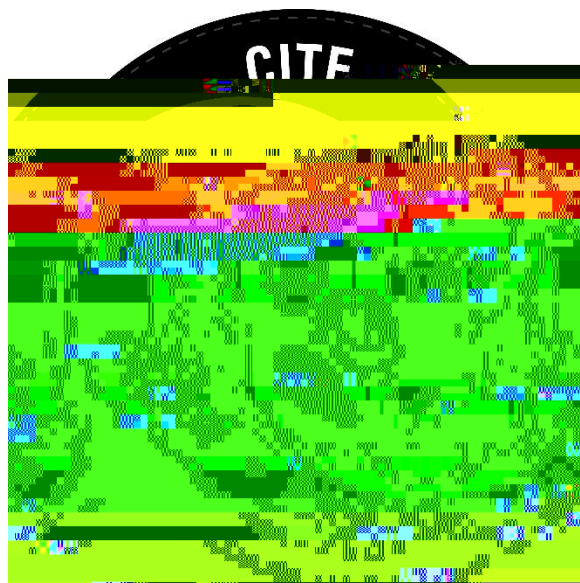


# IRON/GARFIELD/BEAVER CRITICAL INCIDENT TASK FORCE INVESTIGATIVE PROTOCOL



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## CRITICAL INCIDENT TASK FORCE PROTOCOL

### 1. DEFINITIONS

A. Incident:



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- L. Transporting and Sequestering Involved Officers:
  - 1. Officers who were present at the time of the officer-involved critical incident involving a dangerous weapon as defined under UCA 76-2-408, whether actors or witnesses, will be relieved of their duties as promptly as possible and shall be transported to a secure location and sequestered. A peer officer may accompany the involved employee; however, they should not discuss the incident. This subsection may also be applied in other circumstances where reasonable.
  - 2. Involved officers shall not discuss the case amongst themselves, fellow officers or others not involved in the investigation, except their legal representatives.
  - 3. Involved officers may contact their spouses or family and notify them of their well-being

4. CUSTODIAL DEATHS

- A. A subject who dies while in police or corrections custody falls under the Protocol. If the death was anticipated and the result of a medical condition under care of a physician, it will be considered an attended death and the Protocol Task Force should not respond in accordance with UCA 76-2-408.
- B. If the death occurred at a correctional facility, police agency building, or holding area, the venue agency is the agency having jurisdiction in that area.
- C. If a death of a subject occurs outside a correctional facility, the agency having jurisdiction in the area will act as the venue agency. The employer agency would be the agency that had custody of the subject. Using this scenario, the venue and employer agency could be the same.
- D. Custodial Death Scenes: When an Incident occurs in a correctional facility, a holding facility or other location and other inmates may be witnesses, those inmates should be identified, and if possible, separated, pending interviews by Protocol investigators.

5. OFFICER AND WITNESS INTERVIEWS

- A.





- B. If the Protocol investigation results in criminal charges against a law enforcement employee, the affiant on the information filed by the County Attorney's Office shall be a Protocol investigator assigned by the Task Force Commander. Once criminal charges have been filed, the Protocol investigative team shall be dissolved and any additional follow-up investigation that is needed to prepare the case for trial shall be handled by an investigator assigned by the County Attorney.
- C. Officers assigned to the Protocol Task Force should make themselves available for trial preparation and court purposes.

9. REPORT WRITING

- A. Protocol investigators will decide which investigator is responsible for a particular report. Investigators should not write more than one report on an interview or event, regardless of the number of interviewers involved. Protocol investigators are responsible for the final report of the Task Force investigation. Prior to submitting a law enforcement (employee) interview report, the involved employee should have the opportunity to review the report. All Protocol investigators shall coordinate with the Task Force Commander to write a final report which documents their participation in the investigation.
- B. Prompt completion and distribution of reports is essential. All agencies and investigators will strive for report completion and distribution as soon as possible while ensuring all information is obtained accurately prior to completion.
- C. Administrative Investigation:
  - 1. The employer agency shall control the reports and findings of the administrative investigation.
  - 2. Administrative information regarding the subject of the investigation should not be shared with Protocol investigators. Other information obtained by administrative investigators may be shared with Protocol and criminal investigators only when legally appropriate and after obtaining approval from the employing agency's legal counsel.
  - 3. Protocol investigators will promptly and periodically brief the administrative investigators of the Protocol investigation progress. The administrative investigators will have access to briefings, the scene(s), physical evidence, reports and interviewees' statements.

10. NEWS AND MEDIA RELATIONS

- A. The Protocol Command Team will designate who has the responsibility for making press releases about the Incident and its investigation.
- B. The employer agency should limit its comments to the following areas:
  - 1. The employer-employee relationship.
  - 2. Information that has been cleared for release by the Protocol Task Force and County Attorney's Office.
- C. Media requests for reports should be referred to and disseminated through the County Attorney's Office.

11. ACCESS TO REPORTS AND EVIDENCE

- A. Material/Evidence that is created or collected by, or at the request or direction of the Protocol investigators will be made available in a timely manner to those agencies that have an interest in the investigation, including administrative investigators. Material and Evidence provided to administrative investigators should be released from the original case file at the County Attorney's Office.
  
- B. When the Protocol Task Force and/or County Attorney's Office concludes that the physical evidence collected for the protocol investigation is no longer needed for criminal law purposes, the employer agency and venue agency shall be notified of that decision so it can assume responsibility for preservation or disposal of such evidence as prescribed by law and department policy.
  
- C. Any GRAMA requests for Protocol Task Force reports should be referred to and disseminated through the County Attorney's Office.

END OF PROTOCOL