

**General Order 520.00**

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**520.00 FIREARMS DISCHARGE INVESTIGATIONS**

- The following procedures will be used to investigate every incident of firearms discharge by a police officer in the performance of his duty excluding range training, practice, qualification, **or the destruction of an injured animal when approved by the on-duty watch commander.**
  - Whenever an officer discharges his/her firearm either accidentally or intentionally, they shall immediately, upon control of the situation:
    - Determine the physical condition of any injured person and render first aid when appropriate;
    - Notify the on-duty supervisor and communications of the incident and location;
    - Request emergency aid if applicable; and
    - Protect the scene for follow-up investigation.
  - The officer will remain at the scene, unless injured, until the arrival of the supervisor.
  - The officer will protect his/her weapon for examination and submit said weapon to the appropriate authority. The officer will not be required to surrender their duty weapon at the scene. Refer to General Order 519.
  - The officer will provide a public safety statement to a supervisor at the scene.

The officer can provide a verbal statement regarding the incident to the Investigator(s) designated. The statement can be made at a time agreed upon by the officer and investigator.

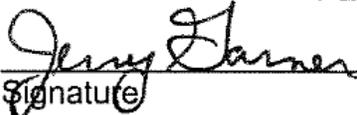
- In the event the officer is hospitalized or otherwise incapable of completing a statement as required, the on-scene supervisor will prepare as complete a report as possible containing the officer's verbal statements and other officers' or witnesses' statements.
- The involved officer may request the presence of an attorney for his/her personal counsel prior to any statement. This attorney will not be provided by the City of Greeley.

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- Prior to an administrative interview or criminal investigative interview, the officer shall not discuss the incident with anyone except:
  - The District Attorney or his/her designee;
  - Assigned 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Critical Incident Response Team personnel (i.e., investigators);
  - The officer's personal attorney;
  - The department's/officer's psychologist, peer support, or doctor;
  - The officer's chosen clergy;
  - The officer's immediate family;
  - During legal proceedings associated with the incident, or
  - During a critical incident/peer support briefing.
- The on-duty supervisor shall:
  - Proceed immediately to the scene.
  - Ensure the scene is secured.
  - Obtain public safety statement from officer(s) involved. Questioning should be limited to those in the public safety statement. (Refer to attachment "A").
  - Obtain preliminary information and make necessary notifications:
    - The Division Commander or on-call commander as appropriate;
    - The Criminal Investigations Section, if appropriate;
    - Professional standards; and
    - The Critical Incident/Peer Support Team Coordinator.
  - Render command assistance to the scene
  - Assist the involved officer.
  - In instances involving injury or death, conduct the crime scene as any major crime scene.

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- The 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Critical Incident Response Team, will conduct a thorough investigation of every shooting incident which results in injury or death.
- The Professional Standards Unit will conduct an administrative investigation, subordinate to any criminal investigation. The purpose of the administrative investigation by the Professional Standards Unit will be to determine the facts of the shooting as they relate to departmental policy and procedure. The Professional Standards Unit will prepare a detailed report of the investigation for the review by management staff.
- The Professional Standards report will be completed in a timely manner not to exceed 10 working days. Exceptions must be approved by the chief of police. The report will contain the following:
  - All circumstances surrounding the incident.
  - If the facts of the incident support a conclusion that the shot was the result of negligence, the officer should be required to undergo firearms training to address the circumstances identified leading to the firearm discharge.
- If the investigation reveals that a violation has occurred, the matter will be handled criminally or administratively per General Order 400.

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**Supervisor's Public Safety Questions on Scene of Officer Involved Shooting**

1. Are you injured?
2. If you know of anyone who was injured, what is his or her location?
3. In what direction were rounds fired?
4. If any suspects are at large, what are their descriptions?
5. What was their direction of travel?
6. How long ago did they flee?
7. For what crimes are they wanted?
8. With what weapons are they armed?
9. Does any evidence need to be preserved?
10. Where is it located?
11. Did you observe any witnesses?
12. Where are they?

In order to preserve the integrity of your statement, I order you not to discuss this incident with anyone, including other supervisors or staff officers. You may speak to your legal representative prior to making any further statements regarding this incident.