



City of Racine Police Department
Policy and Procedure

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POLICY

When any Use of Force used by a Department member results in medical treatment to the person(s) the force was directed at, an investigative review of the use of force will be conducted. In the event that it is an officer involved death or involves substantial injury that is likely to result in death, the investigation shall be turned over to at least two investigators from an outside law enforcement agency at the direction of the Chief of Police or his designee. The lead investigating agency will assign the lead investigator.

PROCEDURE

MEMBER

When the member is involved in a Use of Force incident, **directly or indirectly**, the following steps should be taken:

1. Request EMS and render first aid as necessary.
2. Secure the scene.
3. Notify a supervisor of the need for medical treatment of the suspect.
4. Document the Use of Force relating his/her observations, actions taken and circumstances involved. In the case of a fatality reports will be completed by the investigating agency.

SUPERVISOR

1. Respond as appropriate.
2. Assume command of police personnel, equipment and the scene.
3. Determine the level or extent of the investigation; confer with the Shift Commander as necessary. In the event the use of force is an officer involved death or involves substantial injury that is likely to result in death, the investigation shall be turned over to at least two investigators from an outside law enforcement agency at the direction of the Chief of Police or his designee. The lead investigative agency will assign the lead investigator.
4. If Major Crimes is not activated, conduct the investigation, gather all reports and forward all reports and your detailed review to the Deputy Chief of the involved member.

SHIFT COMMANDER

1. When the force used is considered deadly force or resulted in the death or may result in the death of the person the force was directed at, ensure the following personnel are notified by the Shift Commander or his designee:
 - a. Chief of Police
 - b. Deputy Chiefs
 - c. IA Lieutenant
 - d. PIO
 - e. Peer Support Coordinator
 - f. Investigations
 - g. RPA and SOA Representatives
2. Prepare a Shift Commander's Report.
3. Forward copies to PS_Command email group.

MAJOR CRIMES SQUAD

1. Investigate and document the incident as necessary.
2. Process the scene as directed by the Major Crimes supervisor or lead agency.
3. Forward copies of all reports to:
 - a. Chief of Police
 - b. Deputy Chief of Investigations

RELATED PROCEDURES

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