

Abington Township Police Department Policy and Procedure Manual

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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this general order is to provide members with guidelines on the Departmental Response in Use of Force Incidents.

II. POLICY

See General Order 1.3.1 - Policy Statement

III. PROCEDURES

A. Departmental response in incidents where a member uses force or other actions that results in death or serious physical injury.

1. Deadly force incident

a. Where any member's use of force causes death, the member shall be placed on administrative leave/duty after completing all internal investigative requirements, and until it is determined by a mental health professional and the Chief of Police that the member is ready to return to duty.

b. The department shall ensure that both an administrative and criminal investigation of the incident shall occur.

2. Serious Physical Injury Incident

- a. Where any member's actions or use of force causes serious physical injury, the member shall be placed on administrative leave/duty after completing all internal investigative requirements, and until it is determined by a mental health professional and Chief of Police that the member is ready to return to duty.
- b. The department shall ensure that both an administrative and criminal investigation of the incident occur.