"/>		

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DISPOSITIONS:

Accidental Discharge “*Unfounded*”

A discharge of a firearm that was not caused by any negligence or failure to follow established safety procedures. Rather, there was a mechanical failure of the firearm and/or defective equipment.

Negligent Discharge “*Founded*”

A discharge of a firearm that was primarily caused by the Department member's failure to follow established safety procedures and/or the member was negligent in some manner.

Critical Incident Review

Executive Force Review Committee

Department-wide Training

CONCLUSION



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