

	GENERAL ORDER Effective: 10-01-2021	# 03-07
	Section: Management & Supervision	Replaces or Modifies: N/A
	Title: Peace Officer Involved Injury or Death - Firearms Issued by: Chief Deputy Mattie Provost	

Purpose:

To establish guidelines for investigations and reporting of peace officer involved injury or death caused by the discharge of a firearm.

Policy:

Any injury or death of a peace officer of this agency caused by the discharge of a firearm and any injury or death of a person due to the discharge of a firearm by a peace officer appointed by the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office (FBCSO) shall be investigated and reported in accordance with this General Order. The FBCSO will follow reporting rules found in the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Article 2.139. In addition to this General Order the processes found in other General Orders concerning investigations and Use of Force shall also be followed as applicable (in cases of conflict, this General Order supersedes).

Procedure:

- I. Notification and Investigation
 - A. The Sheriff and Chief Deputy will be notified as soon as possible of
 - 1. Any injury to or death of any FBCSO employee that is due to the discharge of a firearm.
 - 2. Any injury to or death of any person due to the discharge of a firearm by any employee of the FBCSO.
 - B. Generally provisions of securing and maintaining the scene found in General Order 09-04 shall be followed and supervisory personnel shall make every effort to exclude non-essential personnel. Once the scene is initially made safe and is secured no one is to enter the scene until the Chief Deputy has issued orders on who is responsible for the various elements of the investigation.
 - C. The Chief Deputy will give orders to the appropriate staff instructing which elements of the FBCSO will be involved in the investigation and which outside Agency(ies) will be asked to assist in the investigation.
 - D. The assignment of investigatory duties and related orders may also come directly from the Sheriff.
 - E. The Chief Deputy and Sheriff shall be apprised on all developments in the investigation and no public release of information about the incident or follow up investigation shall be made by any FBCSO employee without the authorization of the Sheriff or Chief Deputy.
 - F. Refer to General Order #08-03 for media at crime / incident scenes.
- II. Reporting to Texas Attorney General
 - A. The Chief Deputy will assign responsibility concerning the following as applicable
 - 1. PEACE OFFICER INVOLVED INJURIES OR DEATH REPORT
 - 2. REPORT OF INJURIES TO OR DEATH OF PEACE OFFICER
- III. Only the Sheriff or Chief Deputy may authorize exceptions to this General Order.