

EAST LANSING POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

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44.1 **PURPOSE**

Provide information to assist personnel when there has been a deadly force encounter. The information will help to ensure that the incident is investigated in an orderly, thorough, and professional manner.

44.2 **DEFINITION**

Deadly Force Encounter: Any encounter where actual serious physical injury and/or death is inflicted upon any member of the East Lansing Police Department, or where any member of the East Lansing Police Department inflicts serious injury and/or death upon any member of the public.

Post Traumatic Stress Disorder: An anxiety disorder that can result from exposure to short-term severe stress, or a long-term build up of repetitive and prolonged milder or severe stress.

44.3 **PATROL SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITIES**

- A. Primary command at the critical incident scene.
- B. Render first-aid and request paramedics as necessary
- C. Secure the scene, once the crime scene is established assign a Log Officer.
- D. Request mutual aid if needed.
- E. Get Public Safety Statement to determine the nature of the incident from involved Officer(s).
- F. ASAP Refer to the Supervisor check list for Deadly Force Encounters.
- G. Notify Police Admin On Call person.
- H. Notify Detective Bureau Supervisors.
- I. Arrange for the involved Officer(s) to be transported to ELPD. Make arrangements for ELPD or Law Enforcement member to be with Officer(s) while at station.
- J. Advise the Officer(s) not to discuss the details of the incident.
- K. If the on duty Supervisor is involved, then the first non involved Supervisor to arrive on the scene will take control of the scene.
- L. If an ELPD member is deceased at the scene, refer to the Line of Death P & P. If an ELPD member is injured, have an ELPD member notify immediate family. Escort and stay with the family until relieved by a Supervisor.
- M. Locate witnesses.

44.4 POLICE ADMINISTRATION RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Once the on call Admin person is on the scene and has been briefed on the incident, they will determine what agency will investigate the incident.
- B. Ensure that the proper investigation procedures are being followed.
- C. Set up a Command Post
- D. Provide the P.I.O Duties or Assign to someone.
- E. Determine if personnel call back is needed.
- F. If involved Officer(s) is not injured, coordinate immediate family notification.

44.5 DETECTIVE BUREAU COMMAND RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Receive briefing from the on duty Supervisor.
- B. Review the Supervisors check list to determine what other notifications need to be made.
- C. Obtain necessary Search Warrants.
- D. Obtain roster of involved personnel.
- E. Secure the in-car audio and video. (Do not download the MVR at the scene) .
- F. Secure the involved Officer(s) weapon away from the scene. Preserve for DNA.
- G. Gather Officer(s) uniform if the suspect touched it.
- H. Check for discharge and magazine capacity.
- I. Initiate Police report/or have Detective initiate.
- J. Gather witness interviews.
- K. When possible, give the involved Officer(s) 48 hrs. (2 good sleep cycles) before questioning or giving detailed statement.
- L. Develop accused information.
- M. Impound suspect vehicle.
- N. Interview all other Officers on scene at the time of the Deadly Force Encounter.
- O. Obtain any related phone calls and radio transmissions.

44.6 POST SCENE PROCEDURES

- A. Involved personnel shall be re-assigned pending evaluation and investigation.
- B. All Officers directly involved in the critical incident shall be required to contact a City of East Lansing designated specialist for counseling and evaluation as soon as practical after the incident. Involved support personnel should also be encouraged to contact such specialist after a critical incident.
- C. After the counseling session, the specialist shall advise the East Lansing Police Chief or his/her designee whether it would be in the Department and the Officer(s) best interest to continue to be re-assigned and for how long.
- D. The Department strongly encourages the families of involved Officers to take advantage of available counseling services.
- E. The investigation will be conducted as soon and as quick as possible.
- F. The Administration should brief other Department personnel concerning the Deadly Force incident to ensure that accurate and complete information is communicated.
- G. If an Officers weapon has been seized during the course of the investigation, a replacement weapon should be given to the Officer, pending evaluations.
- H. Each supervisor is responsible for monitoring members of the East Lansing Police Department following a Deadly Force Encounter. Post Traumatic Stress Disorder may not arise immediately and Officers may try to hide the disorder.

EAST LANSING POLICE DEPARTMENT SUPERVISOR CHECK LIST FOR DEADLY FORCE ENCOUNTERS

DATE: _____ COMP#: _____ SUBMITTED BY: _____

NOTIFICATION LIST

- 1. On Call Admin: _____ Time: _____
2. DB Supervisor: _____ Time: _____
3. Ingham County Prosecutor: _____ Time: _____
4. MSP Crime Scene: (DB may do this) _____ Time: _____
5. Medical Examiner: _____ Time: _____
6. Other call back, SRT, Chaplain _____

STABILIZATION PHASE ON SCENE

- 1. Provide Medical Attention
2. Scene security - assign Log Officer immediately.
3. Request mutual aid if needed.
4. Identify the Shooting/Deadly Force Officer.
5. Evaluate uniform personnel assignments.
6. If an officer is injured, have the immediate family notified. If an Officer is deceased, follow the Duty Death P&P. If officer involved and uninjured admin will coordinate.
7. Have photos of the scene taken ASAP, if possible.
8. Have individual Officers assigned to each victim at hospital until DB arrives, if possible. (Evidence collection a priority).
9. Determine if any special equipment is needed.
10. If the on-duty supervisor is involved in the deadly force incident, the first non-involved supervisor to arrive on the scene will take control of the scene.

INVESTIGATIVE PHASE

- 1. Do an area canvass to ID witnesses, get good addresses, all TX's, separate witnesses if possible.
2. BOL's if necessary.
3. Brief DB Personnel, on call Admin, ICPO, and the Medical Examiner. The on call Admin will determine the investigating agency.
4. Have Admin assign a P.I.O.
5. Get ERV to the scene if needed.
6. Call back personnel if needed.
7. Arrange for involved Deadly Force Officer(s) to be transported to ELPD. Arrange for someone to be with that Officer, ie. a Chaplain, or another Officer.

POLICE SHOOTINGS/ DEADLY FORCE FOLLOW UP AT HOSPITAL

- _____ 1. Determine if evidence, gather it (Clothing, personal property).
- _____ 2. Interview all medical personnel attending to victim.
- _____ 3. Interview Fire Personnel if still at hospital.
- _____ 4. Obtain medical opinion of condition.
- _____ 5. Injuries
- _____ 6. Photos if possible
- _____ 7. Victim statement

PUBLIC SAFETY STATEMENT (LIMITED TO ONLY TO THESE QUESTIONS)

- 1. ARE YOU INJURED? (Double check to ensure no injury)
- 2. WHAT DIRECTION DID YOU FIRE ROUNDS?
- 3. IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE INJURED, WHAT IS THEIR LOCATION?
- 4. IF ANY SUSPECT(S) ARE OUTSTANDING, WHAT ARE THEIR DESCRIPTION?
- 5. WHAT IS THE SUSPECT(S) DIRECTION OF TRAVEL?
- 6. HOW LONG HAVE THEY BEEN GONE?
- 7. WHAT ARE THEY WANTED FOR?
- 8. WHAT WEAPONS ARE THEY ARMED WITH?
- 9. DOES ANY EVIDENCE NEED PROTECTION?
- 10. WHERE IS IT LOCATED?